

London fanciers are not located very closely together, as a rule.

Our first visit was to the yards of Dr. McArthur. We were fortunate in finding the Dr. at home, and were shown through his houses and yards. His favorites seem to be Polands, White-crested Black, Golden, and White. The stock is not very extensive, but it contains a large percentage of birds of high merit. The house was very comfortably built, high, well lighted, and capable of accommodating quite a number more inmates. In coops arranged around the wall were several fine birds in preparation for exhibition, and in another apartment two or three on which the Doctor was practicing for the cure of canker by a new process, in which he has been very successful (he promised to give the readers of REVIEW his mode of treatment when fully satisfied of its efficacy by further trial.) His own stock was apparently healthy and in excellent condition, only that the crests of some were not matured. In his arrangement of yards there is a feature that may be adopted with advantage by others who cannot give up much space permanently to their fowls. Along the rear of the yards is a passage, to which there is a door from each yard, and another from this passage to a large grass enclosure. By this arrangement he is enabled to allow the inmates of each pen out in turn for grass with little trouble. We could have spent a good deal more time agreeably with the Doctor and his chickens and their pleasant surroundings, but were reminded that time was passing and much remained to be seen elsewhere.

Our next visit was to Master Thomas Keiley's yards. We found him and his brother at home and at work among the stock, making all comfortable for the winter. Here we saw some Brown Reds and Duckwing Games that any fancier might be proud of. The Brown-red cockerels had lately been trimmed, and were not in shape to receive visitors, but the style and color were there, and the blood also is of the best, being of "Hillhurst" stock. The Duckwing hens and pullets were very nice. We also noticed a fine, stylish little White Game cocks, that will be heard of this winter. The houses, here were long and narrow, with shed roof. For comfort of both inmates and attendants more room would be required.

We next drove to G. & W. Winterbottom's. There, in a long narrow house, we found the largest collection of Bantams we ever saw belonging to one fancier. Black-breasted Reds, Piles, Duckwings, Black-Africans, and Golden and Silver Sebrights, about 80 in all. Among them were many fine birds. There was no hall-way in this house, and entrance was made from one coop to another through doors in the latticed partitions. In making our way through it was difficult to avoid trampling the little fellows, as they were very tame. Had it been the breeding season we fear Mr. W. would have had reason to regret our visit, as we could not prevent the inmates from changing pens. At the further end we found the little Black-Red cock, winner of 1st at Western Fair; he was in good shape, and improved since then. We could have spent more time pleasantly here in examining the birds, but the roof was so low that we were compelled to remain in a stooping position, which we found very tiresome. Mr. W. did not appear to have studied his own convenience

or comfort when building.

As we had been informed some time ago that Mr. McNeil had disposed of most of his stock we were not prepared for the sight that met us when we reached his place. We made our way from the street through a large grass run to the two storey building where the bulk of his breeding birds are kept. Here all around pens are arranged, and each contained several birds, some breeding pens, others cockerels, and others pullets, of different varieties, all looking comfortable and contented. After going around these and examining a large flock running in the yard, we were taken upstairs, where the state of things below was repeated. Around nearly all of three sides pens were arranged, and in each, one or more birds were confined, mostly exhibition cocks. Among them we noticed excellent specimens in W. C. Black, Golden, Silver and White Polands and W. Cochins. We were then conducted out and to the north of this building to a well constructed lean-to building of one storey. Here we found some excellent young stock, mostly Hamburgs—the S. Spangled pullets and Pencilled and Spangled cockerels were really very fine. Another similarly constructed building contained his Golden and Silver Sebright-Bantams. The latter we thought exceedingly fine. In another shed called his "glass house,"—probably because it was open,—we saw some fine S. S. Hamburgs and Black African pullets.

Mr. McNeil is a very experienced breeder, and few can excel him in the care of stock. He keeps thirteen varieties, viz:—White and Buff Cochins, Hamburgs, Golden and Silver-spangled, Silver-pencilled and Black; Polands: W. C. Black, Golden, Silver and White; Bantams: Golden and Silver Sebright and Black African. We have not space to notice the many excellent birds we saw, but must mention his Golden-spangled Hamburg cock, winner of 1st prize, and never beaten, and a beautiful S. Sebright hen. We gathered a lot of useful information from Mr. McNeil on his plan of constructing houses, feeding, &c., which we will give in next issue. A full day would be required to properly examine his stock and houses, and we had less than one hour to spare for the purpose.

A drive of about a mile brought us to Riverside Poultry Yards, over which Mr. Richard Oke presides. "Dick," as he is familiarly called, was up at Hellmuth College, where he is employed, but his father—who we think is getting a little touched with the fever, too—kindly went to inform him of our visit, and he was soon with us. We expected to find everything in good shape here, and were not disappointed. The hen-house is well built, being well lighted and convenient. The varieties bred by Mr. Oke are Black Cochins, Silver-spangled and Black Hamburgs, Japanese, Black African, and Golden and Silver Sebright Bantams. We were particularly struck with the excellence of his Black Africans and a pair of old Japanese. His Golden Sebright Bantams are a very promising lot. One cockerel we predict a brilliant future for. The Silver S. Hamburgs were also good, and we will be surprised if a large share of the prizes given to Black Hamburg chicks do not go to Riverside Poultry Yards this winter. We had to follow a flock of the latter variety over a good part of the 10 acre lot—this is the amount of land Mr. Oke has here—to get