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## PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF INDIANA.

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Good Roads and Free Transportation; Long Terms; Brick Houses; Good Salaries; Compulsory Laws and Truant Officers.

(Continued from Thursday.)

### THE TRUANT OFFICER AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION:

During the last three years they have had compulsory education for those between the ages of six and fourteen years. Those who have completed the first eight years' work, and have certificates of graduation are not compelled to attend further. This law, of course, is not popular where the children make the living for the family, and would work serious hardship and send many to the poor-house if the State did not assist where it is positively necessary in order to get the child into school.

When clothing and books are necessary the State supplies them, but the law is being enforced against parents who can and will not send to school. This is no doubt a good law, and I should like to see it enforced wherever children are forced to toil in factories with no shadow of a chance for even the rudiments.

Now to enforce this law it takes more than moral suasion; in many instances it requires vigorous measures. This is left to the Truant Officer, whose business it is to see that all the children are in school and look after especially those who "snap."

For the confirmed truant there is a special school prepared in Indianapolis and other large cities, where these toughs are taken and put under more severe discipline. I think that I have known some parents who could cure the worst case in a day.

### EXPENSES AND REVENUE.

No expense is spared in most instances to give the best school houses and the best teachers.

The average school session is 7-3-5 months; and free education almost "as free as water," is offered through the common, high schools, industrial schools and universities. The revenues of the State for school purposes are enormous, supplied largely by contributions from the United States made in the early history of the State, and also by direct and special taxation.

No child there need be ignorant long and none is allowed to be. They must attend school regularly, pass successively each grade, for all the schools are graded schools up to the twelfth grade.

The High Schools in the towns

and cities are generally very efficient, but the attendance is small. The majority of the people seem to be satisfied when their children complete the work of the eighth year. Very few young men and women, comparatively, seek a college education, and but a small per cent of these attend the denominational schools.

The great State institutions, with free tuition, make it difficult for a Christian college to survive. As I see it, every State should provide for the children, instruction through the eighth grade. The High School work is an expensive luxury and no State can afford luxuries. It relieves the people of all responsibility and encourages paternalism, which is self-destructive. Possibly the State should provide in some degree for Universities, and yet it is an open question whether these should not depend upon endowments from the friends of the institution. With great pride and thanksgiving to God I think of the many High Schools and colleges in North Carolina which are under the direction of Christian men and filled with young men and women who, though under the necessity of making a great struggle and sacrifice, will come out more than conquerors in due time.

I long to see the day when our State shall offer to its people as long sessions and as efficient service through the common school work as Indiana does. This may not be brought about in a day but it is coming. The recent larger appropriations by the State are signs of it.

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### GREAT SOUTHERN RAINS.

Eight Inches Fall Within 24 Hours—Great Floods and Winds Thursday, the 27th, was a day of great Southern rains.

Vicksburg is practically cut off from the outside world. Within twenty-four hours eight inches of rain fell. Great damage was done to railroads, and bridges suffered heavily. As much as six miles of track is washed away on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road. About Brookhaven, seven inches of rain fell and it is the greatest flood since 1886.

At Birmingham, Ala., 7.19 inches of rain fell after Wednesday morning.

At Little Rock, Ark., the wind was severe. It moved a string of 25 cars on the track one-eighth of a mile.

No very serious casualties are reported.

Miss Mattie Littal went over to Charlotte this morning to spend Easter with friends.

### TO SURRENDER APRIL 15.

General Guevarra Declines to Come in With His Entire Force and All Their Rifles.

Manila, March 27.—General Smith, who is in command of the American forces on the island of Samar, had a three hour's interview yesterday with the insurgent general, Guevarra, and several officers of his command. The general succeeded General Lukban as leader in Samar, and signified his intention of surrendering to the American authorities.

It was arranged between Generals Smith and Guevarra that the latter, with the entire force under his command all their rifles would surrender April 15. The serviceable rifles to be turned over number 250. Of these 125 are Krag-Jorgensens.

General Smith, referring to his interview, said he was surprised at Guevarra's bearing and the leader impressed him as being a man of resource and devoted to a high purpose.

### Those Pretty Little Boxes.

As you are passing around you will find at a half dozen business houses very neat little glass boxes sitting on the counters to receive contributions for the Jefferson Davis Monument fund. Mrs. Allison ordered this number, which is quite sufficient, but the interest taken in them was so great that they were quickly placed and as many more would have been accepted if she had had them. They cost \$1.00 each however, and for economic reasons the number was limited. These boxes are beauties and the cause is so winning that, to look at them, means to place something in them. They inspire an impulse to give, to which you will yield. We've tried it and have found it to be so.

That you may not overlook them just remember that you will find one at the Racket store, one at Johnson's Drug store, one at Fetzer's Drug store, one at the Concord Drug Company's store, one at the St. Cloud and one at the Gibson Drug store. Hunt them all and you'll give to each and enjoy a comfortable sensation.

### Has Reached Her 84th Birthday.

Mrs. Hettie Winecoff reached her 84th birthday today. In honor of the event her daughters, Mrs. J W Fetzer and Mrs. M J Freeman, will give a tea at the home of Mr. M J Freeman at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Messrs. G W, A M and M L Brown, her nephews and their wives, are the invited guests.

Mrs. Winecoff has survived all the parental family except Mr. George Bost her only brother.

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