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but I am inclined to think you must choose which you are to be - an Agricultural University, or an Agricultural School. Seeing how very little real need there is in this section for the former, and how very very little it ~~seem~~ can do to help the farmers' sons of the province, if a choice must be made, you should not have much difficulty in making it.

If you should make it your aim to establish a large, efficient and practically helpful farm school, rather than an agricultural university, it would seem to follow that not merely should the entrance examination be tremendously lowered, but that the strictly technical group of studies should be eliminated completely. Anything and everything that has not a practical and immediate bearing should be most carefully scrutinized, for the more you load up a course with theoretical and technical studies, the longer will such course be likely to become, and the less attractive will it be to farmers. I think you should give careful thought to the possibility of eliminating enough of the most technical of your teaching to enable you to materially shorten the time which students would have to spend at college. Your courses should I think be exclusively practical. Of course any person who may wish to specialize and become a teacher of agriculture will want more, but men of that class are so very very few as hardly to be worth considering, and they can get all they need at Guelph. You should I think almost, if not entirely, confine your efforts to helping the farmer and the farmer's son who intend to continue on the farm.