



The Agricultural College

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE may almost be said to be the most important department of the University, both as regards the University itself and the State at large. The reasons are apparent. Kentuckians are interested principally in agriculture; hence things pertaining to agriculture appeal to Kentuckians more than any other subject touched upon in the University. The people seeing that the University through and in all of its departments is thus studying how to benefit the State at large, are more disposed morally and financially to support their University than they would be if we were teaching classics alone, pure sciences or other subjects which, though good in themselves, benefit the majority of our people only in so far as they are made practical. To the State the benefit comes in the raising of the general intellectual status of its agricultural element and the application of science to agriculture.

The graduates of many of the departments of our University go to the great cities or to other States to find employment, but it is the constant desire of the Agricultural College to send its graduates, as well as those who have finished its short courses, back to their farms, to bear the gospel of further possibilities to their friends and neighbors, both by word and deed.

By a recent arrangement the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and the College of Agriculture have been consolidated and put under the directorate of Dr. M. A. Scovell. One of the first accomplishments of the newly consolidated college was the annexation of the great Elmendorf Farm to the equipment of the University. This is probably the finest stock farm in the world, and on it are to be found the best swine, sheep, cattle, horses and poultry that money can buy; the cattle including both dairy and beef breeds. It is so arranged that the students have full access to all the benefits

of this farm, to study the live stock and methods about such an institution, to learn dairying on a commercial basis and to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the best blood lines of the various classes of stock and to learn what a given animal should be, both in appearance and performance.

New courses are constantly being added to the Agricultural College which, together with the newly acquired equipment of the Elmendorf Farm and that of the Experiment Station, make it one of the most thorough agricultural colleges in the country, despite the idea that we are far behind. To be sure, the Agricultural College is not so large nor so well equipped in all branches as some of the great northern universities, but in regard to live stock and dairying it may be said to be second to none. Its graduates find ready employment if they do not desire to go back to their home farms, and applications for men are constantly being refused, because the men cannot be had.

The Agricultural College is really doing missionary work in this State, inasmuch as they have provided for an Extension Department whose function is to carry the College to those who cannot attend, in the form of institutes, short courses held at various points, the maintenance and assistance of agricultural departments in high schools of the State, the establishment of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs and in the teaching of domestic science in the high schools and in institutes for farmers' wives; the latter by the regular Domestic Science Department of the University which was recently made a part of the Agricultural College, and whose work is proving very beneficial and popular in the rural communities. It is the constant aim of the Agricultural College to be the first servant of the people of Kentucky.

