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A. WHITMAN recounted his experience with a barrel of apples which had frozen solid, he took them from the place they were in and placed them in the cellar, not opening them till the following April, when one would not know that they had been frozen. He had used them for his family and they were found to be as good as any of those not frozen.

The following paper by DR. A. P. REID, Superintendent Hospital for Insane, in the absence of the writer, was then read by the Secretary :

AGRICULTURE A PROFESSION.

To the President and Members of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association :

GENTLEMEN,—In an unguarded moment I left Mr. Starr under the impression that I would write a paper to the Association as I will be unable to be present at the meeting. When I sit down to think of it I find that I have a larger contract than I can handle, for it would take a large book to hold what *I do not know* about farming, and what *I do know* could be summarized in the single word "nothing." As you will perceive there is one thing I can take credit for, *wisdom*—if we accept the dictum of the late George Buchanan, court fool to His Majesty James I. of England : "he is a wise man that knows his own ignorance."

I have embarked in an enterprise with the farm, and am perhaps in the position of the oft quoted Yankee and German firm and with possibly the result of that enterprise in store for me, occupying the position of the German, and the farm that of the Yankee ; as tersely given by the Teuton, "when we began I had the money and my partner the experience, our business is closed and our positions are reversed, he has the money and I the experience." However, in this paper we will start fair, the document will receive the importance it deserves. In any remark I may make I will assume that farming and orcharding are synonymous expressions, as I do not see how the departments can be dis-associated. Though I know nothing of farming yet I may give you impressions concerning it that have induced me to put capital and work into it, and an unfavorable criticism will not be considered unfriendly. The old saying, "let the

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