

Prof. Goumaux has said that the predominant  
culture of modern times has its foundation in  
a superstition of the middle ages - that as there  
were seven plants, seven sins, seven virtues,  
seven days in the week and seven apertures in the  
head, so there should be seven studies, completed  
in a course of seven years. Now while neither  
ascending nor descending from the abstruse opinions of  
this celebrated educator, I must confess that the  
turning away from the old standard - the never ending  
drill in the classics - to a course of study in  
the utilitarian sciences and arts, is an exceedingly  
hopeful sign. My recent visit to St Augustine's  
school has confirmed me in the opinion that the  
exigencies of modern life may best be met  
with the minimum waste of mind and bodily force.  
By an acquaintance with the practical and use-  
ful, it has been my experience that men and  
women who have not a course at an institution of  
this character seldom fail to make good citizens,  
and it gives me pleasure to be able to say that  
your school has been no laggard in this laudable  
undertaking - I have to thank you for the board which is  
admirably thought, and a prominent place for which I shall find  
in the Ex-mansion. Mrs C and Miss M<sup>r</sup> C join me in sincere  
regards - Yrs int

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