A Letter Commen datory of the Women's Department.

Editor M. A. C. RECORD:

Having enjoyed the pleasure of being present at several informal receptions at the Women's Building at the M. A. C. I write to express my surprise and gratification at the excellent manner in which the girls and the women in charge of the several departments conducted their parts. The ease and grace with which they greeted strangers and the few well chosen words with which they made one feel at home were charming. The pride and enthusiasm exhibited in showing visitors about the building was certainly pardonable. The building is a model of modern comfort. Its class-room and administration departments are commodious, well lighted and very completely equipped for the several purposes of instruction.

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At the reception held during the dairy convention, a gentleman who treasures of a profession, made a wise observation, declared to the writer that he was surprised to see young girls waiting upon such a large number of people in a very prompt and careful manner. The admission ticket was required of each of the girls waiting upon the guests, so the girls seemed to be well aware of the responsibility of their position.

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tained that it is cheaper to build a good road than a poor one, because the first cost is not the main one in a poor road, the cost of maintenance being far greater. In 18 years a certain piece of swamp road had cost $12,000. Under the county system a permanent roadway costing $5,000 had been constructed six years ago. The cost of repairs on that piece of road had not since been ten dollars.

Good roads can be built of any material at hand. The secret of road building is taking the water out of the road-way. This is done by a ditch on either side and a center drain.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES IN NEW YORK.

In talking on this subject, Mr. C. L. Lillie sketched out the salient features of the New York system and ours. The programs were not crowded, only one or two speakers to a session. No discussion was provided for on the program. There was no local program. The speakers furnished by the state did all the work. The evening topics were of the same nature as those of the morning and afternoon. There was no thought of entertaining the general public. They were there for business, and time was precious. The questions seemed of no special importance. The state sends conductors and speakers to every institute, and manages the whole affair. There are no local organizations. The state speakers are not expected to answer these questions and did so quite conscientiously even when the questions seemed of no special importance. The state sends conductors and speakers to every institute, and manages the whole affair. There are no local organizations. The state speakers are not expected to answer these questions and did so quite conscientiously even when the questions seemed of no special importance.

Mr. Lillie does not believe their programs to be on the whole as good as ours. We might learn, however, from them to make more use of question and answer and not to crowd our programs to such a degree. He thought we needed more time for discussion and a smaller number of topics.

THE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN.

Hon. D. E. McClure, formerly depot superintendent of public instruction, spoke on the central township high school. There are two phases of the matter. The one insists that there should exist in our State system of schools a straight road from the farmer's door to the university. The other demands that not only district school training but also that of the high school be brought to the farmer, as being both his right and his need. Under the old puritan system of schools the individual alone was considered; under our present system it is the mass that is provided for.

In Ohio they have these central high schools and every road in the township leads to them. It improves the general attendance, and cheapens the cost of the general school system, by bringing the school to the farmer instead of having him send to the school. The object in the well-planned and regulated high-school should be, not to get on the universal list, but to give a good, practical, rounded preparation for life.

Mr. McClure closed by allaying the fears to the fact that there are fewer failures among the Agricultural College students than among those of other Colleges and asked why this is so. He answered the question by saying that it is because our students have actual work to do. Responsibility is early imposed upon them and they learn to meet it. The rural high school should serve the same general purpose in a more elementary way.

The audience, on the last evening predominantly composed of students, applauded the good points of the speakers quite enthusiastically. The exercises of the institute were concluded with the college yell repeatedly and vociferously given.

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