

grade in agricultural work; he has brought a new element into his work; he has increased his interest in his calling; he has lightened his labors because he has made it more attractive and interesting.

Our Agricultural College has grown and expanded. The writer of this article well remembers the day when first he saw it over twenty-one years ago. The small College has become a big institution, the handful of students has grown to a thousand, the old mother building has brought forth a brood of offspring, and isolation and criticism have given place to publicity and appreciation. What has accomplished this? Two things. In the first place, there has been no breaking away from the original plan of a college for farmers; the funds and courses have not been diverted to other purposes; through all these years the orders have been to keep on teaching agriculture and permit nothing to come in that would interfere with the purpose for which the institution was established. The second thing is that the farmers and the College have been brought into close relationship. The farmers have come in contact with the professors and their work and have found that here were men who were

interested in the welfare of the farmers, who were trained experts along their lines, who did not claim to know more than they really did, who were doing their best honestly to serve the great agricultural interests.

What of the future? Will progress continue? Will the College grow and increase in importance? That depends upon two things. First, the teachers of the College must keep in mind that their life work, their calling is to teach future farmers and to help present farmers. There is every indication that they are awake to the importance of this. Second, the farmers must get more and more in touch with the College and its work, and keep in touch. I am inclined to think that the future of the College depends largely upon the farmers. They will make it and shape its work. They will get from it just what they ask. Their enquiries, their demands, will largely shape its future. Farmers of Ontario, here is your institution, and you can make it what you will. If you come to it with your requests, your honest criticism, and your loyal sympathy, you can make it many times more valuable than it is to you to-day.

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