THE BOWER.

"MUCH YET REMAINS UNSUNG."

For the Cambridge Chronicle.

LINES

*To the Memory of Mrs. A***** R**, late of this place.*

Can I, in silence, such a loss lament,
Nor give my long afflicted bosom vent;
Must still the anxious sigh, the melting tear,
Be all the vouchers, that my grief's sincere?
In sad reflection, no relief I find,
While her dear image, fills my pensive mind;
Nor can my thoughts, how free soe'er they flow,
Express *her* worth, who now awakes my woe:
How does she beauteous in my mind appear,
As when she pass'd her short probation here,
And prov'd a conqueror in the Christian race.
Methinks I see her, as she late was seen,
Of manners gentle, and of modest mien:
Methinks I hear her, and with joy attend,
The converse sweet, of my departed friend;
Whose hallow'd soul, with every virtue glow'd,
Bright as the stars, that crowd the milky road;
To each, her tender charities were given,
For well she knew her sure reward in heaven;
Her ways were winning, gentle and refined,
The certain offspring of the accomplished mind:
But ah, what can assuage a husband's grief!
What thoughts inspire, what words convey relief!
Who can restore my dearest consort's charms—
Who can return her image to my arms;
Doom'd on the wish to dwell, and dwell in vain,
A wish that burdens ev'ry thought with pain;
But who can e'er forget each blooming grace,
Her wit enticing, and engaging face;
Her friendship, courtesy, obedience, love,
The associate virtues of the world above:
Beauty and goodness, such we cease to know—
Long for such charms, a husband's tears must flow;
And long such charms, dear saint, shall I deplore,
'Till tiresome life's dull seasons shall be o'er:
For when thy mem'ry is no longer dear,
And thy lov'd name starts not the ready tear;
When I forget thy virtues, may I be,
Forgot by those, who most resemble *thee.* W.

Cambridge, Nov. 28, 1824.

AGRICULTURAL.

From the Easton Gazette.

CATTLE SHOW AT EASTON.

The following reports of the Committees at the late Cattle Show and Fair, held at Easton, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th ultimo, have been politely handed the editor of the Easton Gazette, for publication, by Mr. S. T. Kennard, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following are the reports of the respective Committees of Judges appointed to award premiums, which will be read with much interest by all who are friends and patrons of Agricultural Improvement.

The Show was a very good one, and pretty well attended. The lateness of the season and the coldness of the weather, no doubt, caused many to absent themselves, who would otherwise have attended. The whole scene convinces us that the Institution gains ground in the public estimation, and we do not hesitate to believe that we shall, at another exhibition, have a considerable increase of members. A Farmer's fraternity is a good thing—it is the strongest interest of the country, the most honorable employment for man, and can yield none but good and salutary effects upon all classes and denominations of citizens. How beautiful, how rational is the spectacle, to see all the farmers of our country, from the poorest to the richest, all entering into the most active competition, with kindest and friendliest feelings, to see who can most honorably gain the greatest share of wealth and comfort for himself and family, and render most service to the community at large! This is "the end and aim" of the Agricultural Society by their Cattle Shows.

It was remarked by strangers, that the sample of Swine exhibited, was as fine as had ever been witnessed at any exhibition; but the display of Household fabrics, was by all acknowledged to have surpassed any thing that any person present had ever seen—all the specimens combined excellence of texture, taste, and beauty of appearance. The ardor already displayed upon this subject, the many premiums offered, and their general diffusion will excite emulation, and we may anticipate at our next exhibition still greater improvement and increased numbers of specimens.

Many samples of sheep were very fine—there were many good Cattle of different sorts—if more persons would join the Society and take a little trouble to send forward their stock of different kinds, it would add greatly to the scene and make the whole more interesting—we know there is a great deal of beautiful and very fine stock in the hands of our farmers that is not brought forward, and would do credit to the owners of them, if they were produced—such persons do themselves injustice, as well as retard the prosperity of our institution, by not sending out their stock—besides, the reputation of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, stands at stake in this business, and every farmer ought to contribute his aid to show the advantages and improvements of our country—it is the aggregate character of the stock of a country that entitles it to reputation, and not the production of three or four superior animals.

We hope our farmers will feel this subject as deeply interesting to them, and that a correspondent excitement and exertion will follow.

No. 1.

Committee on Crops.—The committee to whom was referred the decision of Crops, beg leave to report, that from the accompanying papers they adjudge as follows, to wit.—

To Robert Banning, esq. of Talbot county, the premium proposed by the Agricultural Society; for the best crop of Potatoes from one acre of land, viz: 240 bushels—and

To Robert Sinclair, seq. of the city of Baltimore, for the best crop of Parsnips, on the ¼ of an acre of land, the premium offered by the said society—he made as per certificate, from ¼ acre 147½ bushels of Parsnips.

We take the liberty to mention a crop of Mangle Wurtzel, raised by Wm. H. Tilghman, esq. of Talbot county, (as certified) which does not quite arrive to the amount probably expected, in consequence of irregularity in standing; but which, from the late season, we deem as worthy of notice, and therefore present to your consideration the amount of the certificate before us, that the crop was at the rate of 2080 bushels per acre.

We were pleased to receive a specimen of Mangle Wurtzel, raised by Dr. Thomas Willson, of Kent county, of which one weighed 31 and the other 30 pounds.

Richard Trippe,
Wm. G. Tilghman,
William Hambleton.

No. 2.

On Horses—The committee on Horses being expected by the rules and regulations of the society for their government to preface their award, by some introductory remarks, as to the "particular objects exhibited or subject submitted to their consideration," feel it their duty to state, that in disposing of the first and perhaps most interesting subject presented to them, they have been unable to indulge a latitude commensurate with the liberal and enlarged views of the institution.

The merits of the competition for the first branch of premiums have, they regret to say, been such, as not (in their judgment) to permit them to do more, than award that of the first or highest grade, which has been assigned, with great justice, to the grey Horse Canton, belonging to Col. Thomas Wright, of Queen Ann's county. A sincere desire on their part to encourage and promote the raising and improvement of this most valuable description of stock, could not fail to induce them to extend all the patronage they were at liberty to confer on the exertions and merits of those, who would be thus laudably engaged—But such they think, has been the nature and character of the competition on this branch of premiums, that they have felt themselves constrained to withhold those of the second and third grade. They are very sensible that the premiums thus withheld, have been contended for, but they have been unable to discern in this competition such claims to the patronage of the society, as placed them at their disposal. They are also aware of the general discretion allowed them by the regulations of the society, which nevertheless has been justly and properly guarded by a "just regard to the interests, the welfare and objects of the institution."

There is but one circumstance only, which the committee think proper to state in reference to the second branch of premiums, and which they sincerely regret it was not in their power to account; certain Fillies belonging to Judge Wright and Edward N. Hambleton, esq. had been regularly entered for premium, and were, it is believed, on the field at the time appointed for exhibition—but owing to some cause or other, most probably to the irregularity and confusion proceeding from the crowd of spectators constantly pressing on every hand upon the committee—the servants or persons charged with the care of these creatures might have been hurried away and placed beyond the reach of a call, when required to appear, and consequently did not present them to their inspection. This circumstance was not known to the committee until the morning of the second day, when the award was made out and considered conclusive.

The committee have awarded to Col. Thomas Wright, for his grey Horse Canton, by Canton, out of his sorrel mare, the first premium of $15.

The committee avail themselves of the discretion given to them, and are of opinion that no second or third premium ought to be awarded.

To Nicholas Goldsborough, esq. for his grey Mare by old Canton, the first premium of ten dollars.

To Nicholas Goldsborough, esq. for his bay mare, by old Canton, the second premium of $8.

To Edward S. Winder, for his bay mare Fenella, by Gov. Wright's Silver Heels, out of Mericco, a thorough bred mare, raised by Col. Lloyd, the third premium of $5.

The volunteer premium of $20, for the best colt sired by *Emperor*, was awarded to Mr. Cox's brown colt seven months old.

The premium of $10, for the best colt, sired last year by *Young Tom*, was awarded to Mr. Wm. Hambleton's bay colt.

The committee would remark, that for the last premium offered, there were but two colts exhibited, and having no discretion, they have awarded it to Mr. William Hambleton.

John Edmondson,
John Hare Powell,
D. Jenifer,
E. S. Winder,
J. C. Wilson jr.
L. M. Robertson,

No. 3.

On Asses and Mules.—The committee appointed to judge of Asses and Mules, have awarded to Tobias Burke, esq. for his Jack, George, 4 years old, the first premium of ten dollars.

To Nicholas Goldsborough, esq. for his largest mare Mule 5 years old, the first premium of $10.

To Nicholas Goldsborough, esq. for his next largest mare Mule, 8 years old, the second premium of five dollars.

The committee regret, that the exhibition of Mules for premiums was so limited, 5 only being presented to their notice; three belonging to Nicholas Goldsborough, esq. and two to James Chamberlain, esq. some of them were males of fine size and action and all of them gentle and well broke to harness; the largest mare Mule of Mr. Goldsborough, five years old, we think entitled to the first premium: and his other mare Mule, 8 years old, though not so large as his horse Mule, but better formed and proportioned, we think entitled to the second premium—Mr. Chamberlaine's were Mules of considerable merit, being well formed, active and sprightly, but were under size and lacked the bone and powers necessary to ensure successful competition. The committee again repeat, that they extremely regret, that so few of these valuable animals were presented on this occasion to their notice, as they are well assured that it is only necessary that their value should be known to bring them into general use. Their hardy nature, patient endurance of labor, and capacity to subsist on a small quantity of coarse food, will always render them a valuable auxiliary to man in prosecuting successful agricultural pursuits. Three Jacks only were presented for premiums, to wit: Messrs. W. H. D. C. Wright's, Tobias Burke's and the late Thomas Martin's. The committee are of opinion that Tobias D. Burke's jack, George, a descendant of the celebrated jack, imported by General Washington, is entitled to the premium. He is four years old, of fine size and well proportioned, his breast large, his quarters fine, and his limbs for size and bone, equal to any thing of the kind we have ever seen.

Edward N. Hambleton,
John Tilghman.

No. 4.

Cattle.—The committee have awarded to Thomas Hayward, esq, of Talbot county, for his Bull Hampton, by Bergami, the first premium of $15.

To Nicholas Hammond esq. for his Buffaloe Bull, of 30 months old, the second premium of $10.

To Dr. E. Harriss of Queen Ann's county for his Bull Calf, by Champion, under 2 and over 1 year old, the third premium of ten dollars.

They also award to Dr. Harris the volunteer premium of $25, offered by Col. Lloyd, for the best bull calf by Champion.

To E. S. Winder, of Talbot county, for his Bull Calf, by Champion, under 2 and over 1 year old, the second premium of 5 dollars.

To Andrew Skinner, of Talbot county, the first premium of 15 dollars for his black Cow.

To S. T. Kennard, of Easton, the 2d premium of 10 dollars, for his red Cow.

To the Rev. Thomas Bayne, of Talbot county, the 3d premium of 5 dollars, for his red Cow.

For the best Heifer under 2 years old, to Gov. Wright, of Queen Ann's county, for his fine red Heifer.

For the 2d best Heifer, to Henry Hollyday, esq. of Talbot county, for his Heifer, by Champion.

Wm. Potter,
W. Hayward, jr.
Jas. L. Chamberlaine.

[In addition to the above report of the committee on Cattle, which goes no further than a specific awarding of premiums, we must mention that the show of cattle was superior to the last exhibition of those animals, and it is gratifying to find, that the fine breed of Mr. Lloyd's Champion and Mr. Skinner's Bergami, are beginning to be widely dispersed—Mr. Lloyd had several young bulls as well as bull calves, of his own raising, merely for exhibition, which were beautiful animals and attracted great attention.—Mr. Hammond's Buffaloe Cow was much admired; and during the show there was a bull calf and heifer of Mr. Wm. Carmichael's of Queen Ann's of what have been always known here as the 'Island breed of Cattle,' that received much attention. The calf had fine growth and form—the heifer in colour, figure and points generally, would have vied with the best Devon Reds of her age. Indeed there is great reason to congratulate the farmers upon their recent exertions to get under way in the improvement of their breed of Cattle.]

No. 5.

Oxen.—The committee on Oxen, have awarded to Mr. Samuel W. Thomas, of Queen Ann's county, the first premium of 15 dollars, for his yoke of Oxen, brindle and pied: uncommonly large and well matched, as to size.

To Robert Wright, of Queen Ann's county, the second premium of 10 dollars, for his young red Steers, beautiful animals and stout for their age.

To Thomas Coward, of Talbot county, the first premium of 10 dollars for his large corn fed Steer. No competition, but considered worthy of a premium.

For the best grass fed Beef no premium.

It is with regret that the Committee on Oxen have to say, that nothing as a grass fed Beef was presented for their inspection that could be considered any way extraordinary, and a majority of the members present could not be had in favor of any one of the animals presented, of course no premium could be awarded.

On the contrary, the Oxen presented for their inspection were unanimously considered as fine animals, amongst which, a yoke belonging to Mr. James Macomb of Caroline, was well worthy of attention, though not equal in their opinion to those for which they have awarded premiums.

Wm. Harrison, of Jas.
Henry Spencer,
Robert Morriss,
Wm. M. Hardcastle.

No. 6.

Swine.—The committee appointed to award the premiums on Swine, encountered a task of great difficulty. The extensive range of departments, and the highly gratifying manner in which they were literally filled, furnished abundant evidence of the salutary and widely diffused influence of our institution, and of the laudable ambition and enterprize of our farmers.

The number of the competitors, and the strong claims, of even the least deserving, to distinction, conspired to make the selection, in some respects, a matter rather of chance than of judgment: the Committee, however, deem it proper to remark that their chief difficulty lay in deciding on the merits of the females, and this difficulty was increased by the imperfect and unsatisfactory terms in which they were described by their respective proprietors—for errors arising from this cause, the committee cannot be held responsible—it is not necessary here to point out the properties in which the perfection of this useful domestic consists; but for a breeder, there are certain cardinal points which cannot be ascertained by intuition, and which are necessary to be known, in forming a correct judgment; among which we may designate a capacity for nursing and early maturity and fecundity—with these essentials, defects may be overlooked,—no symmetry can atone for the want of them. To take a particular notice of the various beauties and excellencies of such as are not selected for premium, would afford individual pleasure to the committee, but would swell this report beyond the limits prescribed to them, and they conclude with a conviction that any oversight on their part will be amply compensated by the universal admiration which this department of the exhibition attracted.

The committee have awarded to Wm. H. D. C. Wright, of Queen Ann's county, the premium of 8 dollars, for the best Boar, for figure, size and early maturity.

To Howel Bowers, of Talbot county, the premium of 6 dollars for the second best Boar, for compactness of form, smallness of bone and propensity to fat.

To Casson Bowdle, of Talbot county, the premium of 4 dollars for the third best Boar, for size, proportion and easy to keep.

To Thomas Hemsley, of Queen Ann's county, the premium of eight dollars for the best Sow, for large dimensions, easy to keep, and small bone.

To Edward N. Hambleton, of Talbot county, the premium of six dollars for the second best Sow, for early growth, symmetry and prolific qualities.

To Samuel W. Thomas, of Queen Ann's county, the premium of 4 dollars for the third best Sow, for early fecundity, and capacity for nursing.

Robert Brown,
Joseph Martin,
Sam'l Chamberlaine.
R. A. Skinner,
Nicholas Martin,

No. 7.

Sheep.—The committee on sheep having discharged the duty of examination of the different parcels offered for premium, take leave to report to the Society, the following decisions.

That the Society's premium of 8 dollars be awarded to Dr. Denny for the best Ram over two years old.

To Gov. Stevens, the Society's premium of 5 dollars for the 2d best Ram over 2 years old.

To Edward S. Winder, esq. the premium of $8 for the best Ewe over one year old.

To Charles Nabb, esq. the premium of 5 for the second best Ewe over one year old.

The committee on Sheep have awarded to Gov. Stevens the premium of five dollars for the two best Wethers over 2 years old.

To Gov. Stevens the premium of 3 dollars for the two second best Wethers over 2 years old.

To Gov. Stevens, the premium of 5 dollars for the two best Wethers under 2 years old.

To Gov. Stevens, the premium of 3 dollars for the 2 second best Wethers, under two years old.

The committee will remark, that all the Sheep for which these premiums have been awarded, are of mixed Bakewell blood, with pretty good fleeces, shewing good form and much aptitude to fat. There were many other parcels of Sheep offered, and the committee cannot omit to distinguish a parcel of fine Wethers offered by Nicholas Hammond, esq. of mixed Merino blood, having good forms and fleeces; and a parcel exhibited by Colonel Daniel Martin, which from extraordinary size, heaviness of fleece and good form, indicate peculiar properties suited to a mixture with the Bakewell blood. The crosses between the South Down, (much in their character resembling the Colonel's flock) and Bakewell blood has been recommended highly by one of the most practical as well as scientific breeders of stock in Pennsylvania.

Thomas Emory,
Allen Thomas,
Wm. H. Tilghman.

No. 8.

Implements of Husbandry.—The committee appointed to view and decide upon the merits of the different implements of husbandry exhibited at the Easton Cattle Show, held in Nov. 1824, having performed the duties assigned to them with all the skill and judgment they possess, take leave to report, that they were gratified to find so many implements of good construction and apparently well calculated to answer the purposes for which they are respectively designed. But one threshing machine was exhibited; yet the committee think from the best judgment they could form of it by inspection and the certificates of most respectable agricultural characters on the Western Shore, it is fully entitled to the premium offered for the best machine of the kind—it is the one invented by Mr. Wm. Kirk, of Baltimore county, and exhibited by Mr. John Morsell of Prince Georges' county, Md. who represents himself as entitled to the patent right for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and authorises the committee to say the price for the same will be 100 dollars for it complete.

A Straw-cutter invented by Mr. Michael H. Benville, of Kent county, Delaware, was shewn, price 50 dollars, which the committee think a substantial and simple machine, but inferior to Mr. Eastman's, heretofore exhibited on our field.

Mr. John W. Cragg exhibited a Wheat Fan, price 80 dollars, of apparently excellent construction and good workmanship; but the committee think its various machinery makes it too complicated for the use of the generality of farmers—it is well calculated for large milling establishments.

A Wheat Fan of different construction from the first mentioned was offered by Mr. Robert Sinclair of Baltimore, price $25, which the committee think a good one, and well calculated for the use of most farmers.

There was a good shew of ploughs from the different establishments of Messrs. Palmer and Sinclair of Baltimore, none of which the committee think it necessary to notice particularly, except the self-sharpening plough, which we think entitled to the premium 'for the best implement that may be considered new, and as deserving of the notice of the society and worthy of patronage,' and Mr. Ramsay's plough with four mould boards which the committee think a useful labor saving implement to put in fallow wheat where the ground is clear.

A wheat cradle was exhibited by Mr. John Denny of Queen Ann's which the committee would notice as an excellent one of its kind and worthy the attention of all farmers—all of which is respectively submitted.

EDW'D TILGHMAN, 3d, Chair'n.

(To be concluded in our next.)

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