

in law, 2,084 pharmacists and 1,173 dentists to 136 in agriculture and 49 in the four year course in industrial technology.

*This situation is like a gigantic parasite sucking the life-blood of the nation.*

*The economic life of our nation is primarily agriculture. Yet in the above figures we see that in the last seven years we have graduated only seven agricultural teachers and 136 bachelors of agriculture. At the same time we have turned out over 50,000 elementary school teachers and over 2,000 associates or bachelors in law and commerce.*

**Small wonder that our teachers are starving. No one is being taught to till our fields.**

**Small wonder that our commerce graduates can find no jobs. There is no business, no commerce, because, like silly fools, we are neglecting the golden soil of our farms.**

*The government and all public-spirited citizens must act, and act soon.*

## SENATOR OSIAS GETS MIXED UP

Recently Senator Osias, as chairman of an educational investigating commission, released a blast against private schools. He enumerated many glaring defects. It all seemed very true, except for one slight mistake. He was mixed up in only one word. If he and his Senatorial conferees had substituted the word public schools for private schools, their criticisms would have been all too true.

**What a comedy!**

*These men, Osias, Pecson, Tañada, and the other members of the Senate Commission, are government officials, and as such are largely responsible for the disgraceful, badly run, inadequately equipped government public school system. Nevertheless, they have the colossal nerve to excoriate the private schools which, in the overall picture, are doing so much to help the educational situation in the Philippines.*

**We do not imply that all private schools are perfect. In the columns of the CROSS, we have in the past pointed out defects in our private schools. But it is absolutely unjust and unfair for our senate educational commission to violently criticize the private schools while they studiously avoid all mention of the widespread and terrible evils of the public schools for which they as government officials are responsible.**

## "FLORES DE MAYO" AND "SANTACRUZAN"

**May.** There is particular charm at the mere mention of that month. It recalls summer's brightest flowers, windy days with the scent of mango