

You can't think without facts!

AAM: We have a good friend who is pastor of a church on Grand Island, N.Y. They organized a Christian school there, but his son was already well-established in public school, and for the first year the Christian school he continued in the public school. Then the next year they had him transfer to the Christian school. He said that though it was a comparatively good school and comparatively moral in its general attitude compared to many of them, that they noticed such an improvement in his general attitude after he'd been in the Christian school a little while.

Lady: Our children find it very distressing to hear children from the public school talk about what it's like. They are very troubled by what goes on the public school.

AAM: Do they play with these other children?

Lady: They are in the neighborhood, sure. They play.

AAM: So they have plenty of social life and don't lose anything by not being there.

Lady: Interestingly enough, I don't know what my children would have been like if these angels had they gone to (public) school. I can't make that comparison but they are very socially adept people. They meet people of all ages very easily. I incline to think it may be partly because they are not in the public schools where they learn to function in the peer group under peer pressure. They don't have to contend with that. So none of my children are concerned about how they dress, what they have for lunch, or how like anyone else they are. They converse with the college students at church. They converse with the pastors at the institute, and they converse with the children on the playground and they don't seem to see any difference wherever they find themselves.

AAM: You are very fortunate.

Lady: I think so.

AAM: But now you are looking forward to their graduating and going on into college eventually?

Lady: Yes.

AAM: Don't they have to have a high school certificate to enter college, or can you do it on examination?

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Lady: I have an unofficial answer from Cornell. I need to confer with someone or confirm with someone higher up that the college board exams alone make any difference. However, if a high school diploma should become an issue, the children could take a high school equivalency examination. Or in three years when she would be due to graduate she is going to write a letter to the Board of Education which issues the diplomas, explain to them what her situation is and send them copies of her test scores through the high school years and ask if they would like to issue her a diploma. We don't have any idea how they will respond. We will try that.

AAM: It's hard to predict that.