

improve himself. We have hundreds of successful farmers in Ontario to-day, men of energy, men of keen intellect, men of progress who would disprove any such contention, but the College course is without doubt the best means whereby the average young man who knows the general principles of farming can be set right and equipped for the pursuit of his work along the most promising and most profitable lines. The farmers of Ontario should not make the mistake of thinking that the College staff hold the opinion that they, and they alone, can train farmers for a successful career.

The next duty of the College is to assist the farmers, men of mature years, who have never had the opportunity of taking a course at the institution. There are two ways—the professors can go out to the farmers, or the farmers can come to the College. There are conventions, institutes and exhibitions to which members of the staff can go, and to these they should go, as far as time and other duties will permit. But the farmers cannot expect no more of these men than they would of other human beings. Every man's time and physical powers are limited. It would be a grand work and be productive of magnificent results if the professors in the various lines could visit the farms of the individual farmers. There may be special occasions on which this can be done, but one has only to note that there are about 175,000 farms, large and small, in Ontario. If, however, the professor cannot go to the farmer, the farmer should feel himself quite free to go to the professor. Many farmers may hesitate about doing this, but this College belongs to the country, it is the farmers' institution, and any farmer who feels that he needs help or advice or thinks

he might get some assistance, should have no hesitation in going direct to the College and conferring with the man in charge of the work about which he desires information. He will find a hearty welcome. Perhaps he will not get all that he expected, but he will be met with candor and an honest endeavor to give him what he desires. Such a trip will cost some money. Of course it will. But if he is not repaid many times over for the cost of his trip it will be because he is indifferent, unobservant or has gone in the spirit of criticism, and not of fair enquiry. The visit and the enquiry will also be an inspiration to the professor, and will probably add to his stock of knowledge. The greatest secret in the success of any Agricultural College is the bringing of the professors and the farmers into close, continuous personal intercourse. The professors of the Agricultural College are very human, and will be wonderfully stimulated if only the individual farmers will get into close touch with them and confer with them as to their work at close range.

The next duty of the Agricultural College is to undertake experiments which the great mass of the farmers have not the time or the facilities to work out. The results of these experiments are set forth in bulletins and reports, which may be had for the asking. A wide-awake farmer must be a reading man. He cannot afford to be without the agricultural papers, and he should see to it that he has sent to him the records of all these experiments. Of course, the best way is to supplement this reading by a careful observation of the experiment itself. Perhaps he can himself reproduce the experiment upon his own farm. If he does, what then? Why simply this: He has raised himself up to a higher