

supply this instruction. The Committee have intended to visit this Eastern Branch, as it is called, but have been prevented by other Legislative duties. The contract between the College and this Academy is liberal and has been approved by the officials at Washington.

The annual report of the College, recently published, gives an account of this Branch, and it appears that it is in a flourishing condition and doing creditable work, although greatly in need of a proper building to accommodate the industrial departments.

The Agricultural Experiment Station is a department of the College, but has a separate support and its affairs are kept as distinct as possible. A variety of work is constantly in progress there, the nature and results of which can be seen from the periodical publications of the Station. This branch of the institution seems to be well arranged and fitted out for its peculiar line of duty, and its extensive correspondence and growing mailing-list attest the interest taken in this work by farmers in all parts of the State.

Laws enacted by the General Assembly in 1886 and 1890, regarding the inspection and analysis of the commercial fertilizers made and sold in the State, for the information of buyers and consumers of those articles, imposed heavy and expensive chemical work upon the Agricultural College. It was intended that the law, as revised in 1890, should create a sufficient revenue to cover most of the expenses necessitated by it. An error made in engrossing the law of 1890, so reduced the revenue from it that the College has been obliged to draw heavily upon its other funds to carry out its duties. This is hardly fair, and indeed, the College has no right to divert funds provided for educational purposes to an object so different. The fertilizer work is regarded, however, as important and valuable to the farmers of the State and they are much interested in it. This special duty the College appears to have done carefully and well. It was necessary to its proper execution to build a chemical laboratory separated entirely from the department of instruction and exclusively for the fertilizer examinations. The building, not yet completed, has a ten-foot brick basement, on a hillside, and two stories of wood