

## MAKES GOOD CITIZENS.

### Military School Gaining in Favor as Training for Boys and Young Men.

There is a constantly increasing demand for the advantages of a military training for boys in a nation whose citizenship is its soldiery. The Los Angeles Military Academy is the pioneer institution to meet this demand in Southern California. It is now entering its sixteenth year and is on the way to immediate expansion and growth in the removal to a new location. It was founded in 1895 and until recently was located in the "hill country" beyond Westlake Park. Its new home is still in the "hill country" and just beyond Eastlake Park.

(The new grounds front on Huntington Drive, which is to be one of the snow boulevards of California. The new location, although more remote from the heart of the city than the old, is still of quite as ready access. The site was chosen after years of careful investigation and embraces the advantages both of rural location and convenience to the privileges of the city.

The campus consists of approximately twenty-five acres and will offer room for all the features of life in a military school. There is a level plain of twelve acres, ample for drill grounds and athletic purposes. The more elevated part offers splendid building sites and behind the dormitories and academy buildings rise hills of considerable height which afford a commanding view of the country.

Extensive improvement of the grounds was begun during the past year. The plant consists of comfortable and commodious quarters for the students, residences for the families and masters connected with the administration of the school, a large and well-equipped gymnasium and recreation building and a large and attractive schoolhouse. All of the buildings are of California style of architecture, bungalows of simple construction grouped in semi-circular alignment over a space of two hundred yards. Along the front is a pergola which is to be vine covered with parkways ap-

proaching the buildings. In front of the buildings a plot of ground is being prepared for a parade ground and two double tennis courts. The whole has been designed for comfort, beauty and utility by Arthur B. Benton, the well-known architect.

The principal, Walter J. Bailey, A.M., has been an educator from his youth up—for several years previous to engaging in private school work he was Superintendent of Schools for San Diego county, Cal. For the last ten years he has been head and principal of the academy. Military training and discipline are in the hands of Capt George O. Lockwood, so well and favorably known in military circles, which position he has efficiently occupied for eight years.

Few thoughtful persons will deny the great practical utility of schools conducted on military lines. A recent issue of The Times contained the following:

"Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the Department of the Lakes, expresses himself as decidedly in favor of the military schools, which he says are not only helpful in teaching patriotism, but in better fitting young men for all the walks of life. Military education means the inoculation of proper discipline. The young man is twice equipped for business who understands the value of proper discipline. The employer's instructions or directions to such a man are carried out as far as they can be. 'You see,' continued Gen. Grant, 'the practice in discipline one has received fits him in both mind and body. The disciplining of the mind and body of the student gives him better control over himself. The very fact that he has received this training enables those that employ him to have more confidence in him because he can be relied upon to carry out the orders that are given to him. Such a man absorbs the best thoughts and ideas of the men who may be over him and benefits accordingly.'"