

into the American continent. I know that pleuro-pneumonia prevails in Holland, where they come from. I do not believe they are more liable to be diseased than other cattle; but the cattle districts of Holland being low, marshy and miasmatic, I should infer they would be more subject to lung diseases there than elsewhere. I don't think the disease is caused by inbreeding. I don't imagine that if we imported healthy Holstein cattle, we should be liable to pleuro-pneumonia any more than we are at present. That disease has never yet been traced to its origin.

REGISTRATION OF CLYDESDALES

On the importance of registration, so as to distinguish one stock from the other, and to keep each stock pure and free from the other, and to keep each stock pure and free from contamination, it was thought that the Clydesdales might deteriorate, owing to the want of proper protection by classification, and no less a man than the Earl of Dunmore has of late years originated a society in Scotland for the protection of the Clydesdales. Three years ago the Earl of Dunmore was elected president; 97 noblemen and gentlemen joined as life governors, paying ten guineas each; 57 life members paid five guineas each; and there were 44 annual members—altogether 198 members, producing an income for the Society of £1,112 for the first year. Their first volume, for a register of stallions only, had 1,400 entries, and the Earl of Dunmore generously paid the expenses of its printing, and gave each member a copy. The second volume appeared only a few months ago, and the same attention to detail which characterized the first volume has been maintained throughout. This volume contains a record of the colour, the dates of foaling, and all the marks.

OTHER REGISTRATION SOCIETIES.

The establishment of this society was followed by the formation of the Suffolk Horse Society, for registration purposes, the Hereford Herd Book Society, the Welsh Cattle Society and the Galloway Cattle Society, which, I think, has recently issued a herd book of its own; and there has just been started a Shire horse society, for the protection of the original old cart horse of England. Mr. G. M. Sexton, in an address at the horse show at Downham Market in the County of Norfolk a few weeks ago stated that there had just been started a stud-book for trotting horses. The second volume of the Ohio Shorthorn Record is just issued by its editor, L. D. Hagerty. It contains nearly all the herds of Shorthorns in the State, together with the constitution and by-laws of the Association, its board of censors, and rules regulating public Shorthorn sales, and for weighing cattle at public exhibitions. Of the 2,200 pedigrees within its covers, 1,300 are inserted as reference sires, embracing nearly all the imported animals.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO STOCK IMPROVEMENT IN TENNESSEE.

Tennessee takes first rank in assisting the poor man in his endeavours towards pure blooded stock-raising. To encourage the raising of sheep in that State the last Legislature passed a law allowing every farmer to own fifty sheep, exempt from levy, attachment or execution for debt.

SHEEP FARMING IN TENNESSEE.

J. B. Killebrew, Commissioner of Agriculture, argues quite earnestly in favour of sheep husbandry in Tennessee. He has prepared a volume on the subject which is filled with valuable information. He emphasizes the fact that in the fertile valleys of East Tennessee big crops can be produced to feed enormous flocks summered on the slopes of the surrounding mountains. A plateau fifty miles wide, rich in all the native grasses, spreads over the tops of the Cumberland mountains and extends from Kentucky diagonally to Georgia and Alabama. In addition to this there are the foot hills, the great rim of Middle Tennessee and the plateau of West Tennessee. If these vast areas of rich pasture were

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