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VALUABLE GIFTS TO THE OHIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

To the Editor:

Recently some very valuable gifts have been made to the College of Agriculture of the Ohio State University, for they add much to the working equipment in the Animal Husbandry courses.

Mr. J. McLain Smith, Dayton, Ohio, Secretary of the Red Polled Cattle Club, presented six head of registered Red Polled cows and heifers, one of which was imported. This was a very valuable gift, for the cattle were of choice breeding and represented superior individuals. Mr. Smith has long been a prominent breeder and importer of Red Polls, and has for many years taken a deep and unselfish interest in the welfare of the College of Agriculture.

Mr. John A. Gerlaugh, of Harshman, one of Ohio's celebrated Shorthorn breeders, has given the University a pair of select pure-bred white Shorthorn steers. One of these, a grandson of the great British bull, Marengo, has averaged nearly three pounds a day since birth, nine months ago. Mr. Gerlaugh, with commendable State pride, desired these for exhibition before the live-stock students and visitors of the University, as samples of high-class Shorthorn steers.

Ohio has some fine herds of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. While not so well known as some, that of Mr. O. A. Estle, of Springfield, is of much merit. Mr. Estle has just donated to the University a pure-bred Angus steer calf, ten months old, that will be a credit to the herd and of much use among the steers used in class work.

Recently Mr. D. E. Williams, of Columbus, gave the College of Agriculture a grade Hereford steer calf, a selection from a large bunch of choice young calves, that promises to develop into an individual of unusual excellence.

The latest gift of the recent contributions is from Mr. James Buckingham, of Zanesville, O., one of the prominent citizens of Muskingum Co., a former member of the State Board of Agriculture and one keenly interested in agricultural progress. For many years of a long life, Mr. Buckingham has been much interested in problems of breeding, and especially so regarding horses. During this period he has collected many valuable books. He has now presented the University with several hundred bound volumes, some of which are of great value to animal husbandry students. Among the books given was the English Sporting Magazine, 1821-1838, 30 volumes; American Turf Register, complete from 1830-60; Turf, Field and Farm, 30 volumes, complete 1865-92; Spirit of the Times, 9 volumes; Wallace's Horse Monthly, first 19 volumes; American Studbook, by Bruce, 4 volumes; Whyte's History of the British Turf, 1840; Darville on the English Race Horse, 1846; Wallace's Yearbook, 4 volumes; the Horse of America, by Forrester; The Wool Grower, 8 volumes,

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and the Country Gentleman, 68 volumes, as well as many other books. These, with the large collection of herd, flock and stud books in the library, give Ohio State University live-stock students very unusual opportunities for reference.

The University greatly appreciates these gifts and the generosity of the givers.

C. S. PLUMB,

Professor of Animal Husbandry.

[The example of our Sir Wm. McDonald is thus being daily followed to the benefit of agriculture.]

BRITONS, HOLD YOUR OWN!

Welcome, welcome with one voice,
In your welfare we rejoice;
Sons and brothers that have sent
From isle, and cape, and continent,
Produce of your field and flood,
Mount and mine and primal wood,
Works of subtle brain and hand,
And splendors of the morning land,
Gifts from every British zone,
Britons, hold your own!

May we find as ages run,
The mother featured in the son;
And may yours forever be
That old strength and constancy
Which has made our fathers great
In our ancient Island state;
And where e'er her flag may fly,
Glorying between sea and sky,
Makes the might of Britain known,
Britons, hold your own!

Britain fought her son of yore,
Britain failed, and never more
Careless of our growing kin
Shall we sin our father's sin,
Men that in a narrower day,
Unprophetic rulers they,
Drove from out the mother's nest
That young eagle of the west
To forage for herself alone.
Britons, hold your own!

Sharers of our glorious past,
Brothers, must we part at last?
Shall we not through good and ill
Cleave to one another still;
Britain's myriad voices call,
Sons be welded each and all
Into one Imperial whole,
One with Britain, heart and soul,
One life, one flag, one fleet, one throne,
Britons, hold your own!
And God guard all!

—Tennyson.

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