

According to Dr. Reid, any man that is destitute of public spirit, or an affection to the community to which he belongs, must be as great a monster as a man born with two heads.

"Benevolence, from its nature, composes the mind, warms the heart, enlivens the whole frame, and brightens every feature of the countenance. It may justly be said to be medicinal both to soul and body. We are bound to it by duty; we are invited to it by interest; and because both of these cords are often feeble, we have natural kind affections to aid them in their operation, and supply these defects, and these defections are joined with a manly pleasure in their exertion.

The natural benevolent affections furnish the most irresistible proof, that the Author of our nature intended that we should live in society, and do good to our fellow-men as we have opportunity; since this great and important part of the human constitution has a manifestation to society, and can have no exercise or use in a solitary state."

We may therefore lay it down as a principle that all benevolent affections are, in their nature agreeable; and that next to a good conscience, to which they are always friendly, and never can be adverse, they make the capital part of human happiness.

STABLE-DUNG—from horses fed with much corn, is highly fertilizing; very prompt, but transient, having some "Humus." The more it is constituted of corn, the more there will be of phosphate and carbonate of lime and fertilizing matter in it.

The weight of produce of an acre of land, may be 10 or it may be 50 or 70 tons: whence then comes this weight? The earthy product may be only one ton out of the fifty, the rest must be made up of the constituents of animal and vegetable substances in the shape of manures, most part of these are also the bases of air and water—what is added to land in the shape of manure, is small compared to weight taken from the land. It may therefore be inferred, that those manures are universally the best, which contain the greatest variety of the original matters, of which both animal and vegetable substances consist, and they must be the mixed composition of those matters passed through the intestines of men, or of those animals, which consume animal as well as vegetable food.—*Selected.*

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The success of the Kent Agricultural College, has led to the formation of a similar institution at Shepscombe, near Painswick, Gloucestershire. The design is, for a moderate annual payment, to bring up youths of from 14 years of age to 18, giving them, besides a good education, instruction in the theory and practice of agriculture, on the best and most scientific principles. On the Continent, agriculture is taught as a science. In this country it has been allowed to depend on isolated instruction, while all other arts and sciences have had the advantage of collegiate courses of education. The farms attached to the Agricultural College at Shepscombe, include various descriptions of arable, pasture, and woodlands in the immediate vicinity, and extend over 900 acres.—*Salopian Journal.*

SAW-DUST MANURE.—The *Inverness Courier* states that Mr. Home Drummond, M. P., has for some years been in the practice of using saw-dust as a manure without

dung. He mixes it with composts, and lets it thus remain for three years—decomposition being hastened by adding one-tenth of lime to the saw-dust. If the ground be well turned over with the spade, this kind of compost will produce an excellent crop of turnips.

HOME DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF
His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Charles Bagot, &c. &c.

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC NOTICE, The Officers of this Society met at the Court House, in the City of Toronto, on the 10th day of August, 1842, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangement for the Autumn Fair and Fat Cattle Show.

The President EDWARD W. THOMPSON, Esqr., Warden for the District, took the Chair, whereupon it was Resolved,—

That the Autumn Fair and Fat Cattle Show, be held at the City of Toronto, upon the piece of ground in front of the New Gaol and Court House, on WEDNESDAY, the twelfth day of October next, when the undermentioned Premiums are to be awarded for the following Stock:—

SHEEP.

Rams.	Best.	Second.	Third.
" One Shear,	£1. 10.	£1.	10s.
" Two Shear,	1. 10.	1.	10s.
" Aged,.....	1. 10.	1.	10s.
" Lamb,.....	0. 15.	10s.	5s.

EWES—PEN OF TWO.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	10s.
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WE LAMBS—PEN OF TWO.

Best	15s.	Second	10s.	Third	5s.
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YOUNG HORSES.

HORSES UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.					
Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	10s.

MARES UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	10s.
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HORSE OR MARE UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	10s.
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SPRING FOAL OR FILLY.

Best	£1. 0.	Second	15s.	Third	7s. 6.
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YOUNG CATTLE.

BULLS UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.					
Best	£1. 0.	Second	15s.	Third	10s.

HEIFERS UNDER TWO YEARS OLD.

Best	£1. 0.	Second	15s.	Third	10s.
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SPRING BULL CALF.

Best	£1. 0.	Second	15s.	Third	10s.
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SPRING HEIFER CALF.

Best	£1. 0.	Second	15s.	Third	10s.
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FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.

PAIR OF FAT CATTLE REARED AND FED IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

Best	£2. 0.	Second	£1. 10.	Third	£1.
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PEN OF THREE FAT SHEEP FED IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	15s.
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SWINE.

BOARS.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	15s.
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SOWS.

Best	£1. 10.	Second	£1.	Third	15s.
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Persons intending to become competitors for Premiums, are informed that Pens have been constructed for the purpose of confining the different animals, so as to prevent their straggling or being unnecessarily driven about; for the temporary use of which the competitors will be charged one shilling and three pence each.

A piece of ground adjoining the Show Yard will be appropriated for the exhibition of Stock for sale, and an Auctioneer will be in attendance to offer the same for disposal.

As an encouragement to those enterprising farmers who have already imported Stock into this Province, and as an inducement to others to follow their example, it has been resolved that if any animal entered for competition be deemed, by the Judges, worthy of the first Prize, and if the owner of the same prove to the satisfaction of the Judges, that such specimen of Stock has been imported from Great Britain since the last Autumn Fair, he shall upon producing certificates of the age and breed of the animal, be entitled to the thanks of the Society, and receive double the amount of the Premium which would be otherwise awarded.

No person shall be allowed to compete for any of the above Premiums, unless he shall have been a member of this Society for at least four months previous to the day of the Fair, or pay the sum of fifteen shillings upon entering his Stock.

The Society have entered into such arrangements in the selection and appointment of Judges, as to prevent any idea of partiality.

No person or persons other than the Officers of the Society, are to interfere with the Judges when in the discharge of their duties, by conversation or otherwise.

In order to prevent any idea of partiality in awarding the Prizes, each competitor for a Premium shall be furnished by the Secretary, (George D. Wells, Esqr.), with a numerical ticket, to be fastened to each animal entered for a Prize.

The Stock in the Show Yard will not until the Premiums are awarded, be known to the Judges by the name of the owner's or graziers, but solely by the tickets and numbers corresponding with the Secretary's list.

The Stock to be on the ground by ten o'clock in the morning, and remain until three, P. M. At 12 o'clock noon, the Judges will commence their duties of inspection and decision.

The names of the successful candidates—the Premiums they shall have received—and for what adjudged—will be publicly announced by the President, at two o'clock, P. M., from the front steps of the old Court House, upon Church Street, and afterwards published.

The Fat Cattle and Sheep must be offered for sale to the Butchers, before the amount of any Premium for the same shall have been paid to their owners.

The Secretary will be in attendance at the Office of Messrs. Wells & FitzGerald, 150 King Street, Toronto, at 10 o'clock, on the morning of the Exhibition, for the purpose of entering the names of, and issuing tickets to the various competitors. At 11 o'clock the Secretary's lists will be closed, after which hour no further entry can be made.

A Ploughing Match.

Instead of a Grain and Root Exhibition, the Society have ordered that a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds be appropriated for Prizes in a Ploughing Match, to take place on Thursday, the 13th day of October next; and that the following Gentlemen, Messrs. Torrence, George D. Wells, Gibb, D. Smith, and N. Davis, be a Committee to obtain a field of Green sward, and make the necessary arrangements, of which due notice will be given to the public.

N. B. The above Committee will meet at the Office of Messrs. Wells & FitzGerald, 150 King Street, upon Wednesday, the 7th day of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Any person having a suitable Green-sward Field within five miles of the City, will have the goodness to give notice of the same to the Secretary, George D. Wells, Esqr., before the 7th day of September next.

GEORGE D. WELLS,
Secretary, H. D. A. S.