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In Wisconsin the university sustains theoretically the same relation to the general forces of education that it does in our own state. It is the apex of a system in which the common school, encouraged by the school fund, is the base, and the public high school, also encouraged by the central government, is the intermediate stage. There is no actual break in the system at any point, for the certificate of graduation from the common school admits to the neighboring high school, and, by the system of university inspection and accrediting, the graduates from a large number of high schools are admitted to the freshman class of the university. Here four years of successful study prepares for entrance to the best professional schools and also for the graduate department of the university.

The University of Wisconsin has been in existence for half a century, so that its probationary period may be regarded as past. Its history shows phases strikingly similar to some of those passed through by our own university, and a brief comparison, in view of the higher development attained in Wisconsin, may not prove unprofitable to those anxious to determine the probable course of evolution of higher education in this state. Wisconsin University