

### III. AIMS OF TRAINING SCHOOLS

Before considering specifically the work training schools should do, let us consider the two distinct aims which training schools have in view:

#### 1. To Improve Elementary Education

To bring all possible influences to bear upon the improvement of the elementary education furnished country children; to train teachers in using the school time of these children to the best advantage, so that they may be, as far as possible, prepared for life in its various phases. This aim depends for its realization on a better understanding of the nature, development, and purpose of the subject matter to be taught and all that this implies.

#### 2. To Become Important Factors In Country Life Progress

To help improve the condition of country people financially, socially, physically, intellectually and morally. Part of this work may be done indirectly for the next generation through the children who are now in school, but training teachers must also work, as opportunity offers, with, and for, the parents. Naturally, teachers often prefer to emphasize the work with children to the exclusion of the work with adults. Nevertheless, "the formidable and unavoidable judgment of their contemporaries" must be taken into account by training teachers who should become skilful in cooperating with country people and in unobtrusively assisting them to bring about needed results.

### IV. PRESENT COURSES OF STUDY

#### 1. In County Training Schools

a. **Changes needed in catalogs.** An examination of training school catalogs reveals the fact that their preparation needs more consideration. Some of them are too brief and too hastily compiled to reflect credit on the school issuing them. The publication of a creditable catalog is one of the tangible ways in which a training school discharges its obligations to the public. The student body of the school, the alumni, country teachers of that part of the state, and in fact all people attacking the problem of rural education, are benefited by such a catalog. An additional reason for giving care to the