

## SCHOOL BOYS AS SOLDIERS.

SECRETARY LAMONT'S PLAN APPROVED BY  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**Military Instruction Will Hereafter Be a  
Feature of the High School Course—An  
Officer From Fort Leavenworth Will Be  
in Attendance Twice a Week—The Board  
Unanimous and Enthusiastic in Its In-  
dorsement of the Proposition—Kansas  
City the First to Adopt the Suggestion.**

The Board of Education of this city has unanimously agreed to urge the adoption of the plan proposed by the Secretary of War, in his annual report, for military instruction in the schools and colleges of the country.

The plan of introducing military training into the schools of the country originated with the Adjutant General, and was recommended by him to the Secretary of War, who, in his report, expressed himself as follows: "I concur in the recommendation of the Adjutant General that the military instruction now provided for colleges might well be extended with proper limitations to the High schools of our large cities. The introduction of military training into the free school system of the States should stimulate patriotism, of which that system is one of the best products, and should in time become a most potent factor in making the United States, not a war-like nation, but a nation capable of bearing arms intelligently and victoriously under all conditions. The major general commanding the army expresses the disposition of the army

to furnish military instruction in the time of peace by the general dissemination of military instruction."

Each High school that approves the plan and accepts the offer of the government, will be furnished free of cost with a military officer detailed from the nearest fort, who will visit the school twice a week and spend several hours in drilling the young men in military tactics.

In practical operation in Kansas City, the officer would be detailed from Fort Leavenworth. His instruction would be given immediately after school hours, so as not to interfere in any way with the regular studies, and not less than twice a week.

The Kansas City School Board is the first in the country to approve the plan of Secretary Lamont and urge its immediate adoption.

The plan and purpose of the Secretary of War were discussed at length at the regular meeting of the board, held last Thursday night. Every member was enthusiastic over the advantages which would accrue to the pupils from a course of military training. It was conceded that a military discipline would bring health and grace of movement to the pupils, which they could get in no other way, not even in gymnasium work. The advantages which would accrue to the State from the number of men trained in the art of bearing arms, which would result from the following out of this plan generally in the High schools, were discussed, and the opinion was expressed that it would in a large measure remedy one of the great defects of American citizenship—the want of military training.

The board instructed its president, R. L. Yeager, to write at once to the Secretary of War informing him that the offer of the government would be accepted. Mr. Yeager has written and expects an answer soon from the Secretary.

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