

(Spanish, as a language of great commercial utility, might well be added), and a grounding in the rudiments of Greek, if necessary. Mathematics in every shape are taught, and drawing is now wisely added to the course of instruction. A staff of four masters superintend the discipline and studies of the 104 pupils; the Head Master residing in a separate house within the grounds of the institution, the others occupying apartments within its walls.

"Prizes are given upon a scale of considerable liberality, sometimes in money, but occasionally in the shape of medals.

"We may now resume our descriptive investigation, pausing to remark that a lavatory for the boys interposes between the passage which leads to the playground and the apartments set aside for studies or for meals. The large quadrangle of the building, paved with asphalt concrete, is the scene of sport in fine weather, while a particularly roomy shed at the opposite end gives shelter in wet, and is fitted with small lockers, one for every boy. On the east, or schoolroom side, is one of the most spacious and well-proportioned gymnasia we ever visited, in which the boys, having put on certain rough blouses which hang from pegs of a very solid and suitable construction for defying those bumps of destructiveness usually so well developed in youth, may exercise themselves on poles, ladders, rings, ropes, and all those adjuncts which Mr. McLaren has done such good service by introducing into our places of education. The floor is paved with hexagonal blocks of wood, and here and there mattresses are placed for the security of the young gymnasts, while, at a judicious distance, tables by the wall afford the opportunity of sedentary amusement to the less vigorous or more thoughtful pupils.

"Having now spoken of the studies and sports of the school, we will enter a little into the detail of the domestic arrangements, in connection with our further progress through the dormitories, infirmary, &c. But one more room on the ground floor must be noted; for if Louis Philippe could make a boast that he was the only monarch capable of bearing adversity as it should be borne, because he was the only king who had ever cleaned his own shoes, we think the well-arranged apartment where the shoes are exchanged for slippers and subjected to the polish of the brush, and where the clothes receive due attention also, should not be passed over, with its practical inculcation of the useful lessons of order and self-dependence. Returning, however, to the main building, we shall find the first floor occupied by a succession of dormitories, spacious, sufficiently lofty, and clean as the driven snow. The arrangement of the neat iron bedsteads in two rows, with their heads towards the centre of the room, strikes the visitor as peculiar, but, upon reflection, the common sense of the arrangement commends itself. Three gangways are thus secured, the breath of the sleepers ascends to that part of the room from whence it is more speedily and directly diffused and the chamber, having windows on both sides, is aired in a few seconds by a thorough draught as soon as the inmates have risen. The nine dormitories give for 150 boys a proportion of 500 cubic feet of air each. On the upper story additional ventilation is provided in the ceiling from the dormers in the roof. Fire places are fitted to each apartment, though from the warmth diffused by the hot air apparatus they are not used. In immediate proximity, though not so near as to suggest the suspicion of *espionage*, are the rooms of the Under Masters; and the Matron's apartment is carefully situated for the whole building. All conveniences and necessities of life are provided for on an ample scale, including that prime necessity of all, a good supply of water. The servants are lodged in the west wing, with a distinct staircase for their use; and in the same wing, but shut off from the corridor by a door, is the infirmary, containing a cheerful and spacious sick ward, 26 feet by 19 feet, a convalescent room overlooking the play-yard, a nurse's room, with all the appliances for heating water, cooking, &c., &c., a bath-room, lavatory, and every other requisite.

"Watch them as they march in serried file down the corridor to their evening meal; and, as they melt gradually away to the several tables, like a flock of birds settling on a field, inspect their faces, and say if those rosy cheeks and bright eyes are ruled by terrorism or subdued by persistent hardship. No, the discipline is, we believe, as firm as Sparta, and the hours of study quite ample, but the regulations, which are posted here and there throughout the building for the guidance of the pupils, are all couched in paternal terms of advice rather than of command, and breathe not a word of threat. The bounds may perhaps appear confined to those accustomed to the roving licence of some of our ancient Schools; but a rising institution must not be judged by the same criterion as a School which has its traditions to fall back upon, and a class of monitors whose standing them renders careful wardens of these unwritten