

farms. A third prize was won this year at the National Exhibition, Toronto, for the best collection of vegetables, in competition with regular market gardeners. A Fall Fair is held by the Institute in September of each year. At the fair for 1905 there were over 1,000 entries in agricultural products, flowers, collections of seeds, pressed flowers and weeds, insects, shells, birds' nests, polished woods, manufactured articles, fine arts, and boys' pets of all kinds, such as dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, Guinea pigs, etc. The prizes this year totalled \$240, and the attendance on two afternoons and evenings reached 2,400. The "Farmers' Harvest Home Dinner," held each autumn, is another interesting feature of the township idea. Upon its extensive menu nothing is allowed to appear, from soup to dessert, that has not been grown, in part at least, upon the boys' farms. Even the menu itself is printed on corn-husks. Ministers of the Crown and some of the most prominent agriculturists in the province have been guests at this function.

The objects gained through the Miniature Township are manifold and may be summerized as follows:—

1. A comprehensive course in Nature Study. An insight into the principles of agriculture, which has led a score or more of the boys in the past four years to take up farming as a life pursuit.
2. A practical experience in citizenship. Respect for law and order has been cultivated, and the sacredness of the ballot emphasized.
3. The development of judgment and business instinct. Judgment has to be exercised in the choice of seeds, treatment of the soil and rotation of crops. The enterprise and business ability of the boys has been brought out in a most striking manner in the disposal of their own produce, the speculation in the purchase and marketing of the produce of other boys, and the formation of combines to enable the carrying on of a vegetable supply business on a large scale.
4. Healthful exercise for city boys, and the acquiring of habits of industry, perseverance and thrift.

A few particulars in regard to the work of the Broadview Boys' Institute as a whole may be of interest. It is incorporated as an educational institution and is run along lines much the same