

and enthusiasm for their work. It is said they endure it and submit to it as a sort of disagreeable necessity, that they do not learn how to apply themselves effectively and to prepare to meet the problems of life that later will face them. No doubt much of this is true, and it is not all the fault of the students. I know that much can be done by the schools to remedy this situation, and we are working toward that highly desirable end at Lake Forest academy.

**Vision of Ideal School**

"For a long time I have had a vision of the ideal school. We are now engaged in a program here which looks toward the fulfillment of that vision.

"Lake Forest academy has had the courage and the means to be the pioneer among preparatory schools in adopting and putting into practice a plan radically different from the usual conventional cut and dried system.

"We were very confident the plan would be a success, but we wanted to see it tried under fire and learn how much could be accomplished. The latter part of the past school year we tried the plan out thoroughly, and even with no more masters than our regular staff, and despite the dislocation incident to a change in plan during the course of a year, the results were beyond our expectations. So effective did the scheme prove that boys and masters and parents were enthusiastically in favor of adopting it on a permanent basis.

**Educators Approve**

"Deans and chairmen of committees of admission of various universities have given it a thorough study and have announced themselves as regarding it as a real and great forward step in educational method."

Lake Forest academy's new study plan has already received favorable mention in a number of journals. In its "Education" department for the issue of August 18, 1930, the magazine, "Time" commented on it. An excerpts from the latter follows:

**Comment by "Time"**

"Notable among Midwestern schools for boys is Lake Forest academy. Unlike its many neighboring institutions it is not a military school. Since 1858 it has seen Lake Forest, Ill. become Chicago's socialite suburb. As though embarrassed by surrounding opulence, L. F. A's old buildings have hidden themselves behind thick trees, gathered ivy about themselves, for L. F. A. is not a Rich School (plant value: \$800,000). But no such embarrassment is suffered by big-brained, energetic Headmaster John Wayne Richards, called "Big Dick" by younger faculty members and his 207 boys when out of earshot. Seventeen years ago he left the faculty of Hotchkiss school (Lakeville, Conn.) to succeed William Mather Lewis—now President of Lafayette college—as L. F. A's headmaster. He brought Hotchkiss ideas about running a successful school; new boys even became known, Hotchkisswise, as 'bo-jacks.' A Yale man, he started sending his boys to Eastern colleges. L. F. A's future brightened.

"What worried Headmaster Richards, however, was the way the big Eastern preparatory schools pulled the cream of Midwestern youngsters across the Alleghenies to school. He resolved that Lake Forest should

equal the Eastern schools in educational facilities and plant. In 1927 he set out to raise \$1,000,000 from alumni and wealthy Chicagoans. The money will build dormitories, commons, a science hall, a headmaster's house, a chapel in memory of one-time (1897-1900) Headmaster Alfred Gardner Welch, who died of exposure after saving a group of students who drifted out on Lake Michigan on an ice floe in dead of winter.

"Next task for Headmaster Richards was to improve his teaching system."

**Mrs. Dowie Now Owner of Shiloh House, Zion**

Mrs. John Alexander Dowie, widow of the founder of the religious colony, is now ensconced in Shiloh home, the former Dowie residence, which has been purchased as a memorial to the founder of Zion and a home for Mrs. Dowie for the rest of her days. Mrs. Dowie will play an important part in the leadership of the independents, those who remained of the Dowie faith in opposition to Voliva, accord-

ing to Waukegan papers.

The home was purchased from Mrs. Emma C. Gring of Newport, Pa., who spends a part of each year in Zion.

**Another Rattlesnake Killed Near Deerfield**

John "Bud" Broecker, employed in the county highway office last week killed a rattlesnake, with seven rattles on its tail, near Deerfield. This makes nearly two dozen rattlers that have been killed in this swamp during the present construction season.

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