

universities physical exercise has become compulsory, and already it has been considered seriously whether the passing of successive physical examinations should not occupy the same position as is now filled by examinations of his mental capacity in deciding whether a student is fitted to continue his college course. This suggestion will seem unpractical only to those who are not acquainted with the details of physical instruction in the best of the American universities and of the benefit which this instruction has brought to students. The experience of the large towns in Europe has shown clearly the terrible effect of prolonged city life upon mankind;—the findings of the British Royal Commission have been mentioned already. It should be the aim of every Canadian to do everything in his power to prevent similar evils from arising in Canada's portion of this Continent: a university situated in the country can easily make the happy years spent by a student at his college so pleasant that a permanent taste for rural life will become implanted in him; and by the proximity of the Agricultural College, which undoubtedly must be an important factor in any comprehensive scheme for the higher education of Canadians, students attending the university can be given an opportunity of seeing something of the best way of living in the country; among other things, they will learn to appreciate that successful farming demands ability of no small order in the farmer.

If the university is situated in the country, and if the students live and are fed in college buildings, those responsible for the direction of the university have much more control over students and staff alike; consequently, more comprehensive programmes of work and more profitable amusements can be organised and carried out than is possible in a university built in a city.

If a university is placed in the country, it becomes the centre of all the movement in the little town which inevitably springs up around it. Such a condition will do much to cultivate a feeling of loyalty to the university