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## A MODEL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

There are perhaps few sections of the United States that contain as many well-established charities as Philadelphia and vicinity, and one of these is St. Francis' Industrial School, at Eddington, Pa., with its farm of teeming acres yielding prolific crops annually. There are, however, other features of the school besides the farm that command attention. These include the academic and the manual training courses that bring out the best side of the three hundred boy pupils, inculcate practical lessons, develop their individuality, and tend to make them Christians and respectable citizens who need not fear to go into the world and confront the problems of life. St. Francis' School is an industrial school that teaches actual industry; boys are made practical and not theoretical workers.

rule that places every boy on a month's probation, and then if he does not come up to the requirements he is returned to his parents or guardian by the board of directors.

The farm, the garden, dairy, stock-raising and the trades, all combine to develop the boy and train him in different ways by which he may earn an honest living. He is under no expense whatever, whether he be in for a six or four year term. The course of instruction is for four years, while the more diligent and worthy may continue their course for two years longer and graduate with additional honors, thereby stimulating others to follow their good example. The academic course consists of the common branches, including reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, mensuration, book-keeping, linear, free-hand and architectural drawing.

Francis'. The benefits of military discipline are so evident that they need no recommendation. Besides affording wholesome excitement and a refreshing pastime to the scholars, it enables them to acquire a manly bearing and supplies to some extent the place of a regular course of athletics. It tends moreover to instill patriotism and promote obedience.

An infantry battalion has been organized. It is composed of four companies officered by boys chosen from the school, and exercised according to the United States drill regulation. The companies are drilled regularly in fair weather, every Thursday afternoon, on the spacious lawn in front of the main building. In inclement weather the drills are carried on under shelter. The battalion is under the command of Captain J. S. Whitaker, of the Third Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania. So far this branch of the curriculum has been an entire success and has commended itself to every one interested in the school. The school does not make a specialty of tactics, but the marching evolutions of the boys when out upon parade indicate that they equal the pupils of any of the purely military schools in the vicinity of Philadelphia. There is a brass band of thirty pieces at the school, and a second one of nearly the same number from which the first one is recruited. The branch school in Philadelphia has also a band and drum corps of its own.

Pimlico district. In addition to their labors here, missions to non-Catholics have been preached at Fulham, Shepherd's Bush, Acton, Rugby, Cardiff, Shanklin, Southall, and other places, with very gratifying results.

The Catholic Times also refers to the subject. It says: In many parts of Great Britain the street preacher is an institution. As a rule he has a considerable number of listeners. If he is eloquent and impressive he is in the centre of a large crowd. From this it may be inferred that amongst the masses of the people many are religiously inclined, but have no very definite belief. For their conversion Father Cuthbert in the "Franciscan Annals" makes a somewhat bold suggestion. To bring religion of a fixed character to this class is, he holds, one of the chief duties, if not the chief duty, which the Catholic Church owes to God in regard to the English nation. But how is it to be done? The English working-classes have a deep distrust of clerical action, and Father Cuthbert thinks there will have to be something of the nature of lay catechists to prepare the way for the priest and even to supplement his labors. The difficulty would be to get lay co-operators in large numbers in whom the Bishop and the priest could feel confidence, since they would have to be disciplined for their work. Might not the Third Order, asks Father Cuthbert, supply the co-operators, and might not the genius and educative influence of the Order be applied to preparing such co-operators, both men and women, for this work amongst the multitude? The matter will, no doubt, be fully discussed at the forthcoming Conference of Tertiaries in Leeds.

**PERSONAL.**  
Rev. A. B. O'Neil, C.S.C., has been appointed associate editor of the "Ave Maria."

**THE SUNDAY MASS.**  
The obligation of attending Mass on Sunday is strict, and the violation of it is a mortal sin. Every Catholic is aware of this obligation when Sunday comes all other considerations must be laid aside, and the first thing that a Catholic is bound to provide for, is the time to go to the Church and adore God. He may take physical and mental rest during the remainder of the day; he may enjoy innocent recreation that is calculated to recuperate his strength for the toil of the coming week; but he dare not violate the obligation of hearing Mass.

**EARTHQUAKES.**  
In referring to the slight shock of earthquake which was felt in this city and elsewhere on Wednesday evening, Mr. George Johnson, Dominion statistician, says: "According to my record of earthquakes happening in Canada, the one last night makes the one hundred and sixty-first. The most frequently shaken point in Canada, according to these records, is Pointe des Monts, in the mouth of the St. Lawrence. This point has a record of twenty-four earthquakes, the first occurring December 30th, 1880, and the last January 11th, 1894. Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley have had six previous seismic disturbances. The first noted occurred on May 1st, 1856. The second, which is marked violent, on July 12th, 1861. The third and fourth, which were slight, happened on February 8th and April 14th, 1880. The 5th—several smart shocks—occurred on January 11th, 1888. The sixth was on February 5th, 1888, slight. The seventh was slight and occurred on the 14th of September (last night) at a few minutes before nine p.m. It lasted a few seconds; was accompanied (in Chelsea) by a rumbling noise, suggesting the passing of a heavy train of cars.

**A DISASTROUS FIRE.**  
Property to the value of more than \$300,000 was destroyed by a fire which occurred in Halifax, N.S., this week.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

**PUBLIC EXECUTIONS.**—The scenes reported to have occurred at a public execution which took place in Halifax this week, should put an end to the admission of the public whose only aim in attending on such occasions is to satisfy a feeling of morbid curiosity.

**THE WAR.**—Some idea may be had of the fierceness of the last encounter between the Russians and Japanese, at Liao Yang, when it is considered that the Russian losses are estimated at 20,000, and those of the Japanese at about the same number, making a total of 40,000 lives sacrificed during the brief period of three days.

**CHICAGO STRIKE.**—The meat strike in Chicago is at an end. Reports say that 12,000 men applied for work at the stock yards on Monday. Of this number about one-half were engaged by the packers.

**THE JEWS.**—The Jewish year book just issued states that there are 10,932,777 Jews in the world. Russia has 5,189,401 of this number, Austria-Hungary 2,076,378, the United States 1,253,218; Germany has 586,948, and Turkey 466,361.

**MR. REDMOND COMING.**—Our Irish national societies, and our fellow-countrymen generally, will have an opportunity of showing their patriotism in a practical manner on Thursday evening, September 29th, when Ireland's accredited leader and great parliamentarian will occupy the platform in the Windsor Hall. We sincerely hope that the greeting which Mr. Redmond will receive on that occasion will be of a character worthy of the descendants of the Irish pioneers.

**PARISH RE-DISTRIBUTION.**—The old French-Canadian parishes of Notre Dame and St. James, under the jurisdiction of the Sulpicians, by a decree of the Archbishop made public this week, have had their boundaries altered so as to permit of the erection, in the near future, of a new parish, and of adding considerable territory to the parish of St. Peter's, under the direction of the Oblate Fathers.

It does not require very great perception, in view of the rapid progress made during the past decade, in the erection of large manufacturing establishments in the vicinity of the parent parish churches, French and Irish, to realize what their position will be in a decade or two hence. What was once the sites of the homes of the working classes is now the scene of hundreds of chimneys belching forth their smoke. The residential district is yearly being encroached upon, and those whom the old parishes counted as parishioners are moving to the extreme western and northern districts.

**OUR INSTITUTIONS.**—Another phase of the movement referred to in the preceding item is the marked inclination on the part of our religious communities to leave the congested districts of the city to seek new sites for their establishments in the purer atmosphere of municipalities or on the outskirts of Montreal. Already there are groups of Catholic institutions, of education and of charity, to be seen along the base of the mountains.

**THE CAUSE OF TEMPERANCE.**—Not since Father Mathew's day of blessed effort has Ireland been able to congratulate herself on such an advance towards sobriety, says an exchange. The Sacred Heart Tem-

perance League, and St. Patrick's Anti-Treating League are the mighty levers employed to raise the people from the slough of drink. In some places quite a revolution to the credit of morality has been effected. There are towns in Ireland where two years ago the ubiquitous policeman was kept busy in the local courts with drink charges, and to-day a case of the kind is the exception. The policeman's opportunities for winning stripes have vanished; total abstinence from intoxicating liquors by erstwhile drunkards and tipplers has neutralized them. Drunkenness as an alleged national vice cannot even now easily be sustained by Ireland's enemies. With Heaven's help the growing generation of Irishmen will not merely be temperate in the use of intoxicants; they will be rigorously teetotal.

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