

*The School of Letters.*—So we may term the department in which are taught the “three R’s”—for we aspire no higher. Here all is satisfactory. What is taught is well taught, and nothing is better taught than self-government. Only two whippings have been administered in the year, and yet the discipline is as thorough as I have ever seen. The completion of our new school-house will give us every facility for further improvements.

*The Farm.*—A commodious barn, a silo and a large root-house, have given us much needed accommodation. We have planted about two acres of small-fruits, and 2,000 seedling shade-trees; we are progressing with the under-draining on our land. More than half the farm has been thoroughly manured, and the Farm Report appended, shows that the soil has responded most liberally. Although our efforts have been almost entirely directed to what is useful and profitable, the beautiful has not been entirely neglected. Sixty-four of our boys have flower beds which they cultivated during their play-hours, and the taste exhibited by the majority of them is most gratifying. If we had a green-house we could train some of them to be excellent gardeners.

*The Carpenter Shop.*—Here some very satisfactory work has been done by our young mechanics, especially towards the close of our year. It is well that every boy should learn to measure accurately and to handle tools with care. We do our own repairs, and even undertake small buildings, but the training of the boys in the use of tools and of their hands, is our main object. A summary of the work is to be found in the appended schedule. Had we a larger shop, we might do more work and train more boys.

*The Tailor Shop.*—Here too we have been cramped for room, but the Instructor’s report shows more work done by fewer boys than last year. Our accommodation is somewhat improved, so that when winter comes we may draft boys from other departments.

*The Kitchen and Dining Room.*—During the past year we have produced and used more milk and vegetables than formerly, and hence the cost of provisions purchased has fallen to 56½ cents a week, or about 8 cents a day per boy. In the appended schedule this cost is analyzed. \* The boys’ faces will tell how the food agrees with them.

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\* Besides the ordinary cooking, three boys bake all the bread, averaging 500 loaves a week, and make most of their own butter, averaging of late about 37 lbs. and for the whole year 17½ lbs. a week.