

Therefore there is no serious error in considering this earth round. For all practical purposes it is so.

We notice that some enterprising newspaper writers have recently been criticising the College severely. They want to know what benefit the farmers receive for the large amount of money expended in running the institution. These criticisms show how easy it is for some people to talk a great deal about things they know nothing about. The College is not operated "for the benefit of farmers," but to educate young men in such branches as will make them to become successful farmers and mechanics. And we would also add that the operating expenses of the College are chiefly paid by the pupils who attend it, and not by the critics who seldom, if ever visit it, and who show by their writing that they know very little about the institution or its work. If these dissatisfied persons wish to have a broad basis of observed facts for their future remarks on the subject will visit the College, they will be welcomed by the faculty and afforded every opportunity to learn just what the college is doing, and how it is doing it. Some of them even had the manhood to publicly acknowledge their former error. The college courts investigation and fair criticism, but we claim that those who really know nothing about its work have no right to expose their ignorance to the detriment of a noble institution, and a faculty, each one of which is doing a grand work for the State without telling it through a fog horn.

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