

Col. Sanders Dewees Bruce, who lately retired from the editorship of *The Turf, Field, and Farm*, was its founder thirty-two years ago, and until his retirement has always been actively connected with the paper.

Probably no one in this country is better known in turf circles than Col. Bruce. For



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years he has been acknowledged as one of the best living authorities upon pedigrees and genealogy of the thoroughbred horse. He is the author and compiler of the "American Stud Book," a recognized authority on pedigrees, and has also published the "Horse Breeder's Guide and Handbook" and the "Thoroughbred Horse." Col. Bruce is a Kentuckian. He was born in Lexington Aug. 16, 1825. His father, John Bruce, was a native of Northumberlandshire, England, and was directly descended from Robert Bruce.

Graduated from Transylvania University in 1846, Col. Bruce embarked in the mercantile business. At the outbreak of the civil war, however, he joined the Union Army, and was appointed Inspector General of the Union

Home Guard of Kentucky. Later he was elected Colonel of the famous Twentieth Kentucky Regiment of the Infantry Volunteers, was in command of the post at Smithland, Ky., and built the fortifications at the mouth of the Cumberland River. When his regiment was ordered to Louisville Ky., he was assigned to the command of the Twenty-second Brigade in Gen. William Nelson's division, Army of the Cumberland. Col. Bruce's brigade was the first of the army of Gen. Buell to take part in the Battle of Shiloh, crossing over under fire on the evening of Sunday, April 6, 1862, after the rout of the Federals under Gen. U. S. Grant.

In 1864 Col. Bruce resigned his post, on account of heart trouble, and came to New York City to live. On Aug. 5, 1865, in partnership with Hamilton Busbey, he issued the first number of *The Turf, Field, and Farm*, a journal devoted to turf and field sports.

Col. Bruce's judgment of yearlings has always been greatly respected by horse breeders. He purchased the great Foxhall for J. R. Keene, which made such a brilliant record in England, and also sold at auction Iroquois and Dewdrop, at the stables of Pierre Lorillard, in 1887, the horses bringing \$20,000 and \$20,000, respectively, considered large prices at the time.

Col. Bruce suffered a stroke of paralysis last summer, which partially disabled him and had much to do with his retirement.

He is a member of the New York and Coney Island Jockey Clubs, the Geographical Society, and many other organizations.

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