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> by the College. I really do not attach much importance to the higher and technical education you may have been giving to specialists, who will not continue on any of our farms, but will merely drift into teaching work, probably in the United States, or in default of obtaining such employment become clerks such as on our own I see no justification for the spending of so much money, staff. and the employment of so many professors, to teach a handful of students of this class, who can get as good if not a better education elsewhere, without expense to you, or injury to the country. For practical purposes your best work can be done by continual meetings with farmers, persuading individual men to adopt certain lines of farm work, having farmers' Field Days, etc., etc. If your courses were of a kind that would appeal to practical farmers, and be within their reach, I should hope that your extension men would secure quite a number of sons of our best farmers for that course. I hear that your extension work is likely to be dropped because of the stopping of a government grant. This would be entirely too bad, for it would very seriously limit the usefulness of the college, and destroy one of the principal reasons for its existence. If you cannot get government grants for this purpose, then I think that you should carry on that work so far as possible out of your own funds, and if you were to rearrange matters as suggested, you should have both men and money available for this purpose.

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I send herewith some prospectuses of the New York School of Agriculture at Morrisville and the New York School of Agriculture at Alfred University. You will note that both of these aim at