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ADDRESS OF HON. GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,

BEFORE THE NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 1876.

THIS is the season when you have frequent opportunities to listen to lengthy, but I hope not always tedious, political discourses; and I trust that you will, therefore, commend my good will toward you, when I assure you that I shall not solicit your attention for more than fifteen minutes.

The circumstance that I am a native of the County of Norfolk has led the officers of this Society to honor me with an invitation to make some observations upon the general subject which has called you together. My associations with the county are not due to early recollections, and the special regard which I entertain, and ever must entertain for it, is derived largely from the long-ago conversations of my honored parents concerning their old home in the wealthy and attractive town of Brookline.

Farming, in the country sense of the word, is no longer a leading pursuit among you, and its relative importance diminishes each year. The farms have been divided for country residences and market gardens, and the culture of the great staples of agriculture has been transferred to the interior of the State, and to remote sections of the Union. Land is too valuable for corn, grass, wheat, cattle in great herds, and even for the coarser and least valuable fruits and vegetables.

The changes of which I speak will continue, and coincident with them are two other changes calculated to exert considerable influence upon the fortunes and character of the people. There is a disposition among the farmers to abandon the habit of isolated family life, and to gather in or near the villages. This change springs not merely from the discomfort and exposure of isolated homes, but also from an increasing desire for education, for the education furnished by society, as well as that furnished by the schools. In the expressive language of the country people, the "outskirts" are to be deserted, and farms will be converted into pastures or surrendered to forests. These changes are not to be deplored.

Generally the best lands are in or near the villages of the farming towns, the selection of the site for the "meeting-house" having been the consequence of the selection of lands by the "most discreet of the freemen," which meant those having the keenest eyes for good land. Frequently, generally, the outlying lands fell to those who were least capable of managing them, and they have become exhausted by negligent culture. Until farming lands are quite valuable nature can restore them more economically by a growth of wood than they can be restored by human skill or labor.

Fortunately for New England, we have for many years been surrendering our exhausted pastures and worn-out farms to the forests. Forests upon the tops and sides of hills and mountains are a certain source of moisture and nourishment to the fields below; they increase the quantity of rainfall; they add to the beauty of the landscape; they check the sudden flow of water to the valleys in the spring freshets, and they diminish the severity of the droughts in the summer and autumn.

Secondly, farming is becoming more and more an intellectual pursuit, and the aggregation of farmers in the villages is almost a necessary condition of progress. Not only are the children better trained in schools, but the men and women are

insensibly educated by contact with each other, and especially are the men prepared for the successful prosecution of their business by conversation, by lectures, and by club meetings, which are now common among the farmers of Massachusetts. As the villages multiply in number and increase in size, the deserted lands may be again cultivated, and occasionally they will be purchased in large estates and devoted to raising cattle and grain. The tendency at present is clearly in the right direction.

I venture the suggestion that agriculture in Massachusetts, including market gardening and fruit raising, depends chiefly upon our capacity to gain and keep the lead in the application of scientific knowledge. In beef, pork, and mutton, in the culture of the grains, in the products of the dairy, we are in competition with the Northwest and the West, even to California, while in horticulture and vegetables we are in competition with the Bermudas and the coasts of the United States, even to the tropical savannas of Florida. This is a serious competition, a perpetual competition. Railways and steamships have contributed to the growth, rapid growth, of cities and towns, but they have widened the field of competition and made it everywhere active. It is a competition of life, however, and not of death. The merchant and manufacturer must meet it; the farmer must meet it. Your markets are larger, but the supply and the sources of supply are larger also.

The three essential things in Massachusetts agriculture, in all its varieties of the field and the garden, are quality of production, quantity of crops, and economy of culture. Our proficiency in these particulars measures our ability to compete with rival producers West and South. Assuming that, as farmers, we have capacity to use what is furnished, we must rely upon the inventor in the shop, and the scientist in his laboratory, for the chief aid in yet further advancing the art of agriculture. The improvements in tools have ben-

efited every branch of agriculture, but more especially the great operations of the prairies, as compared with the culture of the gardens and small fields of the East. These advantages are likely to continue, and they may even increase. On the other hand, I anticipate that the application of science and scientific discoveries to agriculture will inure more largely to the advantages of the East,—to the small farmers and market gardeners of the country.

Perhaps I ought, without an if, to say that Prof. Stockbridge's discovery of a special fertilizer for corn will yield a return to the state in excess of the cost of the Agricultural College; but as a phrase of caution, I say, if, after a reasonable trial, which shall decide, among other things, the effect of successive crops upon the productive powers of the soil, the claim now made for it shall be sustained, its value to the State will far exceed the cost of establishing and maintaining the college at Amherst.

I believe that the average farmers of Massachusetts, and especially dairy farmers, who use corn as feed for cows, have erred in abandoning the crop. Next to hay, the corn crop is of the most value to the farmer whose chief product is milk. It is adapted to many varieties of soil; it is subject to but few casualties; almost uniformly it is proof against disease and insects; the straw, if properly treated, is almost as valuable as hay, and the grain, after making all proper charges and deductions, can be raised at a cost not exceeding the average cost of western corn.

Moreover, the annual product of hay will be greatly increased if the cultivation of corn is pursued, for it may safely be said that no other crop which does not require higher treatment and better tillage so well prepares land for grass. This statement I base upon the common system of culture; but should the claim for the Stockbridge fertilizer be sustained by experience we may defy the competition of the West as far, at least, as our own wants are concerned.

My confidence, however, goes far beyond what is established or even claimed for science in its relations to practical agriculture. I now see what in the beginning I did not see, that the apparent value of the Agricultural College will be greater in the region of scientific discovery and invention, and their application to practical agriculture, than in the preparation of young men for the management of farms. The latter idea was the English and continental idea, and in the beginning it was the American idea; but the indications are that the advantages will be more largely in a quarter which at that time was not much considered by most of us.

I have recently returned from central New York, where I was assured by persons of respectability and information that the advantages of the investigations and teachings of the professor of the Cornell University, in the department of the dairy, would far exceed the cost of the Agricultural College. These are the beginnings, and we may safely prophesy that the agriculture of the future will be, in its main and most profitable branches, only a system of applied chemistry. This does not imply that every farmer is to be a chemist, nor indeed that any farmer need concern himself with the science at all. But as every farmer will be called to consider the value of the science in its applications, it will follow that many, and especially many young men, destined to engage in agriculture, will become interested in and students of the science.

The knowledge of a valuable thing is of the first importance, but second only is its diffusion among those who can derive advantage from it; and especially its diffusion in an authoritative and a responsible manner so as to command the confidence of those who are concerned in its application. For the most part farmers have neither the disposition nor the means to try experiments, and they have so often been the victims of imposition that they are suspicious of new projects and they hesitate to engage in new undertakings.

For the first time Massachusetts was this year visited by the Colorado beetle, and our farmers were left to experiments and to crude suggestions, when, as I am informed, the best methods of resisting its ravages were understood in the West, and particularly by the officers of the Agricultural College of Michigan. The absence of this information, which might have been given with authority, so as to have commanded universal confidence, must have cost the State many thousand dollars in crops and in fruitless experiments.

The Agricultural College at Amherst is in existence, and it should be made as beneficial as possible to the interest which it represents, and which it is designed to promote. The suggestion which I make to-day to the farmers of Norfolk is, that they consider whether the power of the college may not be greatly increased without serious additional expense to the State. Whether its force of professors might not be so enlarged that a number, three or more, might be constantly employed among the farmers of the agricultural sections of the State. The summers could be devoted to observations and to examinations of soils, crops, tools, cattle, modes of culture, markets, and, indeed, to anything touching the production and disposal of farm products; and the winters to lectures and conversations to and with the farmers in the agricultural districts upon every topic concerning their progress and prosperity.

The farmers are already active in the work of self-culture, but they cannot take the lead in improvements which are purely scientific, nor can they always wisely judge the value of suggestions made by others. Scientific men, accredited by the State and by the college, would be entitled to their confidence, and I cannot doubt that the results of the labors of a small number of such men would many times exceed the cost. The competition of the hands, of the hands merely, is nearly over in this country, and in the countries with which we are in commercial relations. The competition is

moral and intellectual, and, other things being equal, or nearly so, those States and nations will take and keep the lead, where the people enjoy the highest average moral and intellectual culture.

We must not, as a nation, accept the Asiatic idea, now largely controlling and crippling Europe, that an increase of population is necessarily attended by a reduction of the wages and the comforts of the mass of the people, and their gradual decline in intelligence and morality. These tendencies cannot be arrested by the government, if its form alone, as whether it is a republic or a monarchy, be considered; our chief ground for confidence must spring from institutions and policies promotive of universal education and the general diffusion of knowledge.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

To the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture: —

SIR, — We herewith submit, in compliance with the requirements of the statute, the following statement of the operations of the Norfolk Agricultural Society for the year 1876, to be found in the subjoined Reports of the several Committees.

HENRY S. RUSSELL, *President.*

HENRY O. HILDRETH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

HORSES.

CLASS A.

Best Brood Mare with Foal at her side. — First premium to Jason Houghton, Milton, \$7; 2d premium to W. E. Coffin, Dorchester, \$5.

Colts and Fillies. — Best four-year-old colt, 1st premium to W. E. Coffin, Dorchester, \$5; 2d premium to H. R. Bird, Canton, \$3. Best three-year-old, to Jason Houghton, Milton, \$5; 2d premium, J. R. Graham, Quincy, \$3. Best two-year-old, to W. T. Cook, Foxboro', \$3; 2d premium, J. R. Graham, Quincy, \$2. Best one-year-old, W. L. Faxon of Quincy, \$3; 2d premium, Jason Houghton, Milton, \$2. Diploma to C. French, Holbrook, W. L. Faxon, Quincy, W. E. Coffin, Dorchester, for two-year-old colts.

Best pair of Roadsters. — W. T. Cook, Foxboro', \$10.

Best Gelding or Mare. — First premium to W. B. Kendall, Milton, \$8; 2d premium to A. H. Wright, West Roxbury, \$6; 3d premium to Charles F. Gerry, Hyde Park, \$4; 4th premium to H. R. Bird, Canton, \$2.

CLASS B.

Best Pair in Harness. — First premium to O. Deane, Canton, \$7; 2d premium to W. T. Cook, Foxboro', \$5.

Best Gelding or Mare. — First premium to John Henderson, Needham, \$6; 2d premium, William Reynolds, Milton, \$4.

CLASS C.

Best Stallion. — First premium to Ira Payne, Dover, \$7.

Best Brood Mare with Foal by her side. — First premium to E. U. Sewell, Medfield, \$7; 2d premium to H. E. Bacon, South Walpole, \$5; diploma to S. A. Stone of Sharon.

Diploma, Dennis Kelly of Stoughton, for his four-year-old colt.

Best pair of Carriage Horses.—To F. B. Ray, Franklin, \$10; 2d premium, William Ratcliffe, Roxbury, \$7.

Best Buggy or Chaise Horse.—To Jeremiah Allen, Dover, \$8.

Best Saddle Horse.—First premium to T. A. Walter, Hyde Park, \$4; 2d premium, J. W. Bradlee, Milton, \$3.

Best Pony.—To H. Trowbridge, Norfolk, \$3; 2d premium to Miss Ida Corson, Hyde Park, \$2; diploma to C. P. Heustis, Hyde Park.

CLASS D.

Best pair of Draught Horses.—To J. A. Hutchins, East Medway, \$10.

Signed, for the Committee,

AUGUSTUS P. CALDER, Chairman.

RURAL SPORT.

A match game of base ball, between the Scratch Gravel Club of Stoughton and the Red Stockings of South Braintree, was played on the Society's grounds on Friday afternoon, Sept. 29th, and resulted in a victory for the first-named club by a score of 8 to 4, and they were awarded the offered premium of \$25.

THOMAS DECATUR, Chairman.

PLOWING.

Double Horse Teams. — Charles L. Copeland of Milton, No. 4 Doe size Enterprise Swivel Plow, 1st premium, \$15; Nathaniel Farrington, Jr., of Canton, Knox Pat., No. 75, 2d premium, \$10; Goulding & Parmenter of Dover, Sessions & Knox No. 3½, 3d premium, \$5.

Michigan Plow. — Blackman Brothers of Needham, Eagle No. 34, 2d premium, \$10.

Mr. Farrington's team was driven by the holder of the plow, (four horses).

CHARLES HARTSHORN, }
 JAMES T. SUMNER, } Committee.
 JAMES CAPEN, }

Double Ox Teams. — Henry L. Pierce, Canton, 1st premium, \$15; William Fales, Dedham, 2d premium, \$10.

NATHAN LONGFELLOW, }
 A. D. CAPEN, } Committee.

Single Horse Teams. — John A. Hutchins of Medway, 1st premium of \$10, Parker & Gannett's Lion Plow, No. 61; John Sias of Milton, 2d premium of \$5, Nourse Plow, No. 2.

LEWIS W. MORSE, Chairman.

BULLS.

Jersey. — Edward M. Cary, Milton, 1st premium, \$10; H. Hunnewell, Canton, 2d premium, \$5. A Jersey bull, owned by Henry L. Pierce, of Canton, was considered by the committee as worthy of the first premium, but having received the honor last year, the rules of the Society precluded its award.

Ayrshire. — Luther Spear, Dorchester, 1st premium, \$10.

Durham. — John A. Patton, Foxborough, 1st premium, \$10.

Bull Calf. — Jason Houghton, Milton, for Ayrshire bull calf, 4 months old, 1st premium, \$5.

ASAHEL S. DRAKE,	} Committee.
LEWIS W. MORSE,	
CHARLES HARTSHORN,	
HENRY M. MACK,	

COWS.

Herd. — Henry L. Pierce, Canton, entered for exhibition a very fine herd of Jerseys, which, having received the 1st premium last year, were precluded by the rule from receiving an award.

Henry M. Mack, Dorchester, also entered a fine herd of Jerseys for exhibition only, of which we desire to make honorable mention.

Jersey. — R. B. Forbes, Milton, 2d premium, \$5.

Ayrshire. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 2d premium, \$5.

Grade. — Eliphalet Stone, Dedham, 1st premium, \$10; James McLane, Dedham, 3d premium, \$4.

Heifers in Milk. — Richard Stanley, Milton, for Ayrshire 2½ year-old, 1st premium, \$4.

J. W. GAY, Chairman.

HEIFERS.

Jersey. — For heifers two years old and under three, Richard Stanley, Milton, 1st premium, \$5; Henry L. Pierce, Canton, 2d premium, \$4; J. H. Farrington, Milton, 3d premium, \$2.

Best heifer, one year old and under two, of any stock, Jason Houghton, Milton, Ayrshire, 1st premium, \$4; E. Sumner, Readville, Grade, 2d premium, \$2.

Best heifer under one-year-old, of any stock, J. W. Brooks, Milton, Ayrshire, 1st premium, \$4; C. Cutting, Milton, Jersey, 2d premium, \$2.

JOHN VOSE,
JESSE FARRINGTON, } Committee.
ABRAM HOLMES, JR. }

SWINE.

For best Collection. — Charles Davenport, Canton, 1st premium, \$15; Nathaniel Farrington, Jr., Canton, 2d premium, \$10; National Sailors' Home, Quincy, 3d premium, \$7.

Boars. — Charles L. Copeland, Milton, 1st premium, \$6; E. Cotter, Canton, 2d premium, \$4.

Breeding Sows. — J. H. Farrington, Milton, 1st premium, \$6; Charles L. Copeland, Milton, 2d premium, \$4.

Fat Hog. — Nathaniel Farrington, Jr., Canton, 1st premium, \$10; National Sailors' Home, Quincy, 2d premium, \$6.

Weaned Pigs. — Charles Davenport, Canton, 1st premium, \$6; John Sias, Milton, 2d premium, \$4.

HENRY GOULDING, Chairman.

POULTRY.

Light Brahmas. — J. F. Mooar, Hyde Park, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3; on chicks, 3d premium, \$1; E. Demeritt, Hyde Park, on fowls, 2d premium, \$2; on chicks, 2d premium, \$2; C. W. Hardy, Hyde Park, on chicks, 1st premium, \$3.

White Cochin. — Charles L. Copeland, Milton, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3 ; on chicks, 1st, 2d and 3d premiums, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Partridge Cochin. — John Culliname, Hyde Park, on chicks, 1st premium, \$3.

Plymouth Rock. — L. H. Gay, Stoughton, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3 ; on chicks, 1st premium, \$3 ; 2d premium, \$2.

Brown Leghorn. — Gray & Sherman, Foxboro', on fowls, 1st premium, \$3 ; A. F. Stevens, Needham, on fowls, 2d premium, \$2 ; on chicks, 1st, 2d and 3d premiums, of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Houdan. — E. C. Aldrich, Hyde Park, on fowls, 1st, 2d and 3d premiums, of \$3, \$2 and \$1 ; on chicks, 1st, 2d and 3d premiums, of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Game. — Harvey Neal, Hyde Park, on chicks, 1st premium, \$3 ; Elmer Swett, Hyde Park, on chicks, 2d premium, \$2.

Game Bantam. — J. F. Mooar, Hyde Park, on fowls, 1st and 3d premiums, of \$3 and \$1 ; on chicks, 2d and 3d premiums, of \$2 and \$1 ; E. Demerritt, Hyde Park, on fowls, 2d premium, \$2 ; on chicks, 1st premium, \$3.

Black Bantam. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, on fowls, 1st and 2d premiums, of \$3 and \$2.

White Bantam. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3.

Hamburg Bantam. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3.

Golden Sea Bright. — N. Harvey, Foxboro', on fowls, 2d premium, \$2 ; Michael Welch, Hyde Park, on chicks, 2d premium, \$2.

Silver Polish. — E. F. Simpson, Hyde Park, on fowls, 2d premium, \$2.

Silver Hamburg. — George H. Manley, Dedham, on fowls, 1st premium, \$3.

Ducks. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, Cayuga, 1st premium, \$3 ; David Child, Readville, white duck, 1st premium, \$3.

Geese. — Thomas Roach, Canton, 1st premium, \$3.

Turkeys. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, 1st premium, \$3.

Guinea Hen. — A. F. Stevens, Needham, 1st premium, \$3.

Pigeons. — Franklin Higgins, Dedham, gratuity, 50c.

Canaries. — Mrs. Fannie Higgins, Dedham, gratuity, 50c.

Rabbits. — Walter White, Dedham, gratuity, 50c. ; Frank Sher-

man, Hyde Park, gratuity, 25c. ; George Barry, Hyde Park, gratuity, 25c. ; Miss Maud Fairbain, gratuity, 25c.

The Committee would recommend that in future, contributors shall exhibit only in neat, light coops, and only in pairs ; also that all inferior and mongrel stock shall be excluded.

A. F. STEVENS, E. C. ALDRICH, L. E. GRAY,	}	Committee.
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VEGETABLES.

Best Collection. — James McIntosh, Needham, 1st premium, \$20 ; R. P. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$15 ; J. W. Brooks, Milton, 3d premium, \$10.

Best and Largest Collection Potatoes. — J. C. Wolcot, Milton, 1st premium, \$6 ; John Vose, Milton, second premium, \$3.

Best and Largest Collection Winter Squash. — T. B. Griggs, Brookline, 1st premium, \$4 ; R. W. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$3.

Best Half Bushel Table Potatoes. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 1st premium, \$2 ; E. Paul, Dedham, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Half Bushel Turnips. — R. W. Sumner, Milton, 1st premium, \$2 ; E. Paul, Dedham, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Half Bushel Carrots. — D. Ledwig, Milton, 1st premium, \$2 ; J. W. Vose, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Half Bushel Beets. — John Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2 ; R. W. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Half Bushel Tomatoes. — John Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2 ; R. W. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Half Bushel Onions. — Allen Colburn, West Dedham, 1st premium, \$2 ; John Vose, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Lima Beans. — John Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2.

Four Best Late Drumhead Cabbages. — Allen Colburn, West Dedham, 1st premium, \$2.

Four Best Green Globe Savoy Cabbages. — Allen Colburn, West Dedham, 1st premium, \$2.

Best Cauliflowers. — Allen Colburn, West Dedham, 1st premium, \$2.

Best Celery. — T. B. Griggs, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2; G. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Canada Crookneck Squash. — D. Ledwig, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; S. Allen, West Dedham, 2d premium, \$1.

Best Pumpkin. — George Colburn, Needham, 1st premium, \$2.

Best Muskmelon. — B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2.

Best Watermelon. — Charles Stearns, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2.

Best Sweet Corn. — R. W. Sumner, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; A. Kinsman, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

C. L. COPELAND,	}	Committee.
W. J. GRIGGS,		
EDWARD M. CARY,		
HENRY J. CROSBY,		
DAVID F. HENDERSON,		

PEARS.

COLLECTIONS.

Best Collection of Twenty Varieties. — J. D. Bradlee & Co., Milton, 1st premium, \$15.

Best Collection of Ten Varieties. — H. P. Kidder, Milton, 1st premium, \$8; John L. Bird, Dorchester, 2d premium, \$6; Joshua W. Vose, Milton, 3d premium, \$4.

Best Collection of Five Varieties. — T. B. Griggs, Brookline, 1st premium, \$6; C. Stearns, Brookline, 2d premium, \$4; H. W. Vose, Milton, 3d premium, \$2.

SINGLE DISHES.

Bartlett. — Joshua W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; John L. Bird, Dorchester, 2d premium, \$1.

Beurre d'Anjou. — H. W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; H. P. Kidder, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Urbaniste. — H. W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; Theodore Lyman, Brookline, 2d premium, \$1.

Louise Bonne de Jersey. — O. F. Holt, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2; J. H. Wolcot, Blue Hill, 2d premium, \$1.

Vicar of Winkfield. — Joshua W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; H. C. Fisk, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Duchesse d'Angouleme. — H. W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium \$2; J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 2d premium, \$1.

Seckle. — John L. Bird, Dorchester, 1st premium, \$2; T. B. Griggs, Brookline, 2d premium, \$1.

Onondaga. — John D. Bradlee & Co., Milton, 1st premium, \$2; John J. Raynes, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Sheldon. — Theodore Lyman, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2; John L. Bird, Dorchester, 2d premium, \$1.

Beurre Bosc. — T. B. Griggs, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2; John L. Bird, Dorchester, 2d premium, \$1.

Doyenne Bousouck. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, first premium, \$2; F. H. Caffin, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Beurre Clairgeau. — J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 1st premium, \$2; Joseph Colburn, West Dedham, 2d premium, \$1.

Lawrence. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; Theodore Lyman, Brookline, 2d premium, \$1.

Winter Nelis. — John L. Bird, Dorchester, 1st premium, \$2; A. D. Capen, Dorchester, 2d premium, \$1.

Buffum. — Joshua W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; C. M. S. Churchill, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Maria Louise. — Theodore Lyman, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2; J. W. Brooks, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Dana's Hovey. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; Theodore Lyman, Brookline, 2d premium, \$1.

Mount Vernon. — Edwin Read, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Doyenne du Comice. — John J. Raynes, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2.

OTIS CARY, Chairman.

APPLES.

Five Varieties. — Best collection of — H. C. Fisk, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$6; Joseph Crane, West Dedham, 2d premium, \$4.

Baldwins. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; F. H. Caffin, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

R. I. Greening. — T. Smith, Dedham, 1st premium, \$2; J. W. Brooks, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Gravenstein. — Charles Stearns, Brookline, 1st premium, \$2; Frank Churchill, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Hubbardston Nonsuch. — A. J. Norris, Dedham, 1st premium, \$2; H. P. Kidder, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Roxbury Russet. — C. F. Holt, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2; Mrs. Elkins, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Porter. — J. A. Sherman, Foxboro, 1st premium, \$2; H. W. Vose, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Tolman Sweet. — J. W. Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; R. P. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Golden Russets. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 2d premium \$1.

Gloria Mundi. — Mrs. Elkins, Milton, 1st premium, \$2; J. W. Brooks, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Twenty oz. — T. Smith, Dedham, 2d premium, \$1.

Polish Apple. — Mrs. Elkins, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Gilliflower. — Mrs. Elkins, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Rib Pippins. — Mrs. Elkins, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Spitzbergen. — J. W. Brooks, Milton, 1st premium, \$2.

Northern Spy. — A. J. Norris, Dedham, 1st premium, \$2; J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 2d premium, \$1.

Seaver Sweet. — H. C. Fisk, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2; James Breck, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Pound Sweets. — N. T. Davenport, Milton, 1st premium, \$2.

Blue Pearmain. — Edwin Reed, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2.

Wine Apple. — G. H. White, Canton, 1st premium, \$2.

Baker Apple. — E. Paul, Dedham, 1st premium, \$2.

Pumpkin Sweet. — O. S. Godfrey, Milton, 1st premium, \$2.

GEORGE VOSE, Chairman.

GRAPES AND OTHER FRUIT.

COLLECTIONS.

Native Grapes. — Best collection — None worthy of the first premium ; B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$3 ; Edwin Reed, Hyde Park, 3d premium, \$2.

Foreign Grapes. — H. P. Kidder, Milton, made the only contribution of two plates of the Black Barbarossa ; bunches and grapes very large and handsome ; but they were entered for exhibition only.

SINGLE DISHES.

Delaware. — None worthy of the 1st premium ; J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 2d premium, \$1.

Diana. — J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 1st premium, \$2 ; R. W. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Concord. — Nathan Blanchard, Stoughton, 1st premium, \$2 ; J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 2d premium, \$1 ; John Sias, Milton, gratuity, 50 cents.

Agawam. — C. F. Holt, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2 ; J. W. Talbot, Norwood, 2d premium, \$1.

Salem. — None worthy of the 1st premium ; B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Any other Variety. — *Allen Hybrid*, Charles Spring, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2 ; *Walter*, B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$1.

Quinces. — B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$2 ; J. W. Vose, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Cranberries. — Nathaniel Gay, Stoughton, 1st premium, \$3 ; Nathan Longfellow, Needham, 2d premium \$2 ; James McIntosh, Needham, 3d premium, \$1.

C. F. Gerry, Hyde Park, contributed four varieties of Grapes, but for exhibition only, consisting of the Delaware, the Clinton, the Diana and a New Seedling. The merits of the latter were not considered. But the first three varieties were each very fine and deserving of a premium.

NEW SEEDLINGS.

J. W. Talbot, Norwood, entered one dish called "the Norwood," and N. B. White, Norwood, three dishes, respectively called the "Norfolk Muscat," the "August Giant" and "a New Seedling," for the special premiums offered by the Society for Seedlings ripening in this country in the open air by the middle of September, prolific and suitable for the table, equal or superior to the Isabella. The facts as presented were not sufficient to warrant the granting of the special premiums. More knowledge of the grapes, the vines, the bearing qualities, the conditions of their growth and their comparative merits with the Isabella, were deemed requisite. This can be attained only by personal experience and a visitation to the place of their growth, and this the committee recommend. In view of the facts as presented to the committee, they would recommend the following gratuities:—

The Norwood Seedling. — J. W. Talbot, Norwood, gratuity, \$2.

August Giant. — N. B. White, Norwood, gratuity, \$1.

Several Seedlings were contributed by Edwin Reed, of Hyde Park. It did not appear that these were entered for the special premiums. The committee, however, did not deem them worthy of a premium or gratuity, though they showed commendable enterprise.

A. F. STEVENS, C. F. GERRY, JAMES SUMNER, WM. HARVEY,	}	Committee.
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 FLOWERS.

Pot Plants.—H. P. Kidder, Milton, 1st premium, \$10; B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 2d premium, \$5.

Cut Flowers.—John Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$4.

Baskets of Flowers.—B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$4.

Bouquets.—B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, 1st premium, \$4.

Dahlias.—Mr. John Vose, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

Zinnias.—Mrs. A. Holmes, Milton, 2d premium, \$1.

GRATUITIES.

Basket of Flowers. — George E. Morse, Dedham, \$1.

Cut Flowers. — George E. Morse, Dedham, \$1; B. C. Vose, Hyde Park, \$1; George Craft, Brookline, \$1; Eliphalet Stone, Dedham, diploma; N. T. Davenport, Milton, diploma.

Dahlias. — Samuel G. Stone, Charlestown, diploma.

Rustic Hanging Basket. — John Vose, Milton, \$2.

Asters. — Mrs. A. Holmes, Milton, 50 cents.

Elephant's Foot. — H. P. Kidder, Milton, \$1.

Dish of Flowers. — Miss Annie Whiting, Dedham, 50 cents.

Pot Plants. — Miss Flora Bent, Hyde Park, \$1.

A. K. TEELE, Chairman.

BREAD.

Wheat. — Mrs. Ann Green, Needham, 1st premium, \$3; Mrs. Freeman Fisher, Dedham, 2d premium, \$2.

Unbolted Wheat. — Miss Mattie E. Everett, Dover, 1st premium, \$3; Mrs. Nathaniel Gay, Stoughton, 2d premium, \$2.

Rye and Indian. — Mrs. Martha A. Everett, Dover, 1st premium, \$3; Mrs. Nathan Longfellow, Needham, 2d premium, \$2.

Wheat and Indian. — Mrs. Martha A. Everett, Dover, 1st premium, \$3, Mrs. Nathan Longfellow, Needham, 2d premium, \$2.

OTIS CARY, Chairman.

DAIRY.

The Committee on Dairy award to James R. Fisher, Norwood, for best produce of butter, the 2d premium of \$8; also to the same for best box of butter, the 2d premium of \$3; also to Nathaniel Gay, Stoughton, the 1st premium on cheese, \$5.

M. M. FISHER, Chairman.

PICKLES, PRESERVES, &c.

Collection Preserves. — Mrs. John Vose, Milton, 1st premium, \$5.

Pickles. — R. W. Sumner, Milton, 2d premium, \$2.

Jellies. — Mrs. A. J. Norris, Dedham, 3d premium, \$1.

Mrs. H. A. DARLING, Chairman.

SEEDS.

Seed Corn. — Henry Goulding, Dover, 1st premium, \$2; Fred. Farrington, Dover, 2d premium, \$1.

GEORGE E. CHICKERING, Chairman.

CARRIAGES, WAGONS, &c.

Best specimen of covered wagon, Louis H. Mahn, Jamaica Plain, Society's diploma.

Four carriages contributed by C. S. Harper, Sharon, Society's diploma.
M. B. BOYDEN, For the Committee.

MANUFACTURES.

Shaw & Brother, West Roxbury, for Swivel Plough, diploma.
Brainard Milling Machine Company, Hyde Park, for Steel Barred Vice, diploma.

Oliver Pickering, Needham, for Bush Cutters, diploma.

A. A. Wheeler, Dedham, for Adjustable Invalid Table, diploma.

Timothy Smith, Dedham, for "Manuel" Spring Beds, diploma.

N. B. WILMARTH, Chairman.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

John R. Thompson & Co., Hyde Park, for Davis Rock and Stump Extractor, diploma.

W. P. Ames, Winthrop, Mass., for Rock and Stump Lifter, diploma.
ELLIS TUCKER, Chairman.

CABINETS OF BIRDS AND INSECTS.

Collection of Birds. — W. Scott, Hyde Park, diploma.

Collection of Insects. — Miss Sarah M. Vose, Hyde Park, diploma.

A. W. CHEEVER, Chairman.

LADIES' WORK.

Mrs. M. M. Harris, North Stoughton, painting on marbled slate, \$2.

Mrs. M. M. Harris, North Stoughton, water colors, \$2.

Miss S. M. Vose, Hyde Park, oil painting, \$2.

Mrs. P. Smith, Hyde Park, shell picture, \$1.

Miss Ida Porter, Dorchester, pencil drawing, 50 cents.

Miss C. E. Boynton, Hyde Park, pencil drawing, 50 cents.

Mrs. S. Boden, Hyde Park, feather flowers, \$1.50.

Mrs. Snell, Dedham, quilt, \$1.

Mrs. Mary Carter, Oakdale, quilt, \$1.

Mrs. George Haggett, Hyde Park, quilt, \$1.

Mr. Isaac Colburn, Dedham, rugs, \$1.50.

Mrs. L. Staples, Oakdale, knit rug, \$1.

Mrs. Samuel Cook, Milton, drawn rug, 50 cents.

Mrs. J. Abbott, Oakdale, drawn rug, 50 cents.

Mrs. Mary R. Hunt, Milton, drawn rug, 50 cents.

Miss Kate Sweeney, Oakdale, braided sack, 50 cents.

Miss M. E. Atkins, Oakdale, braided sack, 50 cents.

Miss E. A. Baker, Sharon, worsted cushion, \$1.

Frank F. Prescott, Quincy, worsted chair, 50 cents.

Miss Nellie Cawley, Dedham, sofa pillar, \$2.

Miss Mary Hawley, Hyde Park, lace tidy, \$1.

Mrs. W. A. Goss, Hyde Park, tidy, 75 cents.

Miss Lizzie Bartlett, Hyde Park, tidy, 50 cents.

Miss Lycena Hunt, Milton, worsted tidy, 50 cents.

Mrs. J. D. Bradlee, Milton, motto, 75 cents.

- Miss Gertie L. Watson, Hyde Park, motto, \$1.
 Miss Sadie H. Smith, Hyde Park, worsted work, \$1.
 Mrs. F. Harris, North Stoughton, cushion, \$1.
 Mrs. Q. C. Bass, Dorchester, embroidery, \$2.
 Miss M. McGovern, Hyde Park, embroidery, 75 cents.
 Miss Mary McGovern, Hyde Park, embroidery, 50 cents.
 Miss Emma L. Hardy, Hyde Park, embroidery, \$1.
 Miss Fanny Harlow, Hyde Park, air castle, 25 cents.
 Miss Ella Hall, Readville, Hyde Park, air castle, 25 cents.
 Miss M. L. Hunt, Milton, acorn basket, 25 cents.
 Mrs. Egan, Hyde Park, wax fruit, 50 cents.
 Mrs. A. Holmes, Milton, yarn and socks, 50 cents.
 Mrs. J. Vose, Milton, mittens and half hose, 50 cents.
 Mrs. S. Hilton, Dedham, hose, 50 cents.
 George Harlow, Hyde Park, cross, 50 cents.
 Mrs. E. Everett, Dover, toilet set, 75 cents.
 Miss Amanda Ferry, Milton, worsted work, 50 cents.
 Miss N. M. Winchenbaugh, Milton, worsted work, 50 cents.
 Mr. Allen, Hyde Park, checker-board, \$1.
 Miss Clara Holmes, Milton, worsted work, 50 cents.
 Miss Ida Staples, Oakdale, scrap bag, 50 cents.
 Mrs. Amos Brainard, Hyde Park, motto, 50 cents.
 Mrs. J. E. Smith, Hyde Park, silk embroidery, \$1.
 Josie Laughlin, Milton, dolls hose, 25 cents.
 Georgie B. Sumner, Milton, cornucopia, 25 cents.
 Edith Utley, Hyde Park, tatting, 25 cents.
 J. E. Hallowell, Oakdale, penmanship, 50 cents.
 Mrs. Leander Britton, Stoughton, worsted work, 50 cents.
 Lydia R. Kendall, Dorchester, motto, 50 cents.
 Mrs. Henry Temper, West Roxbury, work boxes, \$2.

MRS. JOHN VOSE,
 MRS. JOHN D. BRADLEE, } Committee.
 MRS. M. M. HARRIS, }

RECAPITULATION OF PREMIUMS

AWARDED BY THE

NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

FOR 1876.

HORSES.

		George F. Darling.....	\$100 00
		Henry Beckwith.....	80 00
William T. Cook.....	\$18 00	H. G. Turner.....	50 00
Jason Houghton.....	14 00	B. J. Jordan.....	50 00
William E. Coffin.....	10 00	H. P. Hunt.....	40 00
Francis B. Ray.....	10 00	E. G. Perkins.....	30 00
J. A. Hutchins,.....	10 00	J. C. Dyer.....	25 00
William B. Kendall....	8 00	J. G. Noyes.....	25 00
Jeremiah Allen.....	8 00	D. A. Thompson.....	20 00
Oliver Deane.....	7 00	Joshua Wilkins.....	20 00
Ira Payne.....	7 00	E. H. Thayer.....	20 00
E. U. Sewall.....	7 00	Oliver Dean.....	20 00
William Ratcliffe.....	7 00	J. S. Dill.....	15 00
A. H. Wright.....	6 00	S. S. Putnam, Jr.....	15 00
John Henderson.....	6 00	J. W. Bradlee.....	10 00
H. R. Bird.....	5 00	T. A. Walter.....	10 00
J. R. Graham.....	5 00	F. N. Kimball.....	10 00
H. E. Bacon.....	5 00	H. R. Bird.....	5 00
C. F. Gerry.....	4 00		
William Reynolds.....	4 00		
P. A. Walter.....	4 00		
W. L. Faxon.....	3 00		
J. W. Bradlee.....	3 00		
Henry Trowbridge....	3 00		
Ida Corson.....	2 00		

RURAL SPORTS.

Scratch Gravel Base
Ball Club, Stoughton \$25 00

PLOUGHING.

		C. L. Copeland.....	\$15 00
		Henry L. Pierce.....	15 00
		Nath'l Farrington, Jr..	10 00
		Blackman Brothers....	10 00
		William Fales.....	10 00
HORSES.—EXTRA PREMIUMS.			
J. J. Bowman.....	\$250 00		
L. H. Mahn.....	130 00		

Charles Stearns.....	\$4 00
J. J. Raynes.....	3 00
J. W. Talbot.....	3 00
O. F. Holt.....	2 00
A. D. Capen.....	1 00
J. H. Wolcott.....	1 00
C. M. S. Churchill.....	1 00
H. C. Fiske.....	1 00
F. H. Caffin.....	1 00
Edwin Reed.....	1 00
Joseph Colburn.....	1 00

APPLES.

H. C. Fiske.....	\$8 00
J. W. Brooks.....	7 00
Mrs. Elkins.....	6 00
Joseph Crane.....	4 00
A. J. Norris.....	4 00
T. Smith.....	3 00
J. W. Vose.....	2 00
N. T. Davenport.....	2 00
O. S. Godfrey.....	2 00
C. F. Holt.....	2 00
Edwin Reed.....	2 00
E. Paul.....	2 00
C. Stearns.....	2 00
J. A. Sherman.....	2 00
G. H. White.....	2 00
Frank Churchill.....	1 00
H. P. Kidder.....	1 00
H. W. Vose.....	1 00
R. P. Sumner.....	1 00
James Breck.....	1 00
F. H. Caffin.....	1 00
J. W. Talbot.....	1 00

GRAPES AND OTHER
FRUITS.

B. C. Vose.....	\$7 00
J. W. Talbot.....	7 00
Nathaniel Gay.....	3 00
Edwin Reed.....	2 00
C. F. Holt.....	2 00
Charles Spring.....	2 00
Nathaniel Blanchard...	2 00
Nathan Longfellow....	2 00

N. B. White.....	\$1 00
R. W. Sumner.....	1 00
J. W. Vose.....	1 00
James Mackintosh.....	1 00
John Sias.....	50

BREAD.

Martha A. Everett....	\$6 00
Mrs. N. Longfellow...	4 00
Mattie E. Everett.....	3 00
Ann Green.....	3 00
Mrs. Nathaniel Gay...	2 00
Mrs. Freeman Fisher..	2 00

DAIRY.

James R. Fisher.....	\$11 00
Nathaniel Gay.....	5 00

FLOWERS.

B. C. Vose.....	\$14 00
H. P. Kidder.....	11 00
John Vose.....	7 00
Geo. E. Morse & Co...	2 00
Mrs. A. Holmes.....	1 50
Flora Bent.....	1 00
Geo. Craft.....	1 00
Annie Whiting.....	50

PICKLES, PRESERVES, &c.

Mrs. John Vose.....	\$5 00
Mrs. R. W. Sumner....	2 00
Mrs. A. J. Norris.....	1 00

SEEDS.

Henry Goulding.....	\$2 00
Fred. Farrington.....	1 00

LADIES' WORK.

See pp. 27-28.....	\$44 50
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Total.....\$1,878 25

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. CHURCHILL, *in account with the Norfolk Agricultural Society.*

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To balance Dec. 31, 1875.....	\$114 07
cash of new members.....	57 00
“ Commonwealth.....	600 00
“ proceeds of Fair, 1876.....	2,072 92
“ from all other sources.....	351 54
	\$3,195 53

CONTRA, CR.

By cash paid incidental expenses.....	\$1,264 65
“ “ premiums.....	1,620 50
“ “ Secretary's salary.....	100 00
“ “ Treasurer's “	75 00
“ “ interest on debt.....	80 00
“ balance in Treasury.....	55 38
	\$3,195 53

C. C. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

DEDHAM, Dec. 30, 1876.

PROCEEDINGS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY,

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28, 29 and 30, 1876.

The 28th Annual Exhibition of the Norfolk Agricultural Society was held at Readville, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 28th, 29th and 30th, 1876. The weather was favorable during the entire Exhibition, and the attendance large. The following is a brief recapitulation of the leading features:—

The principal contributors of horses were Col. Henry S. Russell, President of the Society; William T. Cook, of Foxboro', who exhibited his splendid two-year-old colt Graphic, sired by Smuggler, and to which had just been awarded the medal of honor at the Philadelphia Exposition; Francis B. Ray, of Franklin, and William E. Coffin, of Dorchester.

Of stock, the leading exhibitors were Henry L. Pierce, Canton; Henry M. Mack, Dorchester; Eliphalet Stone, Dedham; E. M. Cary and Jason Houghton, Milton.

Swine were exhibited by Messrs. Farrington and Davenport, of Canton; Copeland, Farrington and Sias, of Milton, and National Sailors' Home, of Quincy.

Contributions of poultry were made by A. F. Stevens, Needham; J. F. Mooar, E. Demeritt and E. C. Aldrich, Hyde Park; Gray & Sherman, Foxboro', and others.

The display of fruit was very fine. Of pears, Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, of Dorchester, exhibited 112 varieties, and fine contributions were made by John D. Bradlee & Co., Henry P. Kidder

Joshua W. Vose, H. W. Vose, and J. W. Brooks, Milton; Theodore Lyman, Thomas B. Griggs, and Charles Stearns, of Brookline; John L. Bird, Dorchester; and J. W. Talbot, Norwood. Choice displays of apples were made by H. C. Fiske, F. H. Caffin, of Hyde Park; Joseph Crane, Timothy Smith, and E. Paul, Dedham; J. W. Brooks, H. W. Vose, Mrs. Elkins, and H. P. Kidder, Milton; and others. Of grapes, H. P. Kidder, Milton; C. F. Gerry, and B. C. Vose, Hyde Park; and J. W. Talbot, Norwood, were the principal contributors.

Fine displays of plants and flowers were made by H. P. Kidder, and John Vose, Milton; B. C. Vose, Hyde Park; George Craft, Brookline; and Eliphalet Stone, Dedham.

The vegetable department was well filled with excellent contributions from James Mackintosh, Needham; R. P. Sumner, Milton; Allen Colburn, and E. Paul, of Dedham, and others.

Only two entries of butter were made, but the display of bread was greater than at any previous exhibition, the entries exceeding 40 in number. Fine displays of pickles and preserves were made by Mrs. John Vose, and R. W. Sumner, Milton; and Mrs. A. J. Norris, Dedham.

In the department of ladies' work the display was very large, embracing many articles of taste and elegance.

Of manufactures, the display was not large, but embraced, among others, carriages from Louis H. Mahn, Jamaica Plain, and C. S. Harper, Sharon; swivel plough, from Shaw & Brother, West Roxbury; vise, from Brainard Milling Company, of Hyde Park; spring-bed, from T. Smith, Dedham; and others.

On Thursday forenoon, the ploughing and drawing matches took place, and the afternoon was devoted to the examination of contributions by the several committees, and to trotting on the course.

On Friday, the first performance was the cavalcade of all horses on exhibition on the track. At 12 o'clock M. a procession was formed, under the direction of Col. Henry A. Darling, of Hyde Park, chief marshal of the day, which, preceded by the Franklin Band, marched to the tent, where, after prayer by Rev. Daniel Goodwin, of Dedham, chaplain of the day, the President of the Society, Col. Henry S. Russell, of Milton, invited the company

to partake of an excellent dinner, provided by Jonas Pierce, of Roxbury; at the close of which, the orator of the occasion, Hon. George S. Boutwell, was introduced to the audience and delivered the practical address which will be found in full in the opening pages of this volume. Owing to the lateness of the hour no speeches were made, and the singing of the following hymn, written for the occasion, was omitted, the company adjourning to the home track.

ORIGINAL HYMN.

O'er waving fields of ripened grain
 The autumn sun looks kindly down;
 And resting mid its wealth of leaves,
 The grape-vine wears its purple crown.

Again, as in the years gone by,
 The sound of reaper and of flail
 Tells of the promise still fulfilled;
 "Seed-time and harvest shall not fail."

Their country saved through blood and strife,
 With trusting heart and grateful vow
 For mercies past and hopes to come,
 Our fathers sang "God speed the Plough."

They little thought the offered prayer
 Beyond their dreams should answered be,
 Until the wilderness should bloom
 From eastern shore to western sea.

And that the land so dearly loved
 Should stand to-day in fame and power,
 In strength matured, and glory, like
 The century-blooming aloe-flower.

O may their children, looking back
 On earnest life and noble deed,
 True sources of their country's weal,
 Unto the lesson take good heed:

That nation surely shall be blest,
 Whose people, honest, brave, and free,
 With trust in God, good faith toward men,
 Fulfil the law of liberty.

The attention of the visitors was divided between the races and a game of base ball, which was played on the grounds between the Scratch Gravels of Stoughton and the Red Stockings of South Braintree, for a prize of \$25, offered by the Society, and which resulted in a victory for the Scratch Gravels, 8 to 4.

The races began at 2 o'clock P. M., under the direction of the judges, and continued until 5 o'clock.

Saturday was devoted entirely to trials of speed, which attracted a large concourse of spectators.

The duties of Chief Marshal were most acceptably rendered by Col. Henry A. Darling, of Hyde Park, assisted by Mr. Augustus H. Wright, of West Roxbury.

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