

and its work, which it is extremely difficult—if not impossible—to create in an urban university, where the students are constantly subjected to the distractions of a large town; that it is extremely difficult to maintain a strong college spirit in a university placed in a large town is the experience of the great majority of universities with urban sites. Most men attending such universities become individualists and they graduate without any of the training in co-operation and “team-play” which should be an important part of the education of men who intend to make their living by pursuits in which the co-operation of others is a necessity. Men who have taken no interest in the administration of college affairs and who have had no sense, while they were at college, of their individual responsibility for the right conduct of the affairs of the whole student body, will have no sense of their responsibility as citizens when they leave the university and commence to take part in the larger life of the town and of the nation. A man who possesses a good college spirit and is willing to work for the good of the student body as a whole will possess, almost invariably, public spirit and will be willing to devote part of his thoughts and energies to the direction of public affairs when he leaves his university. Canada sorely needs well-educated and public-spirited men to direct her development. It must be a function of Canadian universities to train men of this type; they can do so most easily if they provide residences and dining-halls for their students and if they are situated outside of large towns.

Not the least of the advantages of a rural situation is that it makes it possible to ensure the non-existence of many of those objectionable amusements which some of the denizens of cities are anxious to supply for students.

Two important items, the cost of establishing and of maintaining a university, are less in the country than in the town. If the site for a university must be purchased, it is an economy for it to be selected in the country where land is cheap. The rent which it is necessary for the staff of a university to pay for their houses is smaller in the country