

### Practical Illustrations.

It is worth while to help to bring about one really good rural school, in every way adapted to the needs of the people of the locality. It is worth while to endeavor to have such a school repeated, over and over and over again, until the whole land is in the way of being transformed by their influence.

It is worth while to try to bring about an illustration farm, in every way providing satisfying occupation in a rural district at its best. Such a farm would cause its essential features, and the fundamental principles that determine its quality, to be repeated and applied over and over again. Wherever it prevailed would thereby become part of the new earth. It is worth while to try to have an illustration rural home at its very best in all its appointments, in all its activities, and in all its spirit.

Where the school, the occupation, and the home are each at their best, and in numbers at their very best in any locality, there you would have an illustration rural community worth studying by all men who are concerned for the weal of their fellows. Where it prevailed would become part of the new heaven—and of the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. To have seen such places, to have known of their real merits, would bring to every intelligent toiler for the betterment of conditions and of life, fresh confidence, renewed courage, and enlarged enthusiasm for education and for life.

We at Macdonald College would like to help you in the Province of New Brunswick. If you will send some of your young men and young women whom you want to have trained into competent leadership for the rural districts and intrust them to our care, we will do the best we can for them and through them for you. I hope to live long enough to see a School Garden an integral part of education in almost every rural school in the province. I hope you may be able