

Another department in which good work has been done is in testing agricultural and commercial seeds, to determine their vitality and purity. The annual reports published by this station average about 120 pages, and are full of most valuable information. The yearly saving to the farmers of this State by the exposure of fraudulent and inferior brands of fertilizers has been very large, amounting to many times the cost of the maintenance of the station. The staff consists of two chemists, two assistants, two clerks and one gardener. The number of copies of the bulletins printed is from 5,000 to 6,000, which are distributed chiefly among farmers. The law requires also that two copies be sent to each postmaster in the State.

DELAWARE.

The agricultural department of Delaware College is situated at Newark. It has an endowment fund of \$83,000, and the land, buildings and appliances are valued at \$75,000. The total income is about \$5,500. The college does not own a farm, but courses of lectures are given on the principles and practice of agriculture, the composition of soils and fertilizers; also in chemistry, botany and the kindred sciences.

GEORGIA.

The Georgia State College of Agriculture and Arts is a branch of the State University, and is located at Athens. The endowment fund from sale of agricultural lands amounts to \$242,202, which yields an annual revenue of about \$17,000. This is divided between several institutions, to be presently referred to, the State College receiving \$8,000. The land, buildings and appliances are valued at \$50,000.

A full course of instruction is given in agriculture, horticulture, botany, entomology, &c. There is also an experimental farm connected with the University, where the students receive practical instruction. Many very valuable experiments have been conducted on this farm with different sorts of cotton and corn, and the effects of fertilizers on the crops, recorded. A large chemical laboratory, with all the necessary appliances, affords ample opportunities for the study of this branch of science, especially in its relation to agriculture. There is also a museum of agricultural products.

There are three other smaller agricultural colleges in Georgia, each of which receives \$2,000 annually from the endowment fund. They are known as the North Georgia Agricultural College, located at Dahlonega; the Middle Georgia Military and Agricultural College at Milledgeville; the Southwest Georgia Agricultural College, at Cuthbert; and the South Georgia Agricultural College, at Thomasville. These all provide instruction in agriculture, horticulture and kindred subjects.

ILLINOIS.

The University of Illinois is one of the best conducted and most efficient institutions which I have visited. It is located about midway between the towns of Cham-