

cedure occurs, American finances will rest on a foundation of strength and solidity within a brief period.

Wisconsin Farmers' Institutes.—A copy of the report of the closing meeting of the above institutes for 1895 has been received, and, like those of former years, it is an exceedingly interesting volume, containing a great deal of information useful to those engaged in agriculture. In addition to the report of the meeting a good deal of matter is inserted that the superintendent, Mr. George McKenow, considered would be valuable to the farmer. The book makes a valuable work of reference.

Kent or Romney Marsh Flock Book.—Volume 1 of the flock book of the association formed for the advancement of the interests of the Kent or Romney Marsh sheep has reached us. It is evident from the contents that the breeders of these sheep are in earnest about bringing their favorites before the public. There are now thirty-eight flocks registered, and the number of rams in the volume is 1,342. The honorary secretary is Mr. W. W. Chapman, Fitzalan House, Arundel street, Strand, London.

Minnesota Farmers' Institutes.—We have received from Mr. C. C. Gregg, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes in Minnesota, a copy of the eighth number of their annual, for 1895. There are papers on every department of farming and live stock breeding, and answers given to questions asked at institute meetings. Professor Thomas Shaw contributes a number of valuable articles to the annual. There is much to be learned from reading this annual, and Mr. Gregg must be congratulated on the way in which he has brought it out.

Guernsey Register.—The January issue of the *Herd Register and Guernsey Breeders' Journal*, published by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, appears in a new cover and with an increased number of pages. It contains pictures of the celebrated prize-winning animals, Sheet Anchor and Rutula's Daughter, owned by H. McK. Twombly, and imported Trusty 3rd, owned by Governor Morton, of New York. These animals won first prize at the New York show, and are given in connection with a report of that show. A likeness and sketch of the life of Silas Betts, of Camden, N.J., president of the club, is given, and also his annual address at the recent meeting of the Guernsey Cattle Club.

The Honey Bee.—Under the title of "The Honey Bee," the United States Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin on the management of an apiary, by Frank Benton, M.S. As the author states, "Its aim is to make the practical management of an apiary plain to those whose acquaintance with the subject is limited," and he has well succeeded in his task. The methods advised are such as the author has found practical during an extended experience. The illustrations are particularly good. So great has been the demand for this bulletin that the whole issue was taken up in a very

short time. It is to be hoped that a reprint may be made, as all beekeepers and others as well should have a copy.

Shropshire Sheep Again Successful.—At the inauguration Christmas Fat Stock Show recently held in Dublin, Mr. J. L. Naper's three splendid Shropshire shearling wethers, which were placed first in their class, secured the champion prize given by the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the best pen of sheep of any breed in the show. These sheep were running out during the whole of the summer, and had in no way been reserved for exhibition purposes. Following so closely upon Mr. Bowen-Jones' similar success at the Birmingham Show, it should help to even further extend the popularity of this breed of sheep. In competition with Mr. Naper's sheep at Dublin were no less than forty-one pens of Longwools and five of Cheviots.

Stock Notes.

Horses.

LORDS A. & L. CECIL, Orchardmains, Kent, report their stud of Clydesdales as being in fine shape. A visit of inspection by any intending purchasers will be time well spent, as the quality to be found there is of the best, and any horse selected from this stud can be relied upon, as the management is under the personal control of the owners.

HON. M. H. COCHRANE, Hillhurst, Que., writes: I am pleased to report that all the stock at Hillhurst are coming through the winter in good shape, thanks to the bountiful crops of hay, roots, corn, horse beans, sunflowers, oats, barley, peas, etc., with which we were blessed in 1895. Dorset Horn lambs are going like hot cakes. Last winter we sold sixty-one in Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, and New York, and this season have more orders than we can fill. We have had a good crop of lambs. Many of them now weigh 50 to 73 lbs. Shropshires will commence to lamb early this month. We are getting a number of enquiries for Hackney stallions, and, as there are numerous other signs of improvement in prices of horseflesh, advantage should be taken of present opportunities to place young stallions in districts where there are good mares, as they are certain to prove invaluable as soon as their produce begin to come to maturity. Nothing but Hackney blood will give the rare "hock action" so necessary to make the "all round goers" that are not only showy, but safe on modern city pavements. Having over eighty head of horses, we are offering the whole of our half-bred fillies, as well as some choice imported prize-winning mares, at moderate prices, so as to reduce our stock.

Cattle.

MR. HUGH THOMSON, St. Marys, Ont., writes that his sale of Shorthorn cattle takes place on March 4th, and not March 14th, as advertised in our February issue. Buyers will please bear this in mind.