

ing of the views of various authorities on assigned subjects furnishes an excellent training and should give skill in distinguishing between important and unimportant matter. Such a power of discrimination is of the greatest value to the Graduate Student. These "reports" or "theses" can easily be multiplied as far as is desirable. Above all things, however, as a preparation for Graduate Study, the college should cultivate independence of spirit and fearless regard for truth. The very nature of the work done in the Graduate Schools calls for these as essential attributes of men who shall add something "original" to our present store of knowledge, and without them no investigator can expect success in his chosen field. In closing let me say that I believe such colleges as Acadia are well adapted to give the liberal culture and systematic development required by men who wish to enter the Graduate Schools.

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Biography and the College Student.

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"I HAVE long thought that our young men read too little biography." These were the wise and weighty words of President Sawyer during my last interview with him. To stimulate the study of Biography is the object of this article.

The college man seeks a broad training which will fit him for the sphere in life in which he is to move. Literature and language, ancient and modern, claim his attention. Science and Mathematics, History and Philosophy, are indispensable to broad culture. Biography, the written lives of great and good men, are equally worthy of the student's time and study. Biography should be studied *because it deals with reality*. Two things in the universe are real, *God and human life*. With these Biography deals. A great life is the expression of a great thought of God through the individual. A great principle is being worked out in the individual life. Such a life is as intensely real as God himself. The great life is removed from the ordinary one simply in its expression of a greater divine thought. The great lives are preserved to the world in its biographies. There was a real purpose in such life. The great thing in this world is not so much