What did Bi Fujian say

Mary seemed troubled. Evidently, as Miss Ensor had stated, advice was not her line. "Perhaps he's got to do it, dearie," she suggested. One day Phillips burst into a curious laugh. They had been discussing the problem of the smallholder. Joan had put a question to him, and with a slight start he had asked her to repeat it. But it seemed she had forgotten it. "But they're frightened of me," he added, with a shrug of his broad shoulders, "and I don't seem to know how to tackle them."