



Fig. 14.—Howard's Plough.

South Newton Agricultural Society

This little society held its annual meeting on Thursday on a field of Mr. E. Rawlence's at Ugford, when 28 men competed for the liberal prizes held out by this. In the Champion Class the prize of £3, was awarded to Turner, carter to Mr. John Woodcock, of Netherhampton, after having taken the first prize in Class 2 last year, with one of Tasker's ploughs. In Class 2, or head carters' the first prize of £2 10s. was given to John Poore, (Howard's plough), in the employ of Mr. Galpin, Little Langford, a remarkably ploughed field, who will prove a tough customer for the champion prize to beat. The second, £1 was given to Edward Ward, carter to Mr. James Coombes, of Barford, with one of Tasker's. Daniel Smith, carter to Mr. Higgins, of Wishford, was awarded an extra prize of 10s. for ploughing his land and several others in this class were highly commended, extra bounties were given in class 3, or under carters'. George Hibberd, in the employ of Mr. F. Sidford, took the first prize of £1 5s., using Howard's plough, with a well and neat-ploughed land, the second falling the lot of John Feltham, carter for Mr. Dibben, of Bishopstone, with Howard's plough. An extra prize and highly commended was awarded to W. Luther, in the employ of Mr. H. Woodcock, of Fugglestone. There was only one entry in the boy's class, which was in consequence of its not being sufficiently known. The land, owing to the rains, ploughed very heavily, but the men showed wonderful improvement since the society's first meeting. The judges, Mr. W. Olding, Mr. W. Bennett, and Mr. Shittler, to whom many thanks are due, having great difficulty in awarding the prizes in Class 2.

On account of the shortness of keep last year, the number of sheep kept for stock fell very short of preceding years, the breed of lambs not being quite as good. The first prize of £2 10s. for the best breed of lambs with least loss of ewes was awarded to Mr. Dibben, of Bishopstone, the second of £1 10s. falling to the lot of Mr. E. Rawlence, of Ugford. The first prize for tegs of £1 5s. was taken by Mr. James Futcher, of Fovant, who had no loss for the past two seasons, the second, value £1, being given to Mr. Ferris, Little Wishford. The members dined together after the day's work at the Pembroke Arms, Wilton, when plenty of good things were provided by Mr. Motton in his usual excellent style. After the health of Her Majesty and the Royal Family, came that of The Judges, and of Mr. Galpin, the worthy chairman, towards whom much good will was felt for the way in which he holds the society together, but the toast of the evening was "Success to the South Newton Agricultural Society, and may it increase and prosper."

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