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There is another point on which they feel strongly at Mount Hermon, and which appeals to me also as of prime importance. Every man has to do manual work for at least two hours a day. This helps to reduce expenses, but other points in its favour, which are infinitely more important, are that it helps to give actual training in the physical work which has to be done on the farm, and more important still, that it prevents the break in the continuity of work in connection with the soil, which it is so important to maintain.

I feel quite sure that as an agricultural school, you should be able to secure a greatly increased number of students; even then the number of students, if we compare that number with our total English-speaking farm population, will at best be small. Most farmers cannot afford to put up the money, even though it be small, and their sons are usually wanted at home during part at least of each year. Courses covering three years of six months each would have much to recommend them.

A point to consider in this connection is whether by eliminating such of the teaching as is suitable rather to a university than to a school, you could not set free a considerable sum of money and a considerable number of men to engage in extension service work on a large scale. If you cannot get the farmers' sons to come to you in as large numbers as is desirable, then you must take your education to the farmers if you are to carry out your mission satisfactorily. This line of your work has in the past I think been more valuable than any other agricultural work done