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## The Farm Crops Show

The Northwestern Minnesota Farm Crops Show had its beginning in 1910 as an adjunct to the Farmers' Short Course. Every year since, except one, it has continued to be an interesting and instructive feature. Unpretentious and seemingly insignificant at first—merely a collection of farm crop samples brought in by the farmers at their own initiative—it has become a notable annual occasion, an exhibition of hundreds of samples of the highest excellence including all important farm crops grown in the surrounding territory. Premiums of large value are awarded including silos worth upwards of \$300.00 and machinery and farm equipment of a great variety besides silver cups and handsome cash prizes.

It has won the interest and the enthusiastic support of the business men as well as of the farmers of Northwestern Minnesota. To the farmer who is seeking the highest grade of seed stock the show offers the finest line of samples from which he may have an opportunity to choose. To the grower of high grade seed it offers the best medium through which he may advertise, and to the general public the show offers educational features in exhibits of the finest types of our common farm crops that has inspired a new confidence in the Red River Valley as the best farming region in the world.

The Show had in it, from the first, the germ of an active force that will loom large in the future development of this fertile valley—and which has already borne fruit in the organization of several pure seed associations within the borders of the area which it includes. It has aroused a keen desire and a firmer and larger demand for better seed. It has opened up new avenues through which this school may serve the farmer. It has given cause for the production of both poetry and art, and is the nucleus around which the Development Association of the Red River Valley of Minnesota has taken form. Mr. Harold Grandy, '15, of this school, drew the striking emblem shown on the opposite page.

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