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JULY EXHIBITION AT LINCOLN.

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The Royal Agricultural Society should feel at home in Lincolnshire. The visit is that of a tutor to a pet pupil, or, more appropriately, of a large landed proprietor to his model farm. It is here he finds the example for the rest of his tenantry to imitate. It is here he triumphantly comes to the proof of all he has been preaching. It is here he shows what practice with science has accomplished, and how judicious outlay has arrived at profitable returns. The Agricultural Society has had to march into many parts of the kingdom, with its object but little appreciated, as its efforts but comparatively little known.—The welcome has generally been hearty enough; but seldom has it been so thoroughly satisfactory, either "to him who gives or him who takes," as in the good city of Lincoln.

It is not too much to say that the most extraordinary expectations were entertained as to the success of this meeting; and it is not too much to add that they have been amply realized. It is an anniversary that must ever stand out amongst the most conspicuous of those recorded in the proceedings of the Society. In almost every way has the result been gratifying. Whether we take the increasing importance attached to these annual displays, as demonstrated by the attendance, the general excellence of the show, or the characteristic features imparted to it by the locality in which it was held—the conclusion to be arrived at is still the same. It bears, too, the most trying of all scrutinies with an equally handsome issue. It is long since any meeting has added so much to the funds of the Society;

and this question of funds, it must be remembered, is one which for some time past has engaged the serious attention of those on the direction who devote themselves more particularly to the business of finance. The poor company at Lewes, and the gloomy atmosphere of Gloucester, have been well compensated for, by the still succeeding crowds, and settled sunshine of Lincoln.

A little consideration will show, that even previous to this last week's gathering, the national Society had some thanks due to Lincolnshire. Many a hint that became gradually embodied in its prize-list—many a point that the farmers of the whole kingdom were incited to achieve—might be easily traced back to the practice of this now famous county. The very President for this year, and one of the most prominent members of the Council, though coming himself from a far distant quarter, has long since declared himself as the champion of Lincolnshire farming. The tenant who wished to know how he was to do best, was told to imitate what was done here. The landlord whose laudable ambition it was to see his property made the most of, was ordered to learn his duty and take his share in the good work from his brethren in Lincolnshire. Indeed, it might even yet be written that we came more to learn than to teach—prepared rather to see what the district could show us, than what we could show it.

The weather was delightfully fine and the number of visitors unusually large—entrance fees amounting to upwards of three thousand pounds. The dinner was attended by near a thousand persons, the Earl of Chichester presided, in the absence of the President, Mr. Philip Pusey, from indisposition. A deputation of several gentlemen from France, attended the show for the purpose of collecting information with a view of organizing a similar society in their own country.

CATTLE.

SHORT-HORNS.

This is a somewhat singular designation, and a total stranger to the breed is to be found notice-