

The School

"Recti cultus pectora roborant"

Editorial Notes

A Museum on Wheels.—The United States Bureau of Education calls attention to the travelling museum of the schools of St. Louis, Mo. Some of the exhibitors at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904 donated parts of their exhibits to the Public Schools of the city. The Board of Education decided not to disperse the exhibits among the schools, but to assemble them in a motor truck and exhibit them, at intervals and as a whole, in school after school. Much care was taken in arranging the exhibits so as to illustrate the course of study. They included "food products, material for clothing, mounted animals, the life and occupations of different peoples of the world, charts and coloured pictures illustrating history, minerals and ores, and charts illustrating geography, astronomy, and physiology". No freaks of nature, curiosities, or monstrosities were admitted to the collection but every article, slide, view, chart, or photograph has a direct bearing upon the work of the schools. Arranged in this way and utilized wisely the museum brings facts home to the pupils as realistically as possible. "Thus by means of the cotton exhibit the children are taken to the cotton fields, where they study the plant, the method of preparing the soil, the harvesting; to the cotton gin, where the seed is separated from the lint; to the market to see the baling and shipping; to the cotton factories, where the lint is spun and woven into fabrics; and to the refineries to learn how cotton-seed oil, oil cake, cottolene, and soap are made. The supply of the demands for cotton goods is shown by a comparison of the crude implements used by the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands with the magnificent machinery in the large eastern factories as pictured by the stereoscope and lantern slides".

Could not the Canadian National Exhibition provide many of our towns with the material for a museum on wheels?

Might not any Ontario town create a travelling art gallery?

The Speakers' Patriotic League.—When the next number of THE SCHOOL reaches its readers the war will have entered upon its second year. This second year will demand sacrifices in men and women