

There is an image of a school growing up in my mind all
the time;

a school where some actual & literal constructive
activity shall be the center & source of the whole thing,
& from which the work shall always be growing out in
two directions –

one the social bearings of that constructive industry,
the other the contact with nature which supplies it with
its materials.

I can see, theoretically, how the carpentry etc. involved
in building a model house should be the center of
a social training on one side,
& a scientific on the other,
all held within the grasp of a positive concrete physical
habit of eye & hand...

(John Dewey, Letter to Alice and children, 1 Nov. 1894. John
Dewey papers. Cited in Louis Menand, *The Metaphysical Club*
(Farrar Straus Giroux 2001), pp. 319-320.)