

no matter what might come. The first step in introducing the system was to send out Professors of the Agricultural College, who during the first year held seventy-five meetings in as many sections of Ontario ; the local farmers' clubs were enlisted and incorporated in the work, and two thousand five hundred names were added to the membership roll of the organization. Later the staff of travelling teachers, or Institute Delegates was increased by adding a practical farmer to each delegation ; the farmer chosen must have made a success of some one line of farm work, and be prepared to tell others both what he had accomplished, and the reason for his success. The people were kept together for a two-days' session of the Institute meetings, and the press everywhere used to keep readers informed of what was being done. Soon correspondence began to come in from all quarters to the teachers, who had already more than they could do ; and at this stage Mr. F. W. Hodson was appointed Superintendent of the entire system. Mr. Hodson at once secured incorporation for the Farmers' Institute system, and published bye-laws and rules of order founded upon the most approved methods of practice on both sides of the Atlantic ; and now, after ten years of regular work, the membership has grown to 16,808 ; while last year 677 meetings were held at which over 3,000 addresses were delivered. Their staff of Institute Delegates now numbers fifty-five and it was found by actual count that last year the audiences consisted of 114,402 persons, the total cost to the Province being nine thousand nine hundred dollars.

There is a great difference of opinion as to just what "Schools" are for, and as to what the word "education" means ; there are men, in other countries of course, who would have every educator armed with a foot-power cramming machine ; and we have neighbors who would have schools run on the principle of the large packing concerns, where the noise of the machinery drowns all protests, and the finished product with its soft sides scientifically cured is pushed along on rollers,