

ROMEWAR BLINDED CHILDREN FIND HAVEN OF HOPE

It looks like a school outing - and that's what it is. An outing for children who go sightseeing by hand - for theirs is a world of darkness. Pupils at the Rognanoli Blind School in (which this month celebrates its silver jubilee) are mostly the casualties of total war. Here, in these spacious surroundings, they've found a haven of hope. And with Milton, they can say:

"These eyes, though clear  
To outward view, of blemish or of spot,  
Bereft of light, their seeing have forget,  
Nor to their idle orbs doth sight appear  
Of sun, or moon, or star, throughout the year,  
Or man, or woman. Yet I argue not  
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot,  
Of heart or hope; but still bear up and steer  
Right onward.