

Personally I can only look forward to the time that, if I am spared to get through the worries and responsibilities of professional life, I may perchance, under my own "vine and figtree" calmly accept the decline of life in the only condition of earthly existence which permits one to be his own master. The possessor of millions is the veriest slave in the world, (to keep his money is a harder task than to make it.) The successful merchant has his means invested in securities that he fears any day may disappear in the frequent crashes of banks and commercial affairs, government securities rise and fall or are called in, and he is again at sea with his funds to secure such a safe investment as will give him the means of living, but he is never without care, or I should say *fear*.

The man who owns his farm, with a moderate judgment and industry, is safe in the commercial crises, or rise and fall of governments. If he have no money (he has value,) it matters not he has good, it may be plain living, but if he wishes health plain living and attendant exercise alone will give it. He, before all others, can, looking over his acres and giving thanks to the Giver of all good, say: "I fear no man's frown and court no man's favour." Or in the words of the "Miller of the Dee," (transposing farm for River Dee.)

"I owe no pence I cannot pay,
I thank the River Dee
That turns the mill
That grinds the corn
That feeds my babes and me."

A. P. REID.

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THE PRESIDENT.—There is a matter mentioned by Dr. Reid in his paper which I think should be taken up during this meeting and discussed, namely, that of evaporating fruit. I find that English buyers have gone into the markets of the United States, and have bought this description of fruit very largely, and in view of advices as to prices it may be that this industry is operating somewhat against the price of fresh fruit. However it is possible that something ought to be done in the direction indicated by the paper.

JOHN E. STARR thought there was too much heard on the subject of farming of an entirely speculative nature. He was of opinion that notwithstanding theorising every farmer did his best

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