

space, by alluding to the loss of the Fairy Queen, which is foreign to my subject. Reading about it in the December number of 1899 of your magazine awakened the event afresh in my memory and Capt. Cross's vision gave it an additional impression.

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### Farmers' Institutes—Or Schools for the People.

"A new thing is stirring abroad,  
The fairest our fair land can show,  
'Tis the man o' his hands who is proud of his place  
With his feet next the soil, April's smile on his face,  
His eyes all aglow  
'Neath the calm eye of God  
Breaking Twentieth Century sod."

THESE words by Robert Elliott in the Christmas Farmers' Advocate, compel attention, and give utterance to the universal feeling that Agriculture is now becoming recognized as a profession which repays skilled labor,—a profession for which young men do well to prepare themselves as they do for other professions; and an occupation so far-reaching in its details that it develops the whole man, giving him a robust healthiness of body, mind and soul. It is true that the movement may be considered a new thing, yet for fifteen years it has been developing in Ontario along lines that have proved remarkably successful, under what is known as the Farmers' Institute system; a system planned by our foremost men to give the farmer a place of which he may well be proud, as he drives his team along the furrow, breaking Twentieth Century sod.

It was observed that the training in our Public Schools, and the teachings in our Academies and Colleges was not of