

The agricultural and horticultural schools and colleges may be classified as follows : Institutions in which the sciences relating to these are taught ; also colleges in which the sciences are taught along with the theory and practical work, and schools in which the elementary part of these subjects are taught with the practical work. These courses of study run from two to four years. The Pennsylvania state college has recently undertaken to supervise a course of home readings for farmers and fruit growers. There are now 66 of these various colleges and schools in all the states, employing about 1,200 professors and other teachers, with a student enrollment of 12,000, of which one-third take special studies in soil culture and its varied products. This immense work has been brought about in 19 years.

The school of horticulture founded at Wolfville in January of this year has an enrollment of 60 students with an average attendance of 41 at this date, as reported by the professor in charge. Few schools of this class on the continent have started under more favorable auspices. I think this may be satisfactorily accounted for by : 1st, the great advance in simplifying scientific study of soil culture ; 2nd, the felt need of a school in this garden land by the fruit growers' association ; 3rd, a professor in earnest love with his work and ability to popularize it in the youthful mind in the person of Professor Faville. In attendance may be named such gentlemen as Mr. Robert Starr, a prince of pomology in this province, and President Bigelow, who bear testimony to the valuable work being done there. Two hours per day are devoted to instruction in theory and practice. Class certificates will be granted at the close of the term to those passing the examinations on work done during the term.

A council board, consisting of one member respectively from each county of the province, with an executive appointed in the vicinity of the school to meet once a month has been formed. It is proposed to hold a horticultural tournament at the closing exercises in June next. The beginning of so important an enterprise is beset with many difficulties, but none are insurmountable. Agriculture is rapidly breaking itself up into specialties. Besides the sons of our farmers and our merchants who will study the captivating subject of orcharding, young men who have the ministry in view would not only find a fascination in the science, but in the trees, the flowers and the fruits would find an unending supply of charming companionship and