

country than would be possible were it necessary for the same supplies to be distributed through a busy city terminus.

It is said that a university placed in the city would be in the centre of things, while one in the country would be isolated and, through lack of information, would be out of the current of events and would not be in touch with world movements. Because modern transport is cheap and rapid this can never be the case. In Canada, letters, papers and postal packages from the great centres of the earth would reach a university situated near a city, almost as quickly as they would were the university placed within that city's limits.

There is undoubtedly a distinct prejudice against university towns. Some persons think that students who pass the whole of their college life in a university atmosphere necessarily have wrong ideas of the active life of the world, that they are handicapped when they come into daily contact with business men because of their misty ideas of the way in which the world's work is done and that, consequently, they are liable to fall into error in their treatment of practical affairs. Such fears for the future of young men taught at a modern university are groundless, because a modern university trains men for business. The University of Birmingham, for example, possesses a Faculty of Commerce; McGill University, among others, gives a course in railroading which is intended to teach students the methods of railroad administration. In the Faculty of Commerce courses are given by tried and experienced men of affairs for the express purpose of preparing students for a practical business life; again, it is quite certain that students may gain a very excellent idea of municipal and even of national government while they are still at college. A university placed in the country may be incorporated as a village or a town. It may elect its own mayor and aldermen, and the students may thus be given an excellent practical education in public administration. A striking example of how men may fit themselves while at college for the service of Government is afforded by the Union