

turesque, nestling, as it does, on an eminence having at its feet the treacherous Canadian River and dominating by its loftiness the whole surrounding fertile country.

This establishment has all the modern improvements and is capacious enough to shelter from 60 to 70 boarders.

From the start, a colony of Franciscan Sisters from Philadelphia took charge of the schools. As all other of God's works, poverty, privation, etc. fell to the lot of the good sisters soon after their arrival, but nothing daunted, they put their trust in Him, who in His own good time amply rewarded them.

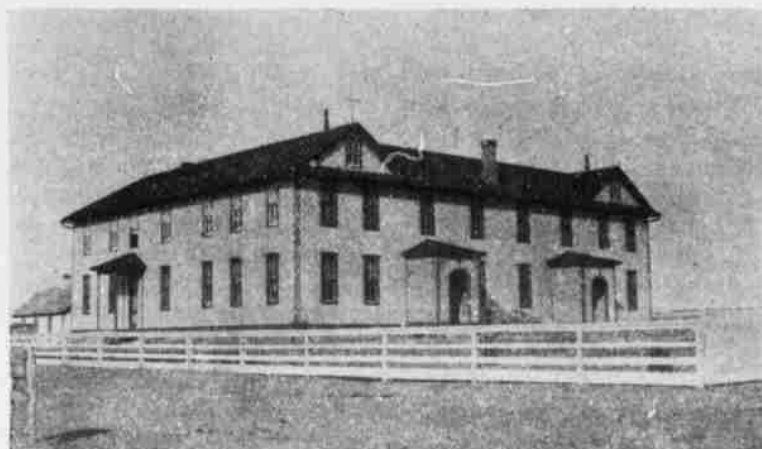
ous tribes such as Choctaws, Caddoes, Chickasaws, Pottawatomies, Kickapoos and Cherokees.

Manual labor, of course, is exacted from all, thus training the girls for home duties.

Furthermore, two day schools, one for boys, the other for girls, are conducted by the same sisterhood. Over one hundred pupils attend.

God alone knows the good these humble daughters of St. Francis wrought in the past seven years.

But recently the Sodality of our Bl. Lady was established; eighteen Indian girls were received; our good Bishop



St. Elizabeth's Indian School, Purcell, Indian Territory.

Although these schools were originally destined but to impart a solid Christian education to Indian youths, yet the present Superioress has spared no pains to transform it, as by magic, into a first-class academy.

The sisters teach, besides the ordinary branches, German, painting, singing and music. Their way of teaching is of the highest order and seems to give satisfaction to the patrons of the institution, judging from the number of pupils yearly refused for want of room.

The average number of boarders is sixty, all Indians and representing vari-

himself, a devout client of our Bl. Mother, conferred the medals and gave a lecture replete with beauty. Many aspirants are on the list and long to be received. Verily the finger of God is there and these eight spouses of Christ (there are but eight Sisters) must be the Eight Beatitudes for the whole Indian country round about.

Of course, Satan and those of that ilk, do their utmost every year to cripple, nay even to destroy this noble work, but all in vain, for up to date, he and his infernal tools have always been shamefully defeated—wealth, protection, cunning and all other para-