



The Last Meeting of the Royal Families of Britain and Russia,—Barton Manor, August, 1909.

Prince Edward, Princess of Wales, Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, The Czar, The Czarina, Grand Duchess Olga (behind), Grand Duchess Anastasia (in front), The Tsarina, Grand Duchess Tatiana, Prince of Wales, Grand Duchess Marie.

that he is hostile to other citizens of the republic, that he will secure for those who elect him, in one shape or another, profit at the expense of other citizens of the republic. . . If a public man tries to get your vote by saying that he will do something wrong in your interest, you can be absolutely certain that if ever it becomes worth his while, he will do something wrong against your interest."

Since delivering the speech at the Sorbonne, Colonel Roosevelt has delivered addresses at Christiania and Berlin. At the former, as recipient of the Nobel Peace prize (on account of his efforts for the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war), he dealt mainly with the subject of International Peace. His address at the University of Berlin, where he received the honorary degree of Ph. D., was substantially similar to the one given in France.

Our English Letter.

Something More About the Gospel of Prevention, as Preached and Practiced at Starcross.

It gave me great pleasure to learn that our editor could make room for two more of the illustrations of the beneficent work carried on at the Starcross Institution for the Feeble-minded Children of this section of England, the work being somewhat akin to that which it is devoutly to be hoped may be the result of the official investigations undertaken, at the request of the Ontario Government, by Dr. Helen McMurchy.

Whilst the necessity for the segregation of these unfortunates is recognized alike on both sides of the Atlantic, their lack of will-power making their very existence a menace to future generations, the success of such training as that carried on at Starcross, and the proof given by such of them as are already under protective care in some of our own Canadian charitable institutions, that, by laundry work, sewing, etc., they can contribute in some measure to their support, should greatly simplify the problem of "What shall we do with our feeble-minded?"

As a reply to some of the requests for further details, I do not think I could do better than to offer you, as a whole, the very kind letter of Mr. Ernest W. Locke, the able, sym-

pathetic and devoted superintendent of the institution of which I write:

Starcross, 28th April, 1910.

Dear Madam,—I have read with much interest the article in "The Farmer's Advocate," on the question of the feeble-minded, especially the sympathetic reference to the work carried on in our institution. As I am given to understand there may be space in a forthcoming number of the magazine for some further re-

marks on the subject, it has occurred to me that a few particulars respecting the industrial occupations of our feeble-minded inmates might prove of interest.

Amongst the many useful occupations of the girls, the making of Honiton lace and the knitting, by machines are perhaps the most interesting. These industries can only be undertaken by pupils who possess a fair degree of intelligence, necessitat-

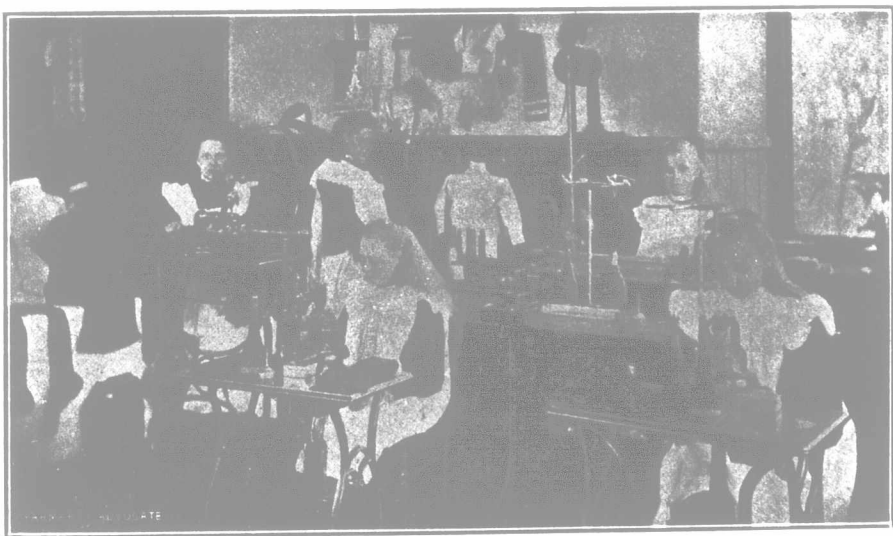
ing, as they do, the power of concentration of thought, delicacy of touch, cleanliness and carefulness, qualities which are frequently lacking in the feeble-minded.

The lace-making class consists of about 30 girls, ranging from 8 to 20 years of age, many of whom have now become skillful workers, able to execute the most delicate patterns with perfect accuracy and attention to details. The lace is made on pillows, and, to the uninitiated, the multiplicity of pins and tiny bobbins which are twisted and worked so quickly by the deft fingers of the workers appears quite bewildering. The girls take the greatest interest in their occupation, and it is pleasing to observe the rapt expression on their faces as they watch the dainty pattern grow under their manipulation.

As a proof of the good quality of their work, I may add that the class have taken several prizes at Arts and Crafts Exhibitions in the neighborhood, and orders are frequently received from quite distant parts of the country for collars, handkerchiefs, ties, etc. Quite recently, an order reached us from a lady in Italy for some lace, as a wedding present for a lady in Switzerland, who, in acknowledging the receipt, wrote that it had been very much admired by her friends.

The machine-knitting is also a useful occupation. In this industry, 12 girls are employed. Here all the socks and stockings for the 200 inmates are manufactured, as also the blue jerseys worn by the boys. There are five machines in use in the knitting room, three for socks and stockings, and two for the jerseys, etc. On these machines, in addition to the articles already mentioned, all sorts of woollen garments and fancy articles are made for sale, and I may add that several football clubs in the neighborhood always come to us for their stockings to be made in the club colors. It may, also, perhaps, be interesting to mention that a family who started for Canada on the 23rd of this month took with them a complete woollen outfit made by our girls.

There are many other useful industries taught the female inmates, such as straw-batmaking, dressmaking, laundry work, etc., whilst the boys learn tailoring, shoemaking, carpen-



Knitting Class, Starcross.



Lace-making Class, Starcross.

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