

cal and impartial discrimination, award premiums, enter numbers, affix cards, make up books, finding the names corresponding for 342 premiums, and after having ascertained the amount due to each, to pay it all out and enable distant members to get off by 4 P.M., at which hour the greater part of the premiums had been paid out and the recipients were on their way home.

The Secretary desires to record his obligations to Mr. W. H. Moody, Jr., for efficient assistance in making up books and premium sheets, and to Mr. Loran E. Baker for filling the office of Treasurer.

It may not be amiss to record, for reference and amendment, our shortcomings:

In an Exhibition, covering only one day, everything should be on the ground by 8 A.M., with all the Committee in attendance; one hour would suffice for arrangement, and another would be ample for the award of premiums and affixing of tickets, if Committees were protected from interruption and intrusion; by 10 A.M. everything would be ready for the admission of the public; books could then be made up, premiums announced if desirable, and paid out, with abundant time for a leisurely enjoyment of the day. If members of the Society had observed the requirements of the premium list, and had exercised a little common sense, all this would not have so occurred on Thursday. Fully one-half the entries were made after Tuesday, not a few considered it unnecessary to make any entry at all, but came upon the ground with their Stock, &c., even as late as 10 A.M. The constant application for numbers leads me to reiterate that a premium list was addressed and delivered to each member of the Society several months ago, with the number written upon it; this has been so advised in frequent notices in the *Herald*.

The Secretary offers to those who cannot get hold of and keep hold of their numbers, a few expedients for future use: Next year when you get a premium list, do not put it in the Bible, but inside the clock door, where you will be likely to see it again; enter the number in your pocket book, write it on the lining of your hat, scratch it with a graver on your watch case, or with quartz on a window-pane, mark it with a marking pot brush on the barn door, chalk it behind the cow's huter, cut it with scissors on the horse's rump, paint it on the sheep, punch it in the pig's ear, burn it into the dog with a poker, pencil it on the office door, cut it into any smooth backed tree, prick-punch it into the crowbar cut with a stone chisel on any fast rock about the premises, prick it into your arm with India ink, stitch with coloured thread on your shirt tails, or write with indelible pencil or ink on collar or neckband, drive it into the sole of your boots with brass shoe nails,

drill the figures in your garden and sow seed of some slow grower, or trench and set dwarf box, or paste figures on growing apples. Anything is better than not knowing your number at 10 o'clock on Exhibition day, and as regards tickets, each should provide his own, suitable for the article to be labelled—what would do very well for a delicate piece of embroidery, a painting, or a jar of preserves, would not be likely to answer for a Bull or Boar. Moreover, write figures plainly, and if not able to do it well yourself, get it done for you. In making up the books, it was found that a prize for fat oxen was awarded to the Rev. John Roy Campbell; this was not more probable than that the Rev. gentleman had gone to reinstate the Pope. On investigation, it was found that No. 28 had failed to top his 8 properly, the Committee entering 26; others failed to put tails to their 9s, or arms to their 5s, and so on, all which makes a great deal of needless work and errors, unavoidable on the part of Committees and Secretary. Members will thus interpret any errors that may remain in premium list now published; these will be amended so far as may be possible.

The provision made for securing order and protection to property, remedies much that has been amiss in previous years, still there were frequent small transgressions; every member of the Society should constitute himself a police constable for the day, authoritatively interfering at once, to prevent nibbling of cheese, gouging of butter, punching of pigs, or poking of poultry, or in short, any touching or handling by visitors, whatever, except late in the day, in the capacity of customers; if necessary, call any of the special policemen who are in attendance; one or two incarcerations would ensure peace hereafter.

To the single Committee man, who had the courtesy to send a written notice of his inability to be present, the Secretary tenders his thanks; to those who left their places to be filled at 10 o'clock hurriedly and perhaps inefficiently, the suggestion is offered that this small attention is due to the Society and to the Public.

In the reports of the several Committees, as great advance upon last year will be apparent as in the Exhibition itself, the Secretary aims only at a hurried and imperfect record of hints for amendment, that may be of use to the Society, and to his successor, for with the winding up of the business of the year, he proposes to decline re-election to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, under the conviction that the Society has now enlisted a support, that will at once place it upon a platform, where it will need many zealous, able and willing co-operators for successful management:—

Class 1—HORSES.

21 Premiums—41 Entries.

REPORT.

"In the awards, the Committee have been guided, not so much by any one particular good point, as by the general good qualities which the different animals possess, which would be deemed requisite for general agricultural purposes. We are happy to state that the show of horses has been very much in advance of that of any previous year, the whole number of all kinds entered being forty-one, (41) against twenty (20) in 1868 and 1869. Of these by far the best show was in Geldings, nine of which were entered, all good serviceable horses, and some of them superior. We cannot say so much for the Mares as a class. With a few exceptions, the fourteen Mares entered are not up to the standard that could be wished for as breeders, from which to raise superior colts. To this cause may be attributed the limited number of colts entered, but fourteen of all grades, none of which were superior, though some possessed good points. We would recommend that more attention be paid by stock growers, to the quality and breed, both of Mares and Stallions."

For the Committee,
S. F. RAYMOND.

Class 2—MALE NEAT STOCK.

30 Premiums—60 Entries.

REPORT.

"The state of the Male Neat Stock far exceeds any previous year, both in number and quality."

For the Committee,
DENNIS C. WESTON.

Class 3—FEMALE NEAT STOCK.

24 Premiums—58 Entries.

REPORT.

"The Committee remark on the general fine and improved appearance of the stock, showing the immediate results of the imported blood. They regret the small number of entries in several classes, and would suggest that more attention be paid to the grooming of cattle, not only on the day of Exhibition, but throughout the year."

For the Committee,
FRANK KILLAM.

Class 4—SHEEP, SWINE AND POULTRY.

42 Premiums—124 Entries.

The Committee report a marked and decided improvement in all sections of this class, which proved one of the most attractive to visitors. In Sheep, they commend the Southdown and Leicester; in Swine, the Chester White and grades. The show of Swine was particularly good—the Barrow, fifty-five (55) weeks old, weighed carefully on the way to Exhibition, balancing six hundred (600) pounds, was one of a litter of grade Chesters, bought last Exhibition day, three weeks old; others of the same litter are said to have reached nearly as great weight; many visitors from adjoining Counties were desirous of obtaining some of the young pigs, but all were engaged. The show of Poultry, viz. the exception of Turkeys, large; Brahmas, Houdans and Leghorns among the fowls; twelve pairs of Ducks all large and fine; the Committee found it difficult to decide which was the best. Geese also large and fine, and the two pairs of Wild Geese were thought to well merit a special premium.