

## SMITHFIELD CLUB SHOW.

The numbers who visited this Cattle Show this year were very great. Each day, from morning till night, the spacious building in which the show is held, in Baker-street, was densely crowded. On Thursday, the Duke of Cambridge honoured the Club with his presence. His Royal Highness arrived at the Bazaar at one o'clock, and was received by His Grace the Duke of Richmond, the President; Mr Gibbs, the Secretary; Mr Kendall, and other Members of the Club Committee; and by Mr. Bulnois, the proprietor of the Bazaar; and was by those gentlemen accompanied through the Exhibition. His Royal Highness paid particular attention to the Hereford ox belonging to Prince Albert. His Royal Highness next proceeded to view the stupendous picture, painted by Mr. James Ward, R. A., of the "Alderney Bull, Cow, and Calf," executed in competition with the "Bull" of Paul Potter, at the Hague. His Royal Highness expressed his astonishment and gratification at viewing so extraordinary a specimen of English art. Amongst the other members of the aristocracy who were observed during the day were the Earl of Leicester, the Marquis of Exeter, the Duke of Cleveland, the Earl of Radnor, Lord Portman, Major General Wemyss, Sir Francis Lawley, Sir R. P. Joddrell, the Earl of Verglam, Sir Thomas Leonard, Colonel Sibthorpe, M. P. &c., &c.

On Saturday morning, shortly after eleven o'clock, considerable interest was created by the arrival at the bazaar of Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, in company with the ex-king of the French, Louis Philippe, and his three sons, the Prince de Joinville, the Duke de Nemours, and the Duke d'Aumale. His royal highness and the members of the ex-royal family of France were received by Mr. B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, the Secretary of the Club, Mr. Bulnois, and Mr. Collins, the manager of the bazaar, and by those gentlemen conducted through the spacious area. The French princes minutely examined the beautiful Hereford ox belonging to his Royal Highness Prince Albert, which obtained in the first class the first prize of £30, and a silver medal to the breeder. They next expressed a wish to be shown that class of cattle used in Sussex and other counties as beasts of burthen, and expressed their deep interest

and admiration at the specimens of South Down sheep and pigs, the latter appearing to afford the party, particularly Louis Philippe, considerable amusement.

We cannot omit to notice the exceeding good order and regularity of the arrangements in the Show Yard of the Smithfield Club, and for which we consider the Club is deeply indebted to the stewards—Mr. W. Fisher Hobbs, Mr. Chamberlin, and Mr. Torr, and especially to the Hon. Sec., Mr. B. T. Brandreth Gibbs, who must be indefatigable in his exertions to get through a labour of such extent in such a short period of time. We are apprehensive that the weight of his duties will be increased by the alteration requiring the cattle to be all in the yard on the Saturday, so that the judges may make their award on the Monday, and the yard open to the public on the Tuesday, instead of the Wednesday, as heretofore.

## DUKE OF RICHMOND'S SPEECH.

I have never (said his grace) been of opinion that the agricultural interest was the only one which ought to be considered in this great country; but I have always maintained the opinion that upon the prosperity of the agricultural interest was based the welfare and prosperity of all classes of the community (cheers). I am one of those who wish well to the manufacturing interests of our country. They are our great consumers. They are our fellow subjects. They pay allegiance to the same sovereign. They are proud of the same institutions. Without their welfare, without the welfare of the commercial interests of this great country, we, the farmers, should indeed be at a loss; but, gentlemen, I cannot understand why the three great interests of our national industry should not be combined one and all, in support of the basis of all, which is the agricultural interest of the country (cheers). I cannot better explain my views upon agricultural improvement, than by saying that I have witnessed in the last ten or twenty years very rapid strides toward that improvement. I see land which formerly could hardly be called cultivated, by a thorough good system of draining made to produce nearly double the crop that it did before. I believe that draining has been adopted to a very great extent; but I wish to see every acre of land that will pay for draining ultimately subjected to that process (cheers). And here I appeal to the monied