

shabby and dilapidated condition ; too many homes where beauty and home life are sacrificed to utility ; too many homesteads

"Where no flower

Told that spring had come but evil weeds,
Night shade and rough leaved burdock in the place
Of the sweet doorway greeting of the rose
And honeysuckle ; where the house walls seemed
Blistering in sun, without a tree or vine
To cast the tremulous shadows of its leaves
Across the curtainless windows, from whose panes
Fluttered the signal rays of shiftlessness.
Not such should be the homestead of a land
Where who so wisely wills and acts may dwell
As king and law-giver in broad aced state,
With beauty, art, taste, culture, books, to make
His hour of leisure richer than a life
Of four score to the barons of old time."

Again. *The young man of to-day is ambitious of wealth and distinction*, and it seems at first glance as if there were more openings in professional and mercantile life than in farming. Judging from the past we cannot expect to win fame or fortune on the farm, and of those who leave for other lands the tale comes back of this one and of that who has accumulated fortune. He hears not of the hardships undergone, of the terrible grinding, striving competition in every department of life ; he hears not of the thousands who fail in the strife and sink into oblivion, but the fittest survive, and their name is heralded throughout the land. In the accumulation of wealth the way is very slow ; dollars in a small business accumulate but slowly, and the farmer often sees himself being out-stripped by his professional and mercantile neighbors. But when we look beyond the outside and compare the steady substantial progress of a hundred solid farmers with an equal number in other business, the scale will often turn in our favor.

In orcharding, our own particular business, you have only to turn up the pages of our reports, and in the estimates of commercial orcharding by J. W. Bigelow and others, we will see opportunities for investment equal to a gold mine. Perhaps the young man who discusses this question is ambitious of distinction in political life. When he stops to count the doctors and lawyers in our legislatures will he not think the quickest way to place and position will be to