

SHORT-HORN COWS AND HEIFERS.

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5—Lady Mary.—(Marked No. 27.)

LADY MARY, red and a little white, calved October 11, 1872; sire Grand Duke of Clarence 28750, dam Lovely by Wild Boy 23219, gr d Lady by Sir James 16980, g gr d Loyalty by the Corsair 15378, g g gr d Lucy Locket by Usurer 9763, g g g gr d Lavender by Dan O'Connell 3557, g g g g gr d Lily by Brutus 1752, g g g g g gr d Violet by Frederick 1060, g g g g g g gr d Vestris by Cato 1794, g g g g g g g gr d Verbena by Son of Wellington 679. g g g g g g g g gr d bred by Mr. Robertson of Ladykirk. Served April 1, 1876, by Ragman 35198.

MR. THORNTON gives the following description of the Herd of T. G. Curtler, Esq., Bevere, near Worcester, from which Lady Mary was obtained. The sale took place on 12th September, 1876:—

This large herd is descended from the well-known stocks of Messrs. Garne, Graham, Guest, Guilding, Langston of Sarsden, Harward of Winterfold, and Holland of Dumbleton, and the bulls used have always been of the highly fashionable Bates blood. A great many of the animals trace from Duchess of York and Maid of Oxford 2nd, two very fine cows by that celebrated sire Seventh Duke of York, and both descended from Mr. Bowly's Lady Byron. Their offspring will be found full of Bates character, with several successive crosses of Duchess and Oxford blood. Sir Charles Knightley's Ruby (the Chrysalis branch), and Walnut tribes have several descendants, also Sir Charles Tempest's Lavender (which came through Mr. Guilding's herd) the highest-priced cow at the Broughton Hall sale, 1849, bought by the late Ducie. The Ketara and Empress of York tribes, for several years in Mr. Rich's hands at Didmorton, were well known in the Winterfold herd, and the Miss Bells have produced many remarkably good animals. Mr. Langston's Comely, and the late Mr. Adkin's Rosamonds are also represented, and there are many animals of great scale and substance of the old Garne blood. The sires used to these were Lord Waterloo 2nd 26755, from Winterfold, and Grand Duke of Clarence 28750, bred by Mr. R. Pavin Davies, of the Kirklevington tribe, in use three seasons, and Ragman 35198, that extraordinary bull calf bred by Lord Fitzhardinge, and sold at the Berkley sale, 1873, for 150 gs., is still in use and included in the sale. Most of the cows are in calf to him, and the heifers to Mr. Harward's Baron Barrington 6th 23038, that fine young bull, purchased at the Holker Sale, 1874. The herd has always been well kept, and carefully drafted, and the animals, reared on good land, will be found of large size and fine quality. The cows and heifers are regular breeders, and so well known and esteemed is the stock in the district, that the bull calves are readily sold when a few weeks old. A few years ago they were sent to Birmingham, where they realized even higher averages than the prize winners. The sale occurs in consequence of Mr. Curtler, now in his 80th year, retiring from farming, the farm being let from Michaelmas; and it will be held at Bevere, three miles from the City of Worcester.

6—Maid of Oxford 4th.—(Marked No. 15.) Purchased at the sale of Mr. Curtler's Herd above described.

MAID OF OXFORD 4TH, roan, calved July 26, 1870: sire Lord Waterloo 2nd 26755, dam Maid of Oxford 2nd by 7th Duke of York 17754, gr d Maid of Oxford by Fourth Duke of Oxford 11387, g gr d Fancy by Avalanche 12418, g g gr d Caprice by Harold 10299, g g g gr d Juliet by Sol 8608, g g g g gr d Kate by Leo 4208, g g g g g gr d Ada by Treasurer 5513, g g g g g g gr d Lady Byron by Rupert 2580, g g g g g g g gr d Lady Noel by North Star 460, g g g g g g g g gr d by Cripple 173, g g g g g g g g g gr d by Minor 441, g g g g g g g g g g gr d by Freeman 269. g g g g g g g g g g g gr d by Dandy 190.

Served May 17, 1876, by Ragman 35198.

7—Cambridge Witch.—(Marked 15.) Purchased from Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., M. P., Brayton, Cumberland.

CAMBRIDGE WITCH, roan, calved June 6, 1869; sire Royal Cambridge 25099, dam Oxford Witch by Imperial Oxford 18084, gr d Lancashire Witch by Jean O'Gaunt 16322, g gr d Lady Warden by Lord Warden 7167, g g gr d Belinda 2nd by Lion 9299, g g g gr d Belinda by Rebel 4882, g g g g gr d Miss Foote by Coxcomb 928, g g g g g gr d Miss O'Neil by Minot 441, g g g g g g gr d by Son of Phenomenon 491, g g g g g g g gr d by Traveller 655, g g g g g g g g gr d by Colonel 152, g g g g g g g g g gr d by Colling's Son of Broken Horn 95, — by Son of Hubback 319.

Served May 22, 1876, by Baron Oxford 6th 33075.

The Stock sold at Sir Wilfrid Lawson's sale are thus described by Mr. Thornton:—

In 1867, when the old Brayton herd was dispersed, a few cows were retained for the use of the dairy and the farm, and from these, together with purchases from Holker, Scaleby, Killow, Brampton, and Gad-desby, the present herd has risen. This catalogue contains nearly one-half of the female portion of the herd, and is unique inasmuch as it comprises cows and heifers only, the male produce being reserved for sale in the spring. Among the animals are a large number of cows, not only good in themselves, but descended from fine old strains which were held in high esteem half a century ago. Especially may be mentioned the Sonsies, bred by Mr. Johnson, in Northumberland, of whose herd Mr. Bates himself expressed (forty years ago) "the highest opinion, long before they were crossed with his own bulls, they being from Shorthorns existing and prized for their feeding and milking properties long antecedent to the days of registration in the Herd Book;" the Bensons, so long and favourably known in the country; the Crocuses descended from Mr. Mason Hooper's Garland by Mason's Matchem, granddam of the celebrated cow Cressida; Messrs. Cruickshank's Rose tribe, bred for many years in Scotland; Mr. Fawcett's Matchless, Mr. Langston's Meretrix, Mr. A. Metcalf's Autumn Rose, and the Brayton Charity tribe, so noted for its dairy properties. Nor are the more fashionable strains unrepresented, the catalogue containing a few excellent specimens of the Gwynnes (including two of the Minstrel branch), one splendidly bred Splph of the Charrer branch, and by Fifth Duke of Wetherby 31033), Waterloos, Secrets, and specimens of other choice families.

The early sires used at Brayton were bulls of high breeding and character. Duke 13419, a "Bates and Knightley" bull, was followed by Dundee 19656 and Kildonan 20051, both bred by the Duke of Devonshire at Holkar. Grand Vizier 26313, from Sittytton, left remarkably good stock, with that great substance for which Messrs. Cruickshank's herd is so famous, and the popular sire Royal Cambridge 25009, purchased at Killow, was in use three seasons, and afterwards went to Dunmore for service. Cambridge Duke 28120 (by Royal Cambridge from Crocus by Eighth Duke of Oxford) and Wellington 32825, a Waterloo bull, both bred and recently used at Brayton, have been succeeded by Baron Oxford 6th 33075, a son of the Eighth Duke of Geneva 28390 and the Duke of Devonshire's celebrated cow Lady Oxford 5th, dam of the Barons Oxford. The cows and heifers are mostly in calf to this celebrated young red bull, whose calves already indicate his high qualities as a sire. The herd is in fine healthy condition and the cows are regular breeders and good milkers; they will be found a good lot of large framed heavy fleshed animals, possessing thoroughly useful properties with robust constitutions.

The sale took place at the Home Farm, about half a mile from Brayton station on the Mayport and Carlisle Railway. Brayton is distant about sixteen miles from Keswick, twelve from Cockermouth, and eighteen from Carlisle.

8—Fortune Teller.—(Marked No. 39.) Purchased at the sale of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart., M. P., Brayton.

FORTUNE TELLER, red and a little white, calved March 8, 1874; sire Wellington 32825, dam Cambridge Witch by RI Cambridge 25009, gr d Oxford Witch by Imperial Oxford 18084, g gr d Lancashire Witch by John O'Gaunt 16322, g g gr d Lady Warden by Lord Warden 7167, g g g gr d Belinda 2nd by Rebel 4882,