

I do not think that the expense to the student need be greater in such a university than in one situated in a large town. A well-organised system, initiated by the university authorities, ought to be able to provide board and lodging more economically and much more pleasantly than that obtained from rapacious boarding-house keepers in back streets of a large town. Another most important consideration in favour of the university town is the question of health. It is to my mind most important to the welfare of any community that the young men and women who, in consequence of their university training, will represent the leading classes in the community should at this most important period of their life grow up as strong and healthy as possible. Plenty of fresh air and plenty of healthy exercise is quite as important for the training of the student as efficient teaching. In a well-chosen country town the playing fields are easily accessible and the land is cheap, while the purity of the air and the amount of sunshine is immeasurably greater than in a large town. For this reason alone, so important it is, I would never advocate the planting of a university in the midst of a large town."

PROFESSOR DALE, who is in charge of the Department of Education at McGill University, writes that the ideal site seems to him to be "more suburban than rural if only enough ground is secured."

#### (c) LETTERS FAVOURING A RURAL SITE.

DR. CLARK MURRAY, an Emeritus Professor of the Faculty of Arts of McGill University, has spent practically the whole of his life in close connection with university teaching. He has written a very interesting letter, in which he states that with Sir William Dawson, the first Principal of McGill University, he often discussed the advantages which their university would obtain through being established in the country rather than in the city. The difficulty of transport, it was before the days of electric street cars, made it impossible to change the situation of the uni-