

day, were entered on Wednesday morning, the 27th. On this day a large number of members joined the Association, amounting on this and the other days to nearly 2,000,—a number exceeding that of any previous show. On Wednesday afternoon, as usual, the Show Ground was opened to Members of the Association, who, with the Judges, Delegates, Exhibitors, Gentlemen of the Press, and others, probably amounted in number to 4 or 5,000, and had a good opportunity of inspecting the various articles in the Exhibition before the crowd on Thursday, when the general public were admitted. All the houses of public entertainment in London were by this time completely filled, so that it became very difficult to obtain satisfactory accommodation,—many persons, before the Show was over, being compelled to content themselves with very indifferent arrangements for passing the night. It is but due to the residents of London and vicinity to say in this place, although we profess to give in the *Agriculturist*, an official rather than a popular report of the Exhibition, that they exerted themselves to the utmost to extend their hospitalities to visitors, and that looking at the very great and sudden augmentation to the population, no doubt exceeding the ordinary population of the town, the accommodation obtained was much better than might have been expected.

Early on Thursday morning, the 28th, a very large crowd of persons sought admission to the Show Grounds, this being the first day on which the public were admitted on purchasing tickets at 7½d. each. Owing to the excellent arrangements at the gates there was extremely little crowding, visitors being able to obtain their tickets and pass into the grounds with very little detention. During the day, probably as many as 25,000 persons were present. Everything intended for the Exhibition having by this time arrived, and this day (Thursday) usually being considered the most important day, it will be proper in this place, to offer a brief general sketch of the amount of competition displayed in the various classes, as compared with former Shows:—

In Blood Horses there were 22 entries, being about equal in number to the Show in 1852, at Toronto, but behind that at Hamilton. In the class of Agricultural Horses there were 191 entries, being in advance of Hamilton last year, but not equal to the number at Toronto. In the class of Durham Cattle the entries were 81, being nearly the same as at the two last Shows. The Cattle shown in this class were also believed to

be equal in quality to any former exhibition. In Devons there were 50 entries, exceeding the Show in 1852, and being about equal to that of last year. The show of Cattle in this class was highly creditable to the exhibitors, there being some very splendid animals; Mr. W. H. Lock, of Yarmouth, R. Ferrie, Esq., M.P.P., of Doon, Waterloo, and Daniel Tye, Esq., of Wilmots were the principal exhibitors. In Hereford, there was only one entry, a Bull, shown by the County of Oxford Agricultural Soc.ety. In Ayrshires there were 24 entries, showing a decrease upon last year's Exhibition in this valuable class. In Grades there were 92 entries, being double the number shown at either of the last Exhibitions. Among the cattle exhibited were some very handsome black Galloways, shown by Mr. Roddick, of Cobourg, and Mr. George Miller, of Markham, and all lately imported. In Fat and Working Cattle there were altogether 51 entries, showing a large progressive increase in this class. One of the entries in this class was for the team of 10 yoke of Oxen, shown by the Township of Westminster. In Leicester Sheep the show was the largest, and perhaps the best that has yet been held. The entries were about 240, being much in advance of any previous Exhibition.—Mr. J. Dixon, of Clarke, and the Messrs. Miller, of Markham and Pickering, were among the principal exhibitors. In Southdown Sheep the show was about equal to the two last, there being 44 entries. In Merino or Saxon Sheep there is a falling off exhibited, the entries being about 17—about half the number at the preceding Shows. In Fat Sheep there were 11 entries, showing a decrease of competition in this class. Among the entries of Sheep, were about 30 fine Cotswolds, lately imported, and shown by Mr. George Miller, of Markham, Mr. Peel, of Amherstburgh, and Mr. W. Miller, of Pickering. Mr. George Roddick, of the Township of Hamilton, Northumberland County, exhibited also some fine Cheviots. In the show of Pigs, the Exhibition was much in advance of either of the two last—there being 83 entries, and among them some exceedingly good animals. In Poultry also the Exhibition out-tripped any of its predecessors, there being no less than 170 entries, nearly treble the number at either of the preceding Exhibitions, and the collection, consisting of several hundred fowls of the different kinds, being highly creditable to the spirited breeders.

Without enumerating the other departments of the Exhibition in detail, it may be sufficient to state that while in the Live Stock department the Show was on the whole, perhaps fully equal in appearance to any of its predecessors, and, in some of the classes, superior, there was, on the other hand, in Agricultural and Horticultural products, in the Mechanical department, and in Domestic Manufactures, a marked falling off.—This does not, however, indicate any diminution of public interest in the Annual Exhibitions. On the contrary, this interest appears to increase progressively every year. It is rather to be laid to the, as yet, incomplete means of communication between London and other parts of the country, and the want of sufficient car accommodation on