

R. G. FITZRANDOLPH.—This disease is something new here. Orchards are being injured but our farmers are unable to contend against this enemy in the absence of proper knowledge concerning the habits of the borer and the best methods of destroying it.

PRESIDENT HART.—The Longley orchard was attacked by a small beetle or borer about one fourth of an inch in length.

PROF. SMITH being called upon, said owing to the pressure of work connected with the closing exercises at the school at Truro, he had been unable to prepare anything for this occasion. He hoped to be excused from making any extended remarks.

At present he was not much of a fruit grower, but the prospects were brightening, and there was likely to be a farm in connection with the School for Agriculture very shortly, which would place them in a much better position.

He hoped to make the school more and more efficient each year. Six young men had taken the course. The work had been thorough so far as they had been able to go, and he hoped that those who had gone out as teachers would be able to guide the youth in channels that would enable them to deal intelligently with many of the enemies that were likely to be encountered.

He urged those who had sons who wished to become farmers to send them to the Agricultural School. It was criminal to expect boys to be successful farmers without proper education. Farmers required education more than lawyers. The latter could be dispensed with, but what would become of the country without the farmer?

PROF. SMITH continuing, said some orchards were not sufficiently cared for. They must be manured and cultivated if we would have strong and healthy trees. The effect of neglect may not be seen until it is too late to remedy the evil. Neglect of a grain or root crop affects one year only, but years of careful cultivation may be needed to overcome the evils arising from neglect of a young orchard or of over cropping without manure.

PROF. SAUNDERS said he heartily endorsed the closing remarks of PROF. SMITH's address.

He had seen many young orchards struggling in grass fields. This was like tying a cow when she could not get half enough to eat or drink and expecting her to give milk.

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