

### Winnetka Department

The ladies of the Woman's Guild of Christ church will hold their annual Easter sale on Saturday before Easter.

Mr. G. W. Deily has purchased the residence on West Spruce St, formerly occupied by A. T. Seymour.

A change has been made in the methods of geography teaching in the public school which is fully justified by the spirit of the times. In taking up the various continents and countries a special effort is made to show their bearing and relation to our own country. Their raw and manufactured products are studied; the opportunities and extent of American trade in foreign possessions is considered and especial efforts put forth to instill in the mind of the pupil all the direct and relative facts and conditions, climatic, social, industrial, political and commercial which tend to promote the growth and progress of our own country in its dealings with the nations of the earth.

The manual training school forms one of the most valuable and interesting features of juvenile education in Winnetka, and the work being done under the direction of Mr. Frank A. Windes is making an impress upon the young lives in this community. The progress attained by this department of public school work has been more rapid and marked than any innovation introduced since the kindergarten. The grades from the high school to the fifth inclusive furnish the pupils of the manual training department. At present forty boys and thirty girls are pursuing the manual training course with most satisfactory results. All work is done from designs, not models, thus stimulating and educating originality of thought and application. The present quarters of the manual classes are in the village building, but the new school will contain much more ample facilities and the work will then be open to the lower grades

also, The initial cost of providing the facilities for manual training was very small. With the tools provided them the pupils built their own benches and have given entertainments to raise means for farther extensions. Notwithstanding the criticisms advanced against the manual training idea the fact still remains, here as elsewhere, that the idea of "making something" has a peculiar and stimulating fascination for the juvenile mind, and where these ideas are given scope under the direction of such talented and practical enthusiasts as Mr. Windes has proven himself to be there can be no question as to the beneficial results ultimately accruing from the work. Mr. Windes has had

eleven years of successful experience in the work. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of the Chicago manual training school.

#### SCHOOL NOTES.

The attendance at the Lakeside school has been very light the past week on account of whooping cough.

The kindergarten has been closed for ten days as a precaution against the spread of measles in the village.

The board, at its last regular meeting decided to put in conduits for electric wiring in the new building and to substitute slate for the composition black boards first proposed.

The high school pupils at the last "literary" presented reviews of different books selected by the principal, and we are informed that many of these reviews would be creditable to critical and mature minds.

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