

There are inspectors who examine the pupils to discover defective and badly trained voices, and to procure special treatment for them. Moreover, there is a Dutch association for speech culture, which has a distinct influence in improving the system throughout the country.

Shakespeare wrote:

Her voice was ever soft,
Gentle and low, an excellent thing in woman.

If it was true in his time, it is no less true today,
not only of woman, but of men and boys and girls.

PRESIDENT WILSON IN FAVOR OF KEEPING UP THE SCHOOLS

The U. S. Department of the Interior authorizes the following:

President Wilson urges generous support for schools of all grades during war time. In a letter to Secretary Lane approving the Bureau of Education's plan for an educational campaign this summer and fall, he says:

"I am pleased to know that despite the usual burdens imposed upon our people by the war they have maintained their schools and other agencies of education so nearly at their normal efficiency. That this should be continued throughout the war and that, in so far as the draft law will permit, there should be no falling off in attendance in elementary schools, high schools or colleges, is a matter of very great importance, affecting both strength in war and our national welfare and efficiency when the war is over. So long as the war continues there will be constant need of very large numbers of men and women of the highest and most thorough training for war service in many lines. After the war there will be urgent need not only of trained leadership in all lines of industrial, commercial, social and civil life, but for a high average of intelligence and preparation on the part of the people. I would therefore urge that the people continue to give generous support to their schools of all grades and that the schools adjust themselves as wisely as possible to the new conditions to the end that no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education because of the war and that the Nation may be strengthened as it can only be through the right education of all its people. I approve most heartily your plans for making through the Bureau of Education a comprehensive campaign for the support of the schools and for the maintenance of attendance upon them, and trust that you may have the co-operation in this work of the American Council of Education."

RUMORS RE CLOSING OF COLLEGES

Some reports have been circulated to the effect that colleges are likely to close the coming year; and we are requested to publish a contradiction. We have had placed

in our hands the following remarks of President Lowell of Harvard University in this connection:

During the past year or two nearly every college and university in the land has heard from time to time with more or less surprise that it intends "closing up next year." One of the latest of these "canards" is in connection with Harvard University. President Lowell in his recent report to the Board of Overseers disposes of the rumor thus:

"Rumors seem to have got abroad in some places that Harvard College will shut its gates next year. If such rumors merit contradiction, they may not only be contradicted, but repudiated, for the college would be unworthy of its traditions if it ceased to carry on its proper work at a crisis like the present.

"If education, not specifically directed to military use, is a mere luxury enabling men to find a source of relaxation and enjoyment, but not essential to the welfare of the community as a whole, then the college had better close its doors permanently. But if, on the other hand, education in the manifold forms in which it is given by the various institutions of learning, is essential to modern civilization, then the college cannot certainly cease to impart it.

"France, which, on the side of the Allies, has borne by far the heaviest part in the war, has insisted that her young men should pursue their ordinary courses of study, until they come to the age for beginning military instruction. We cannot do better than follow that example.

"Our young people are a little too prone to mistake excitement for duty. The outbreak of war naturally makes people a little excited, but this is a time when every man and boy should have a more than usually keen sense of duty, should not allow excitement or exuberance of patriotism to deter him from performing to the best of his ability the obligations that lie before him. The duty of the boy or young man is to train himself to clear thought, to steady application, and to persistent purpose. The college course is designed to furnish these things; and the only difference in the feeling that a young man should have about college in these days is a stronger determination to make the most of the opportunities it affords, to take his studies at school or college more seriously, and more with the object as a citizen, of making them ultimately profitable to the nation."—*The Casket, Antigoni*

CORRECTED

Teacher.—Willie, have you whispered today without permission?

Willie.—Only wunst.

Teacher.—Johnny, should Willie have said "wunst?"

Johnny.—No'm—he should have said twict.