

period in the life of young people it is more to their advantage to be where distracting influences are less numerous. Later on, when advanced professional and technical education are desired, the centres of larger population may more appropriately be sought. The conditions at Acadia are singularly favorable for study, and those who cannot study here, cannot study anywhere.

But scenery and retirement are not enough. And so we add, without much effort at particularizing, that whatever benefits attend the smaller colleges in general are here found, we cannot but think, in enviable degree. This belief is based chiefly upon the abundant testimony of those who go from us and communicate with us after review and comparison. The large Universities have much of which they can boast; and it is just as true that many of the comparatively small colleges have considerable that in all fairness they can extol. It is noteworthy that leading educationists have often had much to say in favor of certain elements which are present in the latter and absent from the former. And in strongly expressing themselves thereon they not infrequently speak out of delightful and inspiring memories, discerning how much they themselves owe to the less pretentious circumstances of earlier days. Because of financial considerations many go to the small college, not far away, who could not command the funds necessary to attend a large University at a more remote point. And even to those who go later to where educational work is carried forward on a much larger scale, the smaller institution proves invaluable because of its adaptation to the transition stage between the limitations of boyhood's home on the one side and the extraordinary opportunities of a finely equipped University on the other. As a rule there is likely to be more of class-room discipline in the smaller college, and a more steady incitement to daily faithfulness. Where numbers are fewer the students comes into closer touch with professors and with each other, thus being put in the way of fuller gain from such attrition. The men and women who have gone from us to other seats of learning, and out into divers spheres of activity, often refer in glowing words to the wholesome and helpful forces that operate in the life at Acadia. Those who remain on the ground, while others come and go, find it much easier to refer to this agreeable fact than to commendatory sentences out of their own prejudices and thus lay themselves liable to the charge of a thing so unfitting as self-praise.