

By careful correlation of studies, adequate school conditions, and properly trained teachers, this can be done, without interfering with the progress made in the "three R's" which must always remain essential in a good education.

For the present situation, probably the best condition is that of a rural consolidated school of two rooms, with farm and home attachment, with a male teacher who has had academic, agricultural, and professional training, and a female teacher who has substituted Household Science for Agriculture in a similar preparatory course. With such an arrangement much of the work of farm and home could be performed by the pupils.

Finally, the preparation of the Rural School Teacher; (and of the clergyman as well), should be different from that of the city. In the Ottawa Normal School I had opportunity to observe the beneficial effects on the teacher in training for Rural Schools,

or even a few hours spent, each week, at the Dominion Experimental Farm. I also found at Macdonald College, where the students were placed in a constant farm environment and in the hands of a staff, many of whom were specialists in Agriculture and Household Science, that the students from the country, by open vote at the conclusion of each year, expressed a preference to return to the country to teach rather than go to city schools.

There are great possibilities in a residential rural Training School for Rural School Teachers—a school with farm and home equipment and ideal country atmosphere and with a number of Agriculture and Household experts on the teaching staff. It would be a great advantage to such a school to be situated near an experimental farm or Agricultural College, for in the ultimate analysis, the thing most to be desired is a cumulative, community enthusiasm for all that is best in country life.

The Church and Country Life

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THE Business of the church is to preach the "Gospel." If you were to ask the average clergyman today the question, "What is the business of the church?" the above would be the answer. There is objection to such an answer—it is to the average interpretation of its meaning and what it involves that objection is often taken. If the answer means that the church's business is done when one or two preaching services are held each Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening then we must disagree.

The business of the church is to bring to pass the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth. Such an achievement can never be attained by simply preaching. The establishment of such a kingdom means the application of all the principles taught by the lip of Jesus to a l of the ways of man in both individual and social life and relationships. Such a program demands a very broad and comprehensive plan of work and seems to be naturally divided into three separate divisions viz., (1) Preaching; (2) Teaching and (3) Living or Demonstrating