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Editor The Record:

It is particularly refreshing to experience the "roomy" atmosphere & tone of Lincoln Institute. To one coming from the crowded elbowing of the East the impression morally is like that of the woman who, as her tired eyes wandered unobstructed over one of your great western prairies, exclaimed "Well, I'm glad to see something that there's enough of!"

We often hear President Allen tell the boys, "If you can't succeed at Lincoln, I don't know any place on earth where you will succeed." This is true. The very "roominess" of the place means opportunity & opportunity spells success to him who has the grit to grasp & the tenacity to hold it. We can be told anywhere that there's room at the top even in a crowded stage coach. But when you've got to trample on toes that are hanging to the straps & then trip up or shove off a few others "to get there" your "chances" do not look inviting. And that is just the inspiring thing about the roominess of Lincoln Institute.

It's a free race & a chance to win for all who have the pluck to try & the wind

to hold out. The great commonwealth of Missouri has generously provided equipment & facilities for the education of her youth & each may avail himself of whatsoever advantages he can apply according to his ^{own} power to select & to assimilate. But bountiful opportunities entail large responsibilities. To whom much is given of them shall much be required. I can already testify to the correspondence between physical environment & spiritual warmth & geniality. The "big skies" ^(one can actually see sunrises & sunsets from the living rooms) the big rivers & big horizons brighten & expand correspondingly big hearts & generous impulses. Let these ripen & strengthen into a big & determined purpose to make our institution the pride of the West, the prolific mother of strong, capable, & loyal sons & daughters, a credit to the state & a bulwark of defense to the nation. Any school will be just what its students are. Our heights are to be scaled not by dreaming about them but by definitely studying out our problem & then sturdily, persistently, & patiently tackling it. Success is character in the making. Character achieved is the highest success.