

vigor among our class is now at a premium. We go to asleep reading bulletins and blue books, but in the presence of bright, intellectual men, never! Thirty-three years ago our great Nova Scotian, Howe, or "Joe Howe" if you wish, addressing the farmers of Hants county, said, and his words are as pregnant to-day as when they were uttered at Brooklyn:—

"There is nothing good that is not tried; the many trials to which we are subjected give us more stamina and energy. The gourd which springs up in a night may perish in a day, but the oak is shaken and strained by the mountain wind which loosens its bark and gives strength to its fibre, and when generations who have witnessed its wrestlings with the storms have passed away, then, and then only, is it fit to form the ribs of the gallant ship

and to sustain the thunderbolts of war. How is it with that precious metal, so precious that for it men and even women will sell their very souls. Melted in the subterranean fires beneath us, it is driven through the rifted rock; it is pulverized amidst the sand until the miner finds it, and even then it must pass beneath the stampers, be purified by water and tried again by fire before it is fit to deck the hand of beauty and enter on its great mission as the agent of commerce and the medium of exchange."

Seven years ago the Fielding government established the School of Horticulture. They did a wise and statesman's act, an act which honors Mr. Fielding's name, a name that will long live, as will the institution he called into being.

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With the Farmer Rests the Task of Feeding the Nation.—How About Himself?

At the Tuesday evening session, Rev. Dr. E. M. Keirstead, gave the following address:—I have responded to the kind invitation of the executive to speak to you a few minutes, although I feel that after having appeared before you so many times, I should apologize again. I have, however, no interest but to promote the work you have at heart, and therefore, I have a kind of moral sincerity which takes away what otherwise would be an unseemly audacity. I have a high regard for the work of this association and it grows upon me year by year, as I listen to your discussions. The interests of agriculture

are so closely identified with the varied interests of our country that you have not only the material interests of the country virtually in your keeping, but also the interests of the country in general. You not only raise products which feed the multitude, the staff of life, for the development of the nation, you not only supply your products for the commerce both foreign and domestic, which brings our nation into intercourse with other nations, you not only provide for the sustenance and transport system of the nation and all that springs therefrom, but you set the type of life of your nation because it is the