

mers in this State. The apothecary's shop, the physician's office, some trade or profession, has more attraction to that class than any other. I am sorry to acknowledge that it is so, but when stubborn facts stare us in the face, all theories are at a discount.

Without attempting to discuss this subject here, I would say to every young farmer present—learn all you can. There is scarcely anything in the range of human learning that may not be of value to every man. A single book on agriculture will furnish an exhaustible mine of wealth to the young farmer. We occasionally meet with such a man, who has studied a single work. He is at once shrewd, intelligent and happy. He has something to think about.

Did our farms consist of thousands of acres each, and go from father to son, it might be well to establish agricultural colleges, as in Europe; but property is more equally divided here, and the common school must be the college of most of our farmers' boys. Let the farmer learn from everything and everybody. Said a young farmer once in my hearing, 'I learned the easiest method of unloading a cart filled with apples, from a town pauper, who was considered a fool by everybody.' Some men will see and learn more in an hour than others in a week or a month.

Before closing this subject I wish to be distinctly understood respecting agricultural education. Agricultural colleges and schools will in due time be established in this country, but they will be the schools that will educate the teachers, who in turn shall educate the masses of our population. Hence the close connection between the prosperity of our common school system and the elevation of the farmer.

But our young man has secured a farm. Perchance it has upon it some old buildings much out of repair. Allow me to make a suggestion, or rather to ask a question of those who have had much experience in these matters. Is it better to attempt to repair an old farm house, or to tear it down and build anew? My own experience is, that generally nothing is saved by repairing an old building. Better, young man live in it as it is than to repair it with the hope of saving something, and then having nothing that will satisfy you. It is no uncommon thing to see a man attempt to save a portion of a building, and enlarge it in length, breadth, or height, and the result has usually been a monstrosity. It costs at least fifty dollars to put a new window into an old building, and make everything around to one's wishes. Hence it is no uncommon thing for a man who has had the good fortune to have his old buildings burned to the ground, to be vastly better off in a few years by the erection of new ones, than he possibly could have been by repairing the old.

But our young farmers' next step will be to secure a good wife, for this is of the utmost importance to successful agriculture, or as Don Quixote says, 'to be without a wife is a tree without leaves and fruit,