

ATTENDANCE—RECEIPTS—RESULT.

The Fair closed on Friday, the 17th. The receipts for Wednesday and Thursday were good, but there was a great falling off from the average on the first and last days. The total receipts amounted to about \$15,000. At Rochester and Buffalo, the two preceding years, they were more than one-third larger, and it seems to be plainly taught that a successful Fair cannot be held off from the great central thoroughfare of the State.

The attendance, and consequent receipts, saved the Society from pecuniary loss,—but as an Exhibition of the Rural, Mechanical and Domestic Products of the Empire State, the Fair must be regarded as a signal failure. Whether this result be attributable to the management or other causes, we leave the intelligent reader to determine, though we entertain, and may hereafter express, a decided opinion upon the subject.

OHIO STATE FAIR.

The Twentieth Exhibition of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, was held at the city of Toledo, September 13-17. The grounds were ample, comprising a fine grove within the city, and conveniently near the railroad depots and business portion of the town, the same as occupied in 1868, the Society, wisely, as it appears, holding fair two successive years on the same ground, thus insuring more permanent and commodious structures with diminished expenditure on the part of the city furnishing the same. The attendance was unusually large, as over 78,000 tickets were sold, and the gross receipts were nearly \$28,000. It should be understood that no charge is made for entries, and only an admission fee of twenty-five cents collected at the gate. An example which it is believed other Societies, and particularly that of New York, could wisely imitate.

The show, as a whole, was not only creditable to the State, but received material aid from Michigan. The different departments were well maintained, the rivalry animated and cordial; each vying with the other to render the occasion one of combined usefulness and pleasure, with no disorders or disturbances to mar the harmony of the whole. We are under obligations to President Fullerton and other members of the Board, as well as Secretary J. H. Klippart and the proprietors of *Daily Commercial and Blade*, for many attentions and courtesies long to be remembered.—*Rural New Yorker*.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR.

For the first time in some years we have been debarred attendance at the Michigan State Fair, and must content ourselves with quoting an exchange's account thereof. In like manner we cull

from the contemporary press, details of some other exhibitions we could not personally visit, but in which our readers may be supposed to feel an interest.

The Michigan State Fair was held at Jackson on the same days as our Provincial Exhibition, and in consequence the writer did not reach the fair grounds till the third day, after a night journey from London. Owing to the first two days having been wet, the rain pouring down in torrents, the grounds were in a muddy state, and no work was done till the third day, entries being taken up to noon of that day. None of the viewing committees—which is their name for judges—got to work till one p.m. of the third day, nor had they got through when we left the grounds the fourth day, it having been determined to continue the Fair a day longer to make up for the loss of the first two days. The grounds are well laid out, and contain some good halls and stock pens; but, truth to tell, the whole success of the Fair seemed to hang on the horse ring, and in fact the grounds were nothing but a well made race course, with grand stands, &c., and from morning till night there were trials of speed going on the premises in the horse classes, being larger and dependant on speed rather than quality of form or appearance. The entries altogether numbered 2,500, and the attendance was large, 30,000 being on the grounds the third day.

HORSES.—There were a great many horses entered, but we notice that they are males, all either thoroughbreds, half-breds, or light roadsters and trotters. Michigan is famous for her fast horses; but one looks in vain here for any of that useful class of agricultural or draught horse adapted to the wants of the farmer. We saw but two that could be called heavy horses on the grounds, and both of them had been bred in Canada.

CATTLE (Shorthorns).—There were some fair specimens on the ground, though not many altogether. Col. Brownell showed a roan bull, "Sheldon Duke," by 7th Duke of Airdrie from Paulina, with cows and heifers, Lady Wallington, Michigan Beauty, and Michigan Rose. J. Mygrants, a good red bull, Prince; A. S. Berry, bull Duke of Arles; James Farrell, white bull, Prince of the Blood, recently purchased from Hon. D. Christie, of Paris, Ont.; Mr. A. T. Wood had red bull Hillsdale, Surprise, a cow got by Apricot's Gloster, and her calves, Surprise second and third, also a red cow, Bella, got by Apricot's Gloster from Brighteyes 6th; the State Agricultural College showed bull Capt. Shaftoe; H. Walker, a red and white bull, Marcus, by Oxford Lad, from Mary Gray; Mr. McNaughton showed several head in fine condition; W. W. Crape, a fine roan cow, "Lucerne," and bull "Lucifer." He also shewed the only Hereford on the ground in full velvet jacket, that seemed a remarkably fine one, with the peculiarity of being nearly black in colour, and cow, "Gentle," 7th, with bull calf "Willie."