

tions in the daily lectures, as indicate their bearing upon farm operations are the means used to this end. It is not to be presumed that young men generally, in the course of acquiring an education, can make themselves thorough practical farmers. But, it is believed that our system of regular instruction in agricultural chemistry, by text book, lecture and experiments in laboratory, lectures on agricultural mechanics, lectures on the science and the art of agriculture, and instruction in field surveying and planting, in connection with a well stocked and well worked farm of 300 acres, and illustrations of the skillful practice of garden and orchard culture, has in it enough of the merely practical to accomplish our ends, to put the student in the way of becoming a thoroughly informed agriculturist; and these, by showing the benefits of skilled labor, awaken and foster a love of rural pursuits. Occasionally, when important outdoor work is to be done, to aid the regular farm force, as well as to perfect our students in the knowledge of agriculture, selections of the more experienced of them are made, who receive a reasonable compensation, according to the nature of the work to be done and their ability to perform it. At other times, where the work is of a simple character, all are called out, either in a body or by sections. Thus, with seeming labor, is blended real healthful recreation, and, at the same time, much useful information is acquired for future application, while the aim therefore is to fulfill the legitimate mission of the College, it is equally our purpose that the Institution shall not be considered a "workshop" on the one hand, nor a mere farm "manual labor school" on the other. While teaching the "dignity of labor," we would, at the same time, vindicate the superior importance of mind culture. It is desired to have it widely known that this Institution is, in fact, what its name implies, a Maryland College, which, while it shall offer inducements to Marylanders to complete their education at home, will also be attractive to those outside of the State.

It is confidently believed that this College supplies a manifest want of the age, and is adapted to a condition of things extensively existing in our own State. So that while young men, who have both time and means for a thorough collegiate course, will find here all the requisite facilities for securing that end; others, (and a much larger number than the former,) whose circumstances are different, are not required to pursue studies that have no immediate and direct reference to the vocation towards which they are looking. All such are provided with thorough instruction in those branches, which more particularly relate to the chosen occupation.

In compliance with one of the conditions of the United