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OCTOBER 1956. As mentioned in our News Letter of last March, the Class of 1956 - the eleventh to be graduated - brought the total number of our graduates up to "just about 500". We have been asked to present some statistics about these graduates - and we are a trifle disappointed to find, after a careful study of the records, that the total is not 500 but only 499.

We shall not burden you with many figures, but we think the following may be of interest: Among our graduates are 42 young men from Colombia, 65 from Costa Rica, 12 from Cuba, 17 from Ecuador, 58 from Guatemala, 140 from Honduras, 5 from Mexico, 46 from Nicaragua, 37 from Panama, 2 from Peru, 17 from the Dominican Republic, 55 from El Salvador, and 3 from Venezuela. Thirteen countries in all.

Of the 499 we have been unable, after several months of letter writing, to get in touch with 14; hence we do not know what these are doing. We have found that 7 are presently engaged in work which is not agricultural in character. We trust these may yet come back into the fold. And we are sorry to say that three have died since graduation - one Honduran, one Costa Rican, and one from El Salvador.

To give an idea of the sort of work on which our graduates are engaged, we are going to take up the rest of this month's space by mentioning a few cases from the annotated list we have prepared - in other words, this is a sort of cross-section. We will not mention graduates who presently form part of the staff of EAP; as they have come in for comment in past News Letters and will do so in the future.

Abraham Arce of Honduras is finishing his studies in veterinary science at Perugia, Italy, and will return to Honduras in a few months - our first graduate to earn a doctorado in any field. Rafael Castillo of Honduras, Assistant Director of Forestry. Miguel Elvir, Assistant Chief of Agricultural Extension, Honduras. Armando Porras, managing his dairy in Nicaragua. Carlos Lopez y Lopez, managing his flourishing creamery business in Salvador. Ernesto Molestina, managing his own farm in Ecuador. Vidal Cabrera, expert in coffee culture on a large private property in Guatemala. Francisco Fonseca, professor of horticulture in the Escuela Nacional de Agricultura, Nicaragua. Edwin Santiesteban, in the Servicio Cooperativo de Agricultura, Peru. Jaime Chacoñ, Assistant Chief of Agricultural Extension, in Salvador. Mauricio Rodríguez, demonstrating agricultural equipment for a firm in Salvador. All the above represent the classes of 1946 and 1947.

Angel Valiente of Cuba is assistant director of the Atkins Botanical Garden, at Cienfuegos. Antonio Muñoz is running his own farm in Guatemala. Bernardo Roehrs of Guatemala is the only professional forester we have turned out; he was head of the forest service in Honduras for a time and now expects to go abroad for advanced study. Manuel Antonio Cáceres is in charge of the Honduran equivalents of the 4-H Clubs of the United States. Porfirio Saldaña is running his own stock farm in Panama. Cayetano Bettaglio is running his own farm, livestock and cotton, in Salvador. Daniel Amado Castillo is horticulturist in government service of the same country. Alvaro Molina is running his own farm in the beautiful and fertile Cauca Valley of Colombia. Alfredo Echeverría of Costa Rica is Assistant Director of Animal Husbandry in Honduras. Arturo Fortin is with the Banco Nacional de Fomento in Honduras. Iván Oliveros is in charge of fruit culture in the State of Táchira, for the government of Venezuela. And so it goes. The names in this paragraph represent the classes of 1948 and 1949; and we regret we do not have room for more.