

## **Butler That Is To Be**

Everyone knows, of course, that the purpose of the projected removal of Butler college from Irvington to Fairview park is that the institution may have room for expansion, but it has perhaps not been made clear to the public that the vision of growth is not limited to extension of accommodations needed immediately, but includes a far look into the future. In a little talk on the subject made by Mr. Hilton U. Brown, one of the trustees of Butler, before the Women's Rotary Club on Monday, some interesting details were given of the hopes and plans of the trustees and friends of the college in connection with the new site.

It has been reported that a part of the park tract would be sold as a means of increasing the building fund, the low purchase price making a substantial profit possible in reselling, but Mr. Brown said that while no official action has been taken, the sentiment of the board was against any division of the ground. The advice of Mr. Kessler, the well-know landscape architect, after a survey, was to retain all the land purchased and to buy more. He, too, was looking to the greater Indianapolis of 50 years or even 25 years hence. Mr. Brown said further that it is the intention of leave untouched the forest trees that corner the park hills and are one of the chief attractions. These 2 statements should go far to reconcile many opponents of the college occupancy of the park to change. They feared the transformation of the park into a college campus would destroy the attractiveness of this fine piece of woodland.

It is well for such objectors to reflect, too, that since the track was not likely to be purchased for a city park, it would in all probability sooner or later, in case the college had not taken it, be sold for residence purposes and its picturesqueness be lost; also that the artistic college buildings and well-kept college grounds are a desirable feature of any city and that few if any colleges in the United States have grounds of such natural attraction at the new Butler site. It is the purpose of the trustees, Mr. Brown said, to plan for beautiful buildings and beautiful surroundings. In fact tentative plans, not only for building is needed at first, but for the future, have been already considered That is, when building are added in years to come, each will go into a design, thus avoiding a heterogeneous arrangements characteristic of most colleges and university building caused by a lack of early planning.

The building up of a great educational institution, even on the substantial foundation laid by Butler is a matter of long time and much money, but Mr. Brown's dream goes so far that he even sees a development into a university of Indianapolis as the school keeps pace with the growth of the city. It is not an impossible dream, for no one who has seen the great advance of the city within 20 years can doubt that a still greater Indianapolis is to come. Mr. Brown and his associates see in the college, with fine educational facilities, as athletic field, a possible lake in the bottom land at the west, an institution of which the city will be proud and that will add to its fame and its beauty. Our pioneer citizens did not plan for the future; inspiration had not come and mistakes were made. Now their descendants may safely look forward and dream dreams that are not beyond realization. Surely this one is deserving of fulfillment.