

told for or against him. The princely hospitalities of Goodwood, and the taste and genuine feeling with which they were administered, have long been the theme not merely of Englishmen, but of the world. His devotion to his country as a soldier in his earlier life, and as a soldier to his latest breath, are as familiar to most of us. He may have almost been said to have died with harness on his back, for he only left the charge of his regiment when he could no longer get about. He dearly loved his profession, and Mars divided with Ceres his first hopes and aspirations. His Grace was, perhaps, only less keen as a sportsman, having been, previous to the wound he received at Orléans, a good cricketer, a capital shot, and a forward man with hounds. Then, again, he made the race meetings in his own park, the best in the kingdom; but we fancy his own sympathies at Goodwood were more with his old shepherd and the Southdowns, than with Mr. Kent and the training stable. Agriculture, in fact, was something of a passion with him, while his career will stand as a memorial of how well he served her. Never was there an honor more justly earned than when the Smithfield Club placed Lord Spencer on the one side of their Gold Medal and the Duke of Richmond on the other.

Veterinary College in Ireland.

We observe that vigorous efforts are now making to establish a Veterinary College in Ireland, where no institution of the kind has heretofore existed, as in England and Scotland. The projectors appear to find the undertaking a more difficult one than was anticipated, but are persevering in their efforts. The *Irish Country Gentleman* of Dublin says:

"The various attempts which, for the last half century, have been made to establish a Veterinary College in Ireland, have been confined solely to suggestions; and these were generally of the most conflicting character. An effort like the present one was never made. If, in details, the Committee have erred, it should be borne in mind that error is an almost invariable result of attempting anything new; and *de facto*, the work in which the Committee are engaged is in its practical bearings, we venture still to believe, quite new in this city. But we have yet to discover that they are in error, inasmuch as they are only wedded to the important and indisputable right of endeavouring to achieve that object which *others* have only declared to be a *desideratum*.

It is said that a Veterinary College cannot be founded by money alone. The truth of this is so obvious that we should not expect it to call forth any discussion; and indeed we have many precedents to prove that the legacies of benevo-

lent persons, and the willing exertions of enlightened men, have failed to realise good, because of their want of proper guidance, and application by practical men, or by means of well devised schemes. A remarkable illustration of this is afforded in the case of the late Mr. Brown, of Dublin, who bequeathed £20,000 for the purpose of establishing an Institution for the Treatment of the Diseases of the Domesticated Animals, "within one mile of Westminster, Lambeth, or Dublin;" yet this princely bequest has not yet been applied. We have no doubt that if time be allowed, and a proper system of testing the qualifications of the Veterinary professors be adopted, competent graduates will not be wanting. We firmly believe that it is the earnest desire of the promoters of the Irish Veterinary College to go the right way to work. They invite the co-operation of all whose primary idea is identical with their own. This is not the time to set up claims of priority, or to introduce angry polemics. They hold forth the right hand of fellowship to all who will work to accomplish what on all sides is allowed to be a desired object; and they ask for advice as well as co-operation; and if all unite there can be no doubt as to the supply of one, at least, of Ireland's greatest wants—a National Veterinary College.

In conclusion, we are happy to be able to state that the project has been warmly approved of by Professor Gamgee, the distinguished Principal of the New Edinburgh Veterinary College, who has kindly offered to assist in any way in his power. Professor Dick, of the Edinburgh College, has also expressed his pleasure at perceiving that Ireland is at last astir on the subject of Veterinary education; a cause for which he has so long and successfully labored. We have lately visited both the colleges referred to, and have derived much pleasure as well as profit from our inspection of them. We have carefully studied the working of these institutions, and hope to apply the knowledge thus obtained assisting in the organisation of the Veterinary College of Ireland.

Thanksgiving Day.

The people of this Province very properly observed the day set apart by authority for special thanksgiving to Almighty God for having blessed the labors of the husbandman with abundant harvest. In a purely commercial point of view this is a matter of the greatest importance, and should call forth our thankfulness for the watchful care of a beneficent Providence. Unfortunately the severe commercial panic that spread its desolating influence, more or less over the whole civilized world, was followed in this Province by two successive bad harvests.