

of course, the alternative of affiliating an Agricultural Faculty to one of the present Colleges,—though there are many objections to that proposition also. But if the question is,—shall we have that or nothing, I would say let us have that; and it is possible that as Dalhousie has affiliated Law and Medicine, and Acadia has taken up Education, so one of the other Colleges might make Agriculture its specialty. Let those who study this science be careful not to depend on theory alone, for we must have theory and practice go hand in hand. We want an Experimental Farm, for we farmers are hardly qualified to conduct the experiment,—a *Model Farm* connected with some institution where the theory can be obtained. We want a laboratory, and we want plant. That of course means money. I do not think we are, as a body, able to put our hands in our pockets and start such an organization; therefore, I think it is the possible, and in fact the only feasible plan, to associate such an organization with one of the existing educational institutions. I am perfectly well aware that this experiment has been tried in the United States, and large endowments have been given by the United States Government for that purpose, and I also know that in the cases where these organizations have been started independently, they have been successful, and where they have been associated with existing educational institutions they have not been prosperous. But the endowment was sufficient in these cases to start a college. Here in our case we are not possessed of sufficient funds for the purpose, and therefore, I cannot help thinking that we should be wiser to take the half loaf than go without any bread.

I should like to have the opinion of gentlemen in connection with this proposition. Might it not be possible to have the nucleus of such an organization in the neighborhood of a country college, where we could have an experimental farm and one professor, besides a thorough manager on the farm. And this so near the college, that a young man attending the agricultural school should have the advantage of attending classes in the existing college almost without expense.

The only expense would be the proper equipment of such an organization, including a sufficient endowment to support one professor. The professor of Natural Science, if a capable man, should give instruction in Chemistry to those who attended such a school. Such a faculty could be affiliated to one of our existing colleges, but of course this project is absolutely in embryo at present.

Our
we coul
extent
be soon
say that
present
and this
The

HON.
N. Y., in
the N. S.
Dr. Ham

"Ple
of Nova
my best
am very
to publis
which th
success a

The f
ment of l

C. R. H.

Dear
done me i
I assu
Society h
your side
before you
market—
route, tak
Again,
exertions