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"Westward roll the stars of heaven, Eastward tend the thoughts of men; Let the man to Nature given Wander westward now and then."

The School of Agriculture, Lincoln, is the outcome of the idea that a young man will not make any the worse farmer if he possess a fair amount of school knowledge, with the theory of chemistry as applied to soils, a practical knowledge of elementary carpentry and blacksmith's work, and a fair acquaintance with veterinary science and plain surveying—that is to say, about enough of the latter for the laying down of levels, and the computation of acreage under crop thrown in. The experimental farm connected with the school consists of some 725 acres of fairly light land, on which experiments in root and grain growing, with various manures and under different conditions of tillage, are made, and the results tabulated for the use of the farming community at large. A rather mixed dairy herd, and some excellent sheep and pigs are kept on the farm, which is supported by a land endowment of some 80,000 acres, and which is but one of the many endowments left to the public by the far seeing men who controlled the destinies of the Province of Canterbury long before New Zealand was a united entity. Nowadays, if you hear a man talking big on the land question, you can safely bet that he never grew a ton of potatoes or an acre of wheat in one crop in his life; but the old chaps who fixed up our endowments for us knew all about that sort of thing, as in those days men made their living more by the work of their hands and heads than by the mere motion of their jaws, which has of late become a most accredited way of earning a livelihood. But to resume our text. Leaving Warner's Hotel, our way lies past the hospital, and through Hagley Park, the reservation and planting of which is another living remnant of the foresight of the early colonists. The Park is vested in an elected Board, the members of whom, notwithstanding the constant sneers of the more radical newspapers, have so far, and all honour to them, managed to preserve their charge

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