

### BACK TO THE OLD HOME TOWN TO LIVE

AFTER LIVING in the old home town throughout our high school careers, and probably throughout our grammar school days, when we prepare to go off to college there is a feeling that we will perhaps not make our home in the city after our education is completed. The old town never offered opportunities that we would have liked to have had, we say to ourselves, and we conclude that it is the most backward and uninviting place in the world.

But it is true after the college days are over, a vast percentage of the young men and women who got their education at the local high school return to High Point to enter upon business of life. In some instances they sojourn for a while in some other city, pursuant to their college career, but they usually wind up by coming back home to the town they know and have learned to love. They return, after having found out that opportunity is largely a creation of the individual and big men, in every business, profession, and avocation, are found in small towns as well as big cities.

In THE LIGHT of this fact, it behooves H. P. H. S. Alumni away at college to reconcile themselves to the predominant possibility that they will take up their life work in the city of their Alma Mater. They should keep in touch with activities in the home, so that they may better know it. Let them preserve the friendships and associations back home, so that when they return they may enter into life intelligently and enjoyably.

That college boys and girls cannot resist the call of the old home town is a healthy tendency. What could be more retarding than a population composed entirely of people who spent their impressionable days foreign to the city and have not grown up to know the city or feel a native pride in its progress?

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