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FRANKLIN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

BROOKVILLE, IND., Dec. 24, 1866.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Institute convened at 10th o'clock A. M., in the Basement of the Presbyterian Church, and was opened with prayer by J. P. D. John.

On motion of W. B. Maddock, Prof. J. H. Martin of Brookville College was elected President of the Institute, Hon. A. B. Line Vice President, and J. P. D. John Secretary.

An Executive Committee consisting of W. B. Maddock, A. B. Line and Miss Johnson was appointed to arrange the programme.

The following Committee on Business was appointed: J. R. Sites, E. W. Foster and A. P. F. Dayton.

The roll of Teachers was called, and absences marked.

A Committee consisting of Misses Johnson and Miller, and Misses Dayton, Maddock and John, was appointed to assist Teachers in securing boarding places.

The Executive Committee were authorized to invite the Editors of the County papers and citizens generally to be present at the session of the Institute.

It was ordered that the names of all those expecting to follow Teaching as a profession be enrolled on the Secretary's list. Prof. A. C. Crouch of Brookville College, J. R. Sites and R. J. Stoops were received as members. Forty-five teachers present.

The Institute adjourned till 1st o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute convened at 1st o'clock. Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Tinsley. Roll called, and an additional number of Teachers found present.

A very interesting paper on the subject of School Government was read by A. B. Line. A few criticisms were offered by W. B. Maddock. Some interesting and instructive remarks on School Government were made by Prof. Martin and A. W. Beigle.

After a short intermission, the Institute was entertained by a lecture on Reading by A. W. Beigle. General remarks on the subject were made by Chas. Peterson and A. B. Line.

On motion of W. B. Maddock, a Committee consisting of Misses Tyner and Dole, and Misses Sites, Maddock and Wines, was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a Reunion of the Teachers on Friday evening, Dec. 27.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Maddock was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this Institute be from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12, and from 1st P. M. to 4, and that the Presidents call to order and adjourn this body according to the provisions of this resolution.

Ordered that when this body adjourns, it be to meet at the College. The Institute adjourned till 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Opened with singing, and prayer by Prof. Martin. In the absence of the Examiner the roll-call was omitted. Fifty-three Teachers present.

The following resolution offered by A. B. Line was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to wait on Mr. Richard Tyner and invite him to an honorary seat in this body.

Mr. Peterson of Laurel favored the Institute with a practical lecture on Penmanship. Mr. Peterson stated that he had fixed times for writing.

Very interesting general remarks were made by Mr. Maddock, Prof. Martin, A. B. Line and N. V. Johnson.

The Institute adjourned to 1st o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by A. B. Line.

D. D. Blakeman resumed his lecture on Geography. The subject was discussed by Misses. Maddock, Line, Blakeman and Martin.

After recess, Prof. Crouch organized a class in Practical Arithmetic, which he conducted with great success. Remarks complimentary of the drill were made by Misses. Peterson, John, Martin, Ryman and Line.

An instructive lecture on the subject of Physiology was delivered by Prof. Martin.

The following was offered by J. R. Sites: That Mr. Line's resolution (A) be so amended as to request the Examiner to revoke the licenses of all Teachers who do not attend the Institute, unless satisfactory excuse be offered.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Line was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of Messrs. Higgins, Cleden-
ton, Johnston and Martin, be required to draw up and present to this Institute a plan for the best method as to time and manner of teaching Penmanship in Schools.

Suggested by Mr. Maddock that each Teacher furnish himself with a blank book for the purpose of making memoranda.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Line was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Institute be authorized to purchase a blank book of sufficient size to enter at large the proceedings of this Institute, and also to enter the names of all those in attendance who are at present engaged in Teaching, or are preparing for the profession, or who may have been engaged in former years in Teaching, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to make him a reasonable allowance for his labor.

Moved by Mr. Peterson that a Committee of three be appointed to criticize the proceedings of the Institute. Carried. Prof. A. C. Crouch, J. P. D. John and Mr. R. H. Swift were appointed as Committee.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Tinsley.

A paper was read by Chas. Peterson on the requisites for successful Teaching. It was a production replete with noble sentiments.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Line, J. R. Sites, Rev. C. Tinsley and Prof. Martin.

On motion of A. B. Line it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to solicit subscribers for the School Journal. The following constitute the committee: A. B. Line, Prof. Crouch and W. B. Maddock.

Criticisms on the paper read by Mr. Peterson were offered by Prof. Crouch and John, the committee appointed for that purpose.

The following Committee on Criticism was appointed to act on Wednesday: Prof. A. C. Crouch of Brookville College, J. R. Sites and R. J. Stoops were received as members. Forty-five teachers present.

The Institute adjourned till 9 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Tinsley. Roll called, and an additional number of Teachers found present.

The following resolution (A) was offered by Mr. Line:

Whereas, the Legislature of Indiana did pass a law regulating the Common Schools of the State; and whereas, among other things it required of County Examiners to hold Teachers' Institutes for the mutual benefit of those engaged in Teaching; and whereas, the law requires the suspension of all the Public Schools in the County during the holding of said Institute; and whereas, there is now being held at the town of Brookville a Teachers' Institute; and whereas, our County Examiner has advertised through the public journals of the County, and forwarded to Teachers' circulars informing them of the time and place of holding said Institute.

Therefore Resolved, by this Institute, That the Examiner be instructed to revoke the license of any and of all Teachers in the County who shall continue their Schools in session during all or any part of the holding of said Institute.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, the resolution was laid on the table.

An interesting paper was read by Mr. Maddock, on some of the means necessary to secure good government in Schools.—He was followed by Mr. Line and Prof. Martin.

The report of the Critics was given by Prof. Peterson and Crouch.

In the absence of Mr. Smith of Mount Carmel, Prof. John conducted the class in Practical Arithmetic.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Peterson and Maddock.

After recess, the Institute was entertained by an able lecture on English Grammar by Prof. Martin.

General remarks by Mr. Maddock.

On motion the roll was called.

Mr. Line's resolution (A) was taken from the table and discussed by Messrs. Line, Martin and Peterson.

On motion the resolution was again laid on the table.

Adjourned till 1st o'clock P. M.

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The amendment was laid on the table.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Dole.

Rev. Charles Tinsley favored the Institute with an able and eloquent lecture on the Teacher as a Student.

On motion of C. Peterson, the resolu-

tion (A) of Mr. Line and the amendment of Mr. Sites were taken from the table for the consideration of the Institute.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Maddock and Ferdinand Swift.

On motion, the whole subject was submitted to a committee consisting of A. B. Line, J. R. Sites and C. Peterson.

The following resolution (B) was offered by Mr. Line:

Whereas, the Legislature at its regular session in 1865 did pass a law for the regulation of Common Schools, and did among other things provide that a knowledge of Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History of the United States and Physiology was necessary to obtain license to teach in the Common Schools; and whereas, the Legislature at the special session of 1865 did pass a law authorizing the patrons of any School to dispense with an indefinite number of branches, thereby lowering the standard of Teaching.

Therefore Resolved, That the Teachers of Franklin County, in Institute assembled, respectfully ask the Legislature at its approaching session to repeal the law which lowers the standard of teaching, and that the Secretary of this Institute be authorized to forward a copy of this preamble and resolution to the next Legislature.

Moved by Mr. Peterson that a Committee of three be appointed to criticize the proceedings of the Institute. Carried. Prof. A. C. Crouch, J. P. D. John and Mr. R. H. Swift were appointed as Committee.

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FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Tinsley.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Line, J. R. Sites, Rev. C. Tinsley and Prof. Martin.

On motion of A. B. Line it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to solicit subscribers for the School Journal.

The following constitute the committee: A. B. Line, Prof. Crouch and W. B. Maddock.

In the absence of Mr. Dayton, who was appointed to read a paper, Mr. Maddock read an extract from the School Journal on Object Teaching.

Therefore Resolved, That the Teachers we will cheerfully co-operate with each other in striving to make our profession one of more merit than it has hitherto been in Franklin County.

Whereas, Education is a science and Teaching an art; and whereas, Teachers cannot succeed in their profession without learning this science of Education and skill in Teaching;

Therefore Resolved, That all who engage in the work of Teaching ought to avail themselves of every opportunity offered them to encourage and sustain Teachers' Institutes, and especially every such Institute that holds in their County.

The following Report was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution (A) offered by Mr. Line, made the following report:

Whereas, certain Teachers in the County of Franklin have, in open violation of the School Law, as we have learned, refused to close their schools during the session of this Institute, and hence have failed to attend the meetings of the same;

Resolved, That as teachers we disapprove of their course, and recommend that the extreme penalty of the law be enforced against such persons, and also that we no longer recognize them as members of the profession.

The following amendment to the report of the committee was offered by Prof. Swift, and after discussion was adopted:

Resolved, That as teachers composing this Institute we will cheerfully concur with the Examiner in visiting upon any teacher who has failed to comply with the provisions of the law, or who has wilfully absented himself from the Institute, any penalty he may think himself authorized to inflict, and that in so doing he shall have our hearty support and co-operation.

Some very interesting remarks were made by Prof. Martin to the Teachers.

Mr. T. W. Cledening resumed his lecture on Penmanship.

The following resolution was offered by Prof. Martin and adopted:

Whereas, there is an Association of Teachers held monthly in Brookville, for the benefit of Teachers; therefore,

Resolved, That as an Institute we respectfully urge, as far as possible, the attendance of Teachers at these meetings; and further recommend that the Examiner, in grading the certificates of Teachers, make due allowance for such attendance.

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