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agency have made rapid progress. They have cultivated more extensive fields, and manifested, in different ways, their desire to conform to the customs of civilized life. The school of St. Mary's mission occupies the first rank among the schools of the missions, and morits my most sincere praises. The labors of Father Duerinck, and of the 'Religious of the Sacred Heart,' serve not only to ameliorate the rising generation, and form it to the customs of civilized life, but their good examples, and their counsels, evidently have a great influence on the well-being of the adult population."

The numerous emigrants who are settled in the neighborhood of the mission, have ever displayed the highest esteem for Father Duerinck.

The public journals have announced his death as a calamity, which not only will leave a great void in the Indian mission, but will excite lively regret among his numerous friends in the different States, and, above all, in the inhabitants of the new territory who have had the happiness of knowing him. He enjoyed universal esteem.

The following is the homage paid to the memory of Father Duerinck, by all his religious brethren in the Potawatomie mission:

"Rev. Father Duerinck, whom we all regret with tears, arrived at the mission of St. Mary's in the beginning of November, 1849, in circumstances the most critical and embarrassing, in the judgment of all persons versed in business matters. The mission had just accepted a school of boys, and one of gir's, on conditions so onerous that good sense pronounced them intolerable. They were obliged to nothing less than to support annually about one hundred and twenty children, as boarders, for the small sum of fifty dollars each : that is to say, for fourteen cents a day, lodging, food, clothing, books, paper, etc., must be furnished to each child; while no