

confidence of the parents at home are worth much more than a reputation for cleverness and haughty, self-conceit. If you are not better fitted to take your place in the family circle, and learn from the man of long and hard experience, though the lessons may not be given in logical form, or in the purest of English, you have entirely failed to grasp the meaning of a college education and to appreciate the aim of your teachers. Your course at college is intended not to fill you with facts, not to make you learned, but to train you how to learn, how to profit by the experience of others, how to appreciate what is going on about you, to sharpen your faculties, to develop your senses, to show you how to use your eyes and ears and hands, and to give you a brief but comprehensive inlook on the wonderfully interesting and attractive field that nature opens to the agriculturist.

Your college training is therefore but a beginning, not a finishing, and should give you the desire as well as the ability to study. You are not done with books and papers when your college term is over. The books that you have studied should be ever at your elbow for consultation and review. The weekly and the monthly agricultural papers should now, if never before, be taken and read regularly, and to them you should be willing, modestly, to contribute from your experience. Remember this, that in agriculture, as in no other business, cooperation pays. Give your fellow farmers the best results of your experience. You will be helped as you help your neighbors. Farmers rise and fall largely in groups, the value of the neighboring farms affects the

value of yours. Good markets are created not by the individuals but by the community. Therefore read and study, and encourage your fellow farmers to do the same.

To get benefit as well as to receive, connect yourself with the Institutes and the Associations that are organized for rural improvement, and see to it that these are controlled by the best men in your section. This will lead you also to take an interest in municipal matters, and soon the larger fields of Legislature will open and impress themselves upon you.

You are engaged in the most important industry of this country. What are its possibilities? In round numbers the value of the farm property of Ontario is *one billion dollars*. Every one per cent on that investment is ten million dollars. Improvement is possible along a score of lines. This improvement can come only as every individual farmer does his share. You are called upon to do yours, and you can do yours only as you place yourself in the right attitude to do it. It will come, not by dreaming, but by earnest, active doing. In your farming section there are, probably, twenty young men like yourself. You alone of the twenty have had a college training. The other nineteen have helped to pay your way to an education; have helped to make it possible. You owe it to them, as well as to yourself, to make your education a benefit to all. If you do not appreciate your duty to the community you are not well developed, and if you are not now better able to learn, as well as better able to help, your education is a failure. A true education should lead a man to understand his duties and to appreciate his possibilities. There is no more valuable work being done to-day in this Province than the training of young men who are able and willing to assist in the building up of our great agricultural industry.

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