

WHEN THE FAMILY gets so big that most of the children wander far away from the home roof tree, it behooves Alma Mater to keep track of her numerous progeny so that at least the whereabouts of the family will be known. It is for this reason that the effort has been made to bring together a list of all the former students of the Short Course in Agriculture.

For over forty years the University of Wisconsin has been sending out into the world the youth of the state and the nation who have found in the Short Course in Agriculture an opportunity for their agricultural training.

At the outset when this course was started it was an educational experiment. It was scoffed at by the academically minded as beneath the dignity of a university to concern itself with the more practical aspects of agricultural training. But time has amply demonstrated the wisdom of the experiment. Since it was started, nearly every state agricultural college in the nation has adopted the idea in one form or another.

The 7,500 Short Course students who have come to the University are now to be found all over the world. Last year I found some of them in the far-off northern island of the Japanese empire, utilizing most successfully the principles they had learned at the University many years ago. Naturally the great majority of this group have found their life work here in Wisconsin.

The reputation of Wisconsin as a progressive agricultural community is world wide. To no inconsiderable degree, we are frequently told is this reputation to be ascribed to the young farmers of the state who learned the principles of a sound, safe and sane agricultural development here in the Short Course, and who put these principles into practical use as they went back to the farms of this and other states.

To all such students who have been with us in the past, we extend the heartiest wishes of the University for your continued interest in the further development of this educational work that means much to the prosperity of our state and nation.

H. L. Russell,
Dean.

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