

A county academy is the high school in each county which, in view of its engagement to provide for and admit free all qualified students from the county, receives a special grant called the academic grant, and is either \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$1,720 per annum, according to its equipment and work done.

In 1893, the normal term of a teacher's engagement in a section was changed from six months to one year, the Provincial Normal School, with which the Provincial School of Agriculture is affiliated, was made a purely training or professional school, including with its course of practice in teaching, manual training in wood work, physical, chemical and biological experimentation, drawing, vocal music, elocution, with a review and amplification of previous high school course, which the candidates must have passed before admission. In the same year the high school system was organized into the form of a provincial university, certificates known respectively as those of grade D, C, B, and A (classical) or A (scientific), being granted by a Provincial Board of Examiners on the courses respectively of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth years. A peculiarity of these certificates is their containing on the margin the value of each examination paper, so that they can be used in lieu of the entrance examinations of all colleges or other institutions, even those having the most diverse standards, providing the certificate in point shows the percentage mark on each particular subject required by the institution in point. Thus has been solved the problem of the affiliation of the public school system with all the different colleges and organizations in the province requiring a scholarship test for admission.

The Religious Difficulty.

While the course of study makes instruction in "moral and patriotic duties" and "hygiene and temperance" imperative on every teacher, and while the "Compulsory Attendance" clauses of the law require the attendance of pupils from seven