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## PRESENTATION OF GOLD PLATE TO W. BENNETT, ESQ., OF FA- RINGDON HOUSE.

On Monday, March 19, a dinner was given at the Crown Inn, in this town, to William Bennett, Esq., of Faringdon House, the Lord of the Manor of Faringdon, at which about one hundred persons were present, consisting of most of the influential agriculturists and yeomen of the neighbourhood. R. W. Crowdy, Esq., in the chair, was supported on his right by Wm. Bennett, Esq., and on his left by E. M. Goodlake, Esq., of Wadley House.

After the cloth had been removed and the usual loyal toasts drunk, the Chairman rose, and after stating the object of the meeting, and that the committee had done him the honour to select him to preside on the occasion as having been one who had assisted in first promoting the market, in a most eloquent speech, which we regret the limits of our columns will not allow us to do justice to, said, that the Faringdon Monthly Cattle Market had met with a success which very far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its projectors. That it was now so firmly established that other rival markets which had been lately formed in the neighbourhood could not injure its stability, and he trusted and believed that the farmer, the grazier, the dealer, and though last not least, the landholders; indeed all classes shared in its advantages, and participated in its benefit, and it gave him great pleasure in observing, that the complete success and establishment of the market should be attributed to the liberality of the gentleman on his right, Mr. Bennett, who had that day honoured the company with his attendance, and thus afforded them an opportunity of presenting to him a memorial of their gratitude, and of the high sense they entertained of such his kindness and liberality. A gentleman whose modest, unassuming deportment commanded the respect of all, while his feelings were ever alive to assist the poor, needy, and afflicted—but upon the occasion of this market, he had forgone and relinquished a considerable income of revenue and profit, in ceasing to collect the tolls and thereby conferring benefits on a numerous class of tenantry, yeomanry, and others frequenting it, that with one spontaneous feeling, they had raised by subscription a sum of money, and had purchased the cup then before him, which on behalf of the company and the subscribers generally, was intended to be presented to him as a memorial of their gratitude.

The Chairman then in a very impressive manner, presented to Mr. Bennett a most splendid gold vase and cover, made by Messrs. Storr and Mortimer, around which are elegant vine ornaments, chased devices of cattle, &c., and on the cover a bull, intending to serve as a handle, the whole mounted on a pedestal, on which we observed Mr. Bennett's arms and crest, and mask heads of cattle elegantly chased in relief, and the following inscription:—"Presented to William Bennett, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Faringdon, Berks, the 19th day of March, 1838, as a memorial of the benefit conferred on those frequenting the market of Faringdon, as well as the town by his liberality in hitherto relinquishing the tolls, and thus eminently contributing to the success of the Monthly Cattle Market."

The vase having been presented to Mr. Bennett, the chairman requested permission to have it filled to the brim with the landlord's best cordial, that the company might have the pleasure of drinking health, happiness, and prosperity to Mr. Bennett, to be accompanied by those honours which it is ever the pride of Englishmen, when assembled on occasions like the present, to manifest by their feelings towards a gentleman whose conduct like his, they so highly appreciated and admired. Mr. Bennett's health was then drunk with most vociferous cheering, which lasted a considerable time.

Mr. BENNETT then rose to return thanks. He said that if he had assisted in the establishment of the Faringdon Cattle Market by relinquishing the tolls, he

felt assured that he had done no more than what the promoters of the market, in similarly circumstances, would have done towards him. That it had been stated by the worthy Chairman that by so doing he (Mr. Bennett) had sacrificed a considerable income—yet he asked what sum of money would have compensated him so efficiently as the honour which they had just conferred on him by presenting to him that splendid vase? It was, he said, exceedingly gratifying to him to see so numerous a meeting, composed of the most respectable and influential agriculturists of the neighbourhood, assembled for the purpose of testifying their approbation of what he considered a trifling effort on his part to assist in the establishment of the Faringdon Cattle Market, which object he was very glad to find was now so fully attained, and no one wished more for its prosperity than himself, and who would at all times be ready to lend a helping hand to further its object. He said he hailed with delight that he resided in so strictly an agricultural neighbourhood, and he urged the agriculturists to consider the propriety of forming a society for the purpose of encouraging breeders of stock, and awarding prizes to them and to the agricultural labourers, adding that he should be most happy to enroll his name as a member, and he hoped to be able to assist the society in more ways than one. He concluded with proposing the health of Mr. William Edmonds, of Kelmocot, and the rest of the Committee of the management of the Cattle Market.

Mr. WM. EDMONDS returned thanks, and said that if an agricultural society should be formed, he would feel pleasure in rendering it all the assistance in his power.

THE CHAIRMAN next proposed the health of Thos. Mills Goodlake, Esq., which was received with great cheering.

Mr. GOODLAKE with great feeling and animation returned thanks, and in a very able address, which we regret we cannot give at length, said he perfectly concurred in the opinion that the Monthly Cattle Market was now fully established; he expressed his conviction that an agricultural society would be attended with great advantages as well to the agriculturist as to the deserving labourer, and that whenever the formation of such a society should be adopted, he would be ready to afford it all the support in his power, he said that his highest ambition was to merit the esteem and regard of those among whom he had the pleasure of residing, and that he was proud in having an opportunity of meeting so respectable a body of agriculturists as were then assembled.

Mr. GEO. FERRIS then rose, and in very appropriate terms addressed the meeting. He said that for some years past the times had been such, that the renting farmers had been prevented from improving their stock of cattle, and he recommended the landowners to provide for the use of their tenantry a North country or Herefordshire bull of the best description of breed and pedigree, so that the tenants might have an opportunity of breeding from their best cows, and thereby considerably improve the breed of cattle in this neighbourhood, and concluded by stating that he would support an agricultural society to the very utmost of his power.

Many other very excellent speeches were delivered, and propositions discussed in favour of the agricultural society, and of the establishment of a quarterly cheese market, to which many of the dairymen present engaged to give their utmost support, but our limits preclude us from further noticing them.

PICKLING OR SALTING TUBS.—We are frequently surprised to witness the adherence to old obsolete customs, of which our vastly increased means of acquiring knowledge, should teach the absurdity. To continue a practice merely because our ancestors in their comparative ignorance had established it,—to attend chemical lectures, talk of chemistry, read works, or extracts from works, in which that beautiful and invaluable science is proved to be of such immense impor-