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EXHIBITION OF THE HIGHLAND AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND AT DUMFRIES.

It will now, in one of the most picturesque parts of England, that I could find time and opportunity of putting some thoughts on paper to the great Scottish Agricultural Show, commenced in Dumfries on the 1st of August. The weather, (a most important element in these matters) fortunately proved favorable and dry piece of ground, consisting of about twenty acres, was fenced in, and in regard to the quantity and quality of stock and the amount of visitors, the Exhibition may be regarded as a great success. Dumfries is situated in a fine agricultural district, in the south-west corner of Scotland, and is therefore not so favorably located for attracting large numbers as places more centrally situated, such as Edinburgh or Glasgow. The Society has held its exhibitions in this ancient town; in 1830, when the entries of stock, manure, and other produce, &c., amounted to only 837, the number of entries was 851; in 1840 it rose to 1303; and in 1860 reached the number of 2,398. The reader will gain a full view of the extent of the show, and of the results of its different departments from the following analysis founded on the published reports of the Polled Galloway, there

were 80 entries; Polled Angus or Aberdeen, 26; Shorthorns, 71; Ayrshire, 76; Highland, 12; with about 20 specimens of fat cattle of different breeds. The class of Horses amounted to 158, chiefly for agricultural purposes. Cheviot sheep, 83; Black-faced, 15; Leicester, 76; Longwooled other than Leicester, 30; Southdown, 13; besides a few extras. Swine, 41; Poultry, 72; and Butter and Cheese, 195. The number of agricultural implements and machines for competition was 911; besides a large amount of duplicates on sale. By means of the catalogues, visitors could readily ascertain the exact age of the animals, the names and address of their breeders and owners; and in the case of implements to the name of the maker was added the price, and sometimes other particulars of interest to the public.

The show of stock was considered not below the average of former years either in point of number or quality. In every department were to be found a number of animals of superior excellence, and in some respects the exhibition was considered as superior even to any of its predecessors. Shorthorns were well represented, and if one missed such rare and finely bred animals as Col. Townley exhibited at the English Show at Canterbury, the general impression made by a careful examination of the class, could not be otherwise than favorable. In aged bulls the competition was restricted to ten animals, several of them decidedly good; but the animal which obtained the first premium was defective in the loins, but of large size and gen-