

ing any peculiarity about the horn. From whence this most fashionable and most valuable breed derived its name we know not; but its great improvement, if not creation, dates from the bull "Hubback," on the one side, and the Teeswater, Holderness, Lincoln, and other like coarse breeds on the other. Hubback was calved in 1777, and was bought by Messrs. Collings, out of a bye-lane; from him descended Favourite (the sire of "The Durham Ox"), Comet, and other bulls, &c. It was from this stock that the breed of cattle known as "The Improved Shorthorns" was established. We believe that it now carries the palm." No breed has attained like celebrity, and this is proved by some of the late sales; none so early reach a ripe state of maturity, and but few exhibit better milking qualities. The nobility of their appearance is superior to that of any other breed, and the prices realized by some of the most popular herds and best bloods exceed belief—the celebrated Duchess tribe, for instance; nine animals from this tribe were sold at Tortworth [Earl Ducie's] sale for 4,160 gs. or 462 gs. each. The county of Lincoln has been long celebrated for its breed of shorthorns; we were therefore prepared to witness a splendid collection of animals, and the result has fully answered our anticipations. The show was a first-rate one as a whole, but to take individual specimens of this breed we have occasionally seen them surpassed. The classes of cows and heifers we think were never better filled up, and many first-class animals are amongst them. We make honorable mention of these classes first, because we think they have the first claim. The classes of bulls, good as they are, do not equal the cow and heifer classes. We do most heartily commend them as a whole, but what we looked for was one or two specimens of still greater merit than are to be found; some "Duke of Northumberland," or one equally surpassing his fellows.

CLASS I.—BULLS calved previously to the 1st of July, 1852, and not exceeding 4 years.

William Sanday, of Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, and Henry Smith, of The Grove, Cropwell Butler, near Bingham, "Vatican," roan, 3 years 2 months 2 weeks and 5 days, bred by the late Earl Ducie, of Tortworth Court; sire Usurer, dam Virginia, sire of dam Petrarch. (First prize of £40.) This is a finely formed animal, of great merit; beautiful chine and chest, with level back and good hips, his head full, good and handsome, except a little prominence above the eye, nice neck, ribs not sufficiently springing, leaving the form less cylindrical than we like, beautiful level sides, good loin, hips wide, thighs long and full, twist full, flank and ripping parts not quite full enough in proportion, nor is he quite so noble in appearance as some of our first-class bulls of former years.

Richard Booth, of Watlaby, near Northallerton, "Windsor," white, with red at end of the ears, 2 years and 9 months, bred by exhibitor; sire Crown Prince, dam Plum Blossom, sire of dam Buckingham. (Second prize of £20.) This is a beautiful animal, very cylindrical in form, plenty

of good lean flesh, fine appearance, head and muzzle small, good horns and well set, neck thin and short, chest very deep, with full, well thrown out shoulders, beautiful level wide chine and back, ribs well springing, forming a fine cylindrical shape throughout, hips rather too close, but good rump, thighs and flank very superior, twist good, tail fine and well set, legs rather short and fine; a very good animal.

CLASS II.—BULLS calved since the 1st of July, 1852, and more than 1 year old.

William Odling, of Baslingthorpe, near Market Rasen, "Comet," roan, 1 year and 6 months, bred by exhibitor; sire Sir No Name, dam Rosemary, sire of dam Prince. (First Prize of £25.) This is well formed, and of good substance, but stands rather too low; head rather ordinary, horns fine and pointing forward, neck too thin and not quite right adjoining shoulder, back and chine very even, hips good and standing out well, ribs fairly springing, with good chest, and flank rather thin, but good thighs, tail rather high, and tuts bare; beautiful color.

Charles Towneley, of Towneley Park, near Burnley, "Hogarth," red, 1 year and 8 months, bred by exhibitor; sire Harbinger (10,297), dam Rosa, sire of dam Baron of Ravesworth. (Second prize of £15.) This is a beautifully formed good animal, very pleasant head and horns, full neck, full good chine and back, but not quite level, hips rather short and too narrow, twist too light, thighs long, but rather thin, flanks and lower parts all good, tail rather high, tuts broad and short, ribs nicely springing, and deeply, but not quite cylindrically formed; a deep good red color.

CLASS III.—BULL CALVES above 6 and under 12 months old.

Charles Towneley, of Towneley Park, near Burnley, "Master Butterfly," rich roan, 11 months, bred by exhibitor; sire Frederick (11,458), dam Butterfly, sire of dam Jeweller (10,334). (Prize of £10.) This has a good and proportionate frame; fine horn, fine neck, chine rather narrow, even back, hips fair, tuts good, twist good and full, and color good.

CLASS IV.—COWS IN-MILK OR IN-CALF.

John Booth, of Killerby, near Catterick, "Venus Victrix," roan, 3 years and ten months, in milk, bred by exhibitor; sire Vanguard, dam Bloom, sire of dam Buckingham. (Second prize of £10.)—A good, well-formed animal; muzzle too dark, heavy and wide breast, thighs good; her whole frame exceedingly good.

Charles Towneley, of Towneley Park, near Burnley, "Beauty," roan, 6 years and 9 months, in milk and in calf, bred by exhibitor; sire Victor (8,739), dam Mantle, sire of dam Marcus (2,263). (First prize of £20.) A very fine animal, with hips astonishingly large and fat; the cow herself very fat, and almost a perfect cylinder in form, except her wonderful tuts and hips; neck rather light, but breast exceedingly good; her great legs causes her arms, legs, and flank to look thin; color very good.