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# THE NASHVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND NORMAL SCHOOL

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## PURPOSES AND AIMS

"BACK to the farm" is now the watchword, not of a few enthusiasts ahead of their times, but of thinking men in every walk of life.

It is called by one well-known writer, the "Balance Wheel of Industry," so greatly is society itself affected by this problem.

It is not a new question, but one as old as our race, but men to-day are taking a view of the subject different from that held by the last generation. Our fathers were educated for city life, and they educated their sons for the city. As a nation we are now awaking to the fact that, as a result, the cities are overcrowded, and the country is depleted, the commercial world is endangered, and national stability is threatened.

To undo the evil, it is now the policy to place all schools, so far as it is at all possible, in the suburbs instead of in the crowded districts; to greatly improve the rural schools; to introduce agricultural training and kindred subjects in nature study into every school; for every school to have its gardens and its shops; to establish agricultural colleges, and to encourage

The running expenses of the school must come from the farm, and to enable the school to open without borrowing money, the present Faculty and workers have pledged their services for at least one year without drawing any salary.

Board (on the European plan) is estimated at \$2.00 per week, but may be less than this.

Room rent, heat, light, plain laundry, and incidental fees will bring the actual expense to about \$13.00 per month.

## **WHAT TO PROVIDE**

Students should come prepared to equip their rooms with all the necessaries except furniture and mattress for the bed.

Work clothes should be a part of every one's wardrobe.

## **HOW TO REACH THE SCHOOL**

Purchase a railroad ticket to Madison, Tenn., not to Nashville. Write when you will reach Madison, and a conveyance from the School will meet you. The School's telephone number is 4501 W. As facilities are limited, only those who make previous arrangement by correspondence can be accepted.

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Madison, Tenn.*

young people to attend them by putting a premium upon the completion of a course in such an institution.

It is a time when teachers are needed who can conduct such schools. It is a time, also, when heads of families should demonstrate gospel principles by the cultivation of the soil.

The Nashville Agricultural and Normal School is being established to help forward this great movement. Its mission is to train men and women to teach. Its students will receive their education under circumstances favorable to the development of the whole man, the mental, the spiritual, and the physical, and as they enter the world as workers, it will be their aim to reach people where they are, and by training the children aright, to lead them to the simpler, purer life in harmony with the gospel. In other words, the institution will train missionary teachers (using the word in its broadest sense) to be self-supporting.

## **THE LOCATION**

A farm of 400 acres on the Cumberland River, nine miles north-east of Nashville, has been chosen as the site of this institution.

Nashville is an important educational center. It is in close proximity to States in which the gospel of work is a recognized need. The climate is favorable, and a great variety of crops can be raised. Nashville affords an excellent market, and is also a place where students may receive a special training for city missionary work.

It is the purpose to bring the farm to a high state of cultivation by following rational methods of soil culture. This will, in itself, be a great lesson.

## **PLAN OF OPERATION**

Life in close touch with soil cultivation tends to make one man recognize the rights of all others. It is the city that de-

velops the spirit of aristocracy or monarchy; country life has a democratic influence. It has been the experience of those who have attempted to make the industries as prominent in education as book study, that a co-operative organization of students and teachers is inevitable.

Co-operation is the law in The Nashville Agricultural and Normal School. This plan extends even to minor matters.

The farm will not be under the management of any one individual, but each member of the Faculty will be responsible for the success of the entire plant, and students will be associated with the Faculty and will bear responsibility according to their individual ability.

It is by this means, as carried out in each department of home, farm, and shop, that students develop strength and judgment for a similar work when the time comes for them to take the initiative in starting new schools. Every member of the school family will have his share of daily duties about the home, in addition to department work, which will average about two hours daily.

## **THE PRESENT CONDITION**

The 400-acre farm has been purchased by persons who have faith enough in these principles of education to become personally responsible for the payment. Others equally sanguine will be given an opportunity to donate for the erection and equipment of buildings.

Plain buildings, the most economical in size and style, will be put up by student labor. The old farmhouse, which has been occupied for the last one hundred years, will be utilized for school purposes until better facilities can be provided.

The students will sleep in small cottages, which will be put up as fast as means is forthcoming.

School life in The Nashville Agricultural and Normal School

begins in a simple way...

considering this a disadvantage, those who are seeking a preparation for pioneer life will find these apparent disadvantages themselves a source of discipline. It is under similar circumstances that many of the world's leaders have received their training.

## **INSTRUCTION OFFERED**

Education to-day demands a co-ordination of intellectual, physical, and moral training. It calls for rational methods of treating all subjects, instead of the cramming system of book study of former years.

Students attending The Nashville Agricultural and Normal School are expected to have a definite aim, and it is the desire of the instructors to help each individual in his preparation to accomplish his mission. All will work together, and all will study together. Intellectual subjects will receive due consideration, and meanwhile the industries will be exalted and made purely educational.

Students will be given an opportunity to thoroughly review the common branches.

The study of the Bible will always be a leading feature of the class work.

Courses in history, language, physiology and hygiene, the natural sciences, agriculture and horticulture, and the domestic sciences will be so given as to prepare Christian laborers to be self-supporting.

## **STUDENTS' EXPENSES**

It is the policy in the establishment of this institution, to offer students who find it necessary to do so, an opportunity to meet their school expenses by work. It will not be possible to make this offer before next spring, and then to a limited number only.