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THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

In this age of daily newspapers, an event of so much general interest as a Provincial Exhibition is in danger of becoming an "old, old story" before agricultural monthlies are able to chronicle it. But the "slow monthlies," as they are sometimes called, have some advantages over the fast dailies. They have time for review, correction, and condensation. It is their's to sift matters—to choose the salient points of a narrative, and give conclusions deliberately arrived at, rather than impressions hastily formed. There is one feature of decided superiority which belongs to the monthlies, they are not so ephemeral in their duration as the dailies. It is the doom of dailies, and even weeklies, to be used for all manner of purposes after they have been once read, and sometimes before. They are of inconvenient size for preservation, but are extremely handy for lighting fires, doing up parcels, and serving a variety of useful turns. About twenty-four hours is, we imagine, the average existence of a daily newspaper, while a weekly may possibly survive a fortnight. It is unusual to find a file of a weekly paper, while he who should indulge in the freak of keeping all the numbers of a daily paper, would be regarded as a most eccentric individual. It is otherwise with a monthly. Its chance of being preserved is good, and it may even be exalted to the dignity of a bound book at the year's end. In that shape it may continue to narrate the tale of a Provincial Exhibition to a period when a large bonus would fail to unearth a single daily or weekly issued during or immediately after fair time.

It is always a welcome thing to chronicle success. Nobody aspires to be a historian of failure. It is therefore a very pleasant task to record the history of the Exhibition of 1869, for it was a complete success. Now and then, when some important event is about to come off, every thing seems to conspire in its favour. In other cases there is apparently a conspiracy for disappointment and defeat. In the present instance, almost every conceivable circumstance befriended and smiled upon the affair. The success was not achieved in the face of odds and difficulties, but was a result to which all the antecedents and concomitants infallibly conducted. An abundant harvest had just been gathered in, putting every body into good spirits, and inclining them to holiday-keeping. The place where the Exhibition was held is the centre of an unusually fine, and comparatively old agricultural district. The weather was all that could be desired, a preliminary rain laying the dust for the occasion, and four superb fair days following immediately thereafter. Last, but not least, the presence of royalty and greatness added an irresistible attraction. It is not often that an exhibition in the Colonies can boast the attendance of a Prince of the blood, a Governor-General, and Lieutenant-Governor, with their ladies, at one and the same time, and no doubt this uncommon circumstance drew thousands to London, who would not have gone to see such every day things as horses and cattle, sheep and pigs, huge turnips and nice bunches of grapes. Certain it is that the attendance was more numerous than at any former Provincial Fair. On Wednesday more than 26,000 tickets were sold, and on Thursday, upwards of 25,000; so that on