

"the best cow or heifer," justly merits her honor, but was unfortunately affected by a contagious distemper, rendering necessary her removal from the yard. The shorthorn cows were wonderfully fine, as they always are. Mr. Swinner-ton's cow is beaten by the splendid animal of Mr. Fletcher's and Mr. Barnett's is a great beauty.

The Sussex cattle made a good show. The Scotch classes were, as usual, indebted to the Duke of Beaufort for some good specimens, Mr. Martin and Viscount Hill being also successful exhibitors. In the mixed breed classes are many good beasts, principally crosses of shorthorns and other breeds. The show of sheep was uncommonly good. Mr. Jordan takes the gold medal for his Leicester. Mr. Foljambe, the Marquis of Exeter, Lord Berners, Mr. West, and Mr. Hewer, showing particularly good sheep. Mr. Overman's beautiful cross-breeds are successful in two classes; the Duke of Richmond, Mr. Rigden, and Lord Walsingham take prizes with their most beautiful formed and handsome Downs. The show of pigs was also uncommonly good, it being impossible to find any ordinary animals among them.

The implement division of the exhibition comprises the steam-engines and threshing-machines of our principal makers, and the usual dense accumulation of chaff-cutters, mills, pumps, clod-crushers, &c., and the conspicuous stalls of seeds and roots, tastefully arranged. The principal novelties were Burgess and Key's new American grass-mower for cutting hay more closely than the scythe, Samuelson's American reaping machine, with a self-acting rake to deliver the cut corn in sheaf bundles, and an American corn-dressing machine for separating grain, on an entirely new principle an "exhaust" being combined with a blast and riddle. Models of Fowlers steam-plough and of Romayne's steam-digger are exhibited, and Mr. Smith showed some specimens of mangolds, grown on his steam-tilled farm at a wonderfully low cost for cultivation.

The prize for cattle, sheep, pigs, and extra stock were then awarded.

The show was opened to the public on Tuesday, and was well filled throughout the day, but there was no crowding or inconvenience of any kind.

The annual meeting of the club took place in the committee-room of the Bazaar, at one o'clock. Lord Berners, in the absence of the noble President, the Duke of Richmond, occupied the chair. Mr. John Beaseley's resolution to define by the rules what is and what is not a pure bred animal, or how many crosses constitute a pure-bred and what qualifies it to be shown in the pure-bred beast, and what in the mixed classes, was agreed to; as was also Mr. Sanday's motion, "to appoint three more judges—viz., three for cattle, three for long-wooled sheep and pigs, and three for short-wooled and cross-bred sheep;" as well as a motion by Mr. Buckley, "That there be two medals instead of one in extra stock—viz.: one for steers or oxen, and one for heifers or cows." The meeting, which was numerously attended, ultimately adjourned till Thursday. The sales effected during the day in the cattle classes were exceedingly slow, but in the sheep and pig classes the reverse was case.

The annual dinner of the members and friends of the Smithfield Club took place on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's inn-fields, when upwards of 100 gentlemen participated in the festivities of the occasion. His grace, the Duke of Richmond, the President, occupied the chair, and was supported by Lord Berners, Vice-President; Mr. C. T. Tower, the Father of the Club; Mr. Alderman Meech, Mr. Brandreth, Mr. Fisher Hobbs, Mr. C. Barnett, Mr. R. Milward, Mr. H. Wilson, Mr. K. Westbrook Baker, Professor Simmonds, Mr. Sanday, Mr. Torr, Mr. Quartly, Mr. James Webb, Mr. John Hudson, Mr. Druce, Mr. B. E. Bennett, Mr. B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, the Honorary Secretary, and a large number of eminent agriculturists.—*Ladies' London Paper.*