

erted himself, since his appointment to organise systematic lessons in reading and writing on the evenings set apart for his instructions.

#### A VAGRANT EXPEDITION !

The habits of the class of boys with which this Institution specially deals have had a curious illustration during the present season. It is an invariable practice among our city arabs to transfer their industrial pursuits to the scene of the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition, annually held in the chief cities of the province; and the devices resorted to to accomplish the needful journey without drawing on their slender funds are often highly characteristic.

This season the rumours of the forthcoming Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia excited the same vagrant longings; until three of the most adventurous among the inmates of the Home, aged respectively 16, 14; and 12, drew out their savings from the Bank and started for Philadelphia. They made their way to New York, overcoming the impediments of so long a journey by means familiar to this class of boys. There they parted; two of them pursuing their way to Philadelphia, from whence they have since returned somewhat naively reporting that "they found there were plenty of boys there already; and they did not like their chaff!" They made their way on foot back to New York; obtained temporary lodging in a Newboys' Home there; but once more found themselves out of their element among the Arabs of that great city. A charitable gentleman provided them with passes to Albany; and they contrived to make out the remainder of their journey by processes known to such young adventurers. They are once more in the Home; with a lesson of experience which it is hoped may induce them to apply such youthful energy to more satisfactory results.

#### THE LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The valuable services of the Ladies' Committee have been called into special requisition during the past year, in conse-

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