

The fact that Miner will cease to exist as a school is one of the resulting changes of the new look. One of the main concerns of our people seems to reflect the feeling that Miner will lose its identity when these changes are complete. And true it is, but is this not typical of progress? Tradition must give way to progress or we would be hopelessly crippled to the needs of keeping pace with a changing world.

This does not mean that the quality of HEART must wither and die. Actually it could be the source of nourishment that could produce a much improved stock. Just as the roots of some plants multiply and stifle their own growth unless divided and replanted, so can the tap roots we have established here at Miner. Here is a real opportunity for us, as we are divided, to transplant ourselves in the soil of different school environments and nurture carefully the same quality of HEART that has given Miner such a rich heritage. Perhaps we will have to remind ourselves often that we are not transplanting the whole school as a way of life. How we promote growth and development in our respective schools in the future, instead of becoming root-bound to the traditions of the old, will depend entirely on how we mentally adapt to the change. The writer believes that here is where the quality of HEART will be our biggest asset--if we will let it.

Lowell wrote in his "PRESENT CRISIS" the following words which surely express our needs today:

"New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth."

Happy memories to all!

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