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FRANKLIN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

BROOKVILLE, IND., Dec. 24, 1886.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Institute convened at 10 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 Johnston was appointed to arrange the program.

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

The roll of Teachers was called, and absentees marked.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Johnston and Miller, and Messrs. 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 1 1/2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute convened at 1 1/2 o'clock p. m. Prof. Martin in the chair. Opened with prayer by A. B. Line. 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 Messrs. Tyner and Dole, and Messrs. Sites, Maddock and Wiesel, was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a Session 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 1 1/2 p. m. to 4, and that the President 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 1 1/2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

On motion of A. B. Line, Charles J. Peterson was elected Assistant Secretary, and entered on the duties of his office.

The roll being called, Prof. John addressed the Institute on Mental Arithmetic. In the process of instruction, he invited a number of Teachers to form a class, which was promptly done, the result proving perfectly satisfactory and highly instructive.

Discussion of the subject of above lecture. Prof. Crouch approved of the plan proposed by Prof. John. Prof. Martin made a few remarks, and was followed by Messrs. Peterson and Blakeman.

The exercises were resumed after recess, when the Institute was entertained with an able lecture on Geography by D. D. Blakeman. He stated that the child should be addressed through its perspective faculties. He was followed by Messrs. Maddock, Peterson, Allison, Prof. Martin and Rev. C. Tinsley.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Line was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of Messrs. Higgins, Clendenen, 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 who may be 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 that 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.

Criticism 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. Crouch, Messrs. Peterson and Swift.

On motion of A. B. Line, the Examiner was requested to visit the Schools of the County.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Tinsley. Eighty-two Teachers present. Minutes read and approved.

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 1 1/2 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 Messrs. 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 Messrs. 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 license of all Teachers who do not attend the Institute, unless satisfactory excuses be offered.

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 resolution (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, Jas. 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 discontinue 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.

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of C. Peterson, the Chair was requested to hold each member speaking, to the subject, and to allow no member to speak more than five minutes on miscellaneous business.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prof. Martin in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Joseph Ryman. Eighty teachers present. Remarks by Messrs. Peterson, Ryman and Line, on the use of tobacco in the school-room. Minutes read and approved.

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.

At the suggestion of Prof. Martin, Mr. Peterson conducted a Spelling Class in the "pod-auger" style, much to the amusement of the Institute. He was followed by N. V. Johnson, who conducted a class according to a more approved method. He managed his class to the entire satisfaction of the Institute.

Remarks were made by Messrs. Jackson, Cresswell and Ryman.

After intermission, Mr. Maddock conducted a recitation in Practical Arithmetic. Mr. Maddock called on Prof. John to give a solution of an example in Compound Proportion by the rule of Cause and Effect, which he did.

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 who 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 Ferd. Swift, and after discussion was adopted:

Resolved, That as teachers composing this Institute 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.

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

Whereas, the Teachers' Institute convened by our Examiner has proved a success, therefore

Resolved, That when the term of this Institute closes, it adjourn to meet in Brookville on the Monday preceding the 25th day of December, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The time having expired, the Institute adjourned till 1 1/2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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

Mr. Beigle read an interesting paper on "The Aim of the Teacher." On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Beigle for his paper.

Prof. Martin lectured thirty minutes on English Grammar. Remarks on the subject were made by Prof. Crouch.

T. W. Clendenen presented the Payson, Danton and Scribner method of Penmanship. Remarks and criticisms were made by Messrs. Beigle, Higgins and Peterson.

Mr. Sites moved that J. P. D. John be permitted to resume his lecture on Mental Arithmetic. Carried.

Reading was made part of programme for the fifth day.

Prof. Martin was requested to deliver a lecture on Physiology. Adjourned to meet at quarter till seven in the evening.

A. B. Line in the chair. Opening exercises by J. P. D. John.

The Institute then listened to an able and interesting lecture on Physiology from Prof. Martin. On motion of Mr. Jackson, a vote of thanks was tendered to Prof. Martin for his lecture.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

LAST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

A. B. Line in the chair. Opening exercises by Prof. Martin. Sixty teachers present. Minutes read and approved.

The exercise on Mental Arithmetic was omitted. Remarks on Reading were made

by Miss Patterson, Mr. Maddock, Prof. Martin, Rev. C. Tinsley, Prof. Crouch, Misses Dole, Morgan and Quigley.

Prof. Martin in the chair. On motion of A. B. Line, the regular programme was dispensed with until after miscellaneous business.

Mr. Line's resolution (B) was taken from the table, and after a short discussion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Line's resolution (C) was taken from the table. It was adopted with the following proviso:

Provided, however, if any other place in the County offers greater facilities for holding the same, by decision of the Executive Committee, the next session shall be held in that place.

The following was offered by Mr. Line: Resolved, That we, as Teachers of the Common Schools in the County of Franklin, do hereby tender our sincere thanks to our Examiner for the efforts he has made to convene this Institute, and we, as Teachers, do hereby pledge our sympathy and support in all his lawful and laudable efforts to promote the cause of Common School Education in the County.

Adopted. On motion of C. J. Squier it was Resolved, That we do hereby tender our thanks to the President, Professors, Students and Trustees of Brookville College for their sacrifices and their efforts to make our Institute beneficial and interesting.

On motion of A. B. Line it was Resolved, That the Secretary and the County Examiner be instructed to make out a synopsis of the proceedings of this Institute, and furnish the same to our County papers for publication, and also a copy to the School Journal.

The following resolutions offered by Prof. Martin were adopted:

Resolved, That we hold it to be the duty of every Teacher of Franklin County to subscribe for, and carefully read the "Indiana School Journal."

Resolved, That as Teachers we will cheerfully co-operate with each other in striving to secure 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 held in their own County.

The following Report was adopted: The Committee to whom was submitted the question when and how Writing should be conducted, would respectfully recommend the last exercise before recess in the morning, and that all other exercises be suspended for the time.

J. H. MARTIN, G. W. HIGGINS, T. W. CLENDENEN, N. V. JOHNSON.

Moved by R. B. Metcalf that this body petition the Legislature to increase the salaries of Teachers. After discussion, the motion was lost.

Adjourned till 1 1/2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A. B. Line in the chair. Opening exercises by Rev. C. Tinsley.

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.

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

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

A. W. Beigle finished his lecture on Reading.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

SOCIAL REUNION.

At 7 p. m. the Teachers assembled for a social reunion. The exercises were interspersed with music. The following toasts were offered:

The Teachers' profession binds us, integrity holds us, and death alone separates us.

Response by C. J. Peterson. The Ministers of our Country—Teachers of a science supremely above all others, and one which we would encourage our pupils to learn. Always sure of our sympathy, and meeting their aid in our efforts to train the youth of our land, we cordially welcome them among us.

Response by Rev. C. Tinsley. Teachers—the elevators of the race and the benefactors of our minds.

Response by Dr. J. W. Keely. The Student—the discoverer of Nature's mysteries.

Response by Hon. C. R. Cory. The Blackboard—it reveals our ideas in their beauties and blunders.

Woman—as a Teacher, by reaching the heart she illumines the intellect.

Response by Rev. C. Tinsley. The Teachers' Institute of Franklin County—"United we stand, divided we fall."

Response by Prof. Martin.

After the toasts were responded to, the Teachers separated, feeling that they had spent a week pleasantly and profitably.

J. H. MARTIN, President. J. P. D. JOHN, Secretary. C. J. PETERSON.

H. C. LORD ESQ.

Our Laurel correspondent, unwittingly we know, does this gentleman injustice in his remarks in reference to his employees. In his business arrangements Mr. Lord never allows politics to intrude; so far from which, a majority of those occupying responsible and lucrative positions on the various roads of which he is President, are

of the opposite political faith. Simple justice demands this vindication at our hands.

LETTER FROM LAUREL.

[Correspondence of the American.] LAUREL, IND., Dec. 24, 1886.

Home again! But there has been such a change in the appearance of things during the short space of two months, that I can hardly realize it as my old home. To hear and see the old iron horse puffing and roaring along every hour or two, makes me feel as though I was in some other locality.

I left Shelbyville last Thursday at 12 o'clock M., and was at Metamora by 7 o'clock P. M., after waiting two and a half hours at Valley Junction. Pretty quick work, thanks to the President of the I. & C. and W. V. R. R. May he live a thousand years, and his shadow never grow less. The world can ill spare men of such indomitable energy and perseverance.

He has created for himself a moment more enduring than the solid marble shaft can ever be, in digging down the hills, leveling hollows, spanning rivers, binding together towns and cities with iron bands that can never be broken while civilized men are permitted to rule the nations of the earth.

I see but one single drawback to keep H. C. Lord's name from becoming immortalized in the history of his country, and that is, he is such an uncompromising Democrat. I understand he will not employ any operatives on his roads but those of the same persuasion. Well, I will freely forgive him for that, if he will continue by his energy and capital to annihilate time and space for the purposes of trade and travel. Though I have but little of either to do, I love to see it for the benefit of those that have.

And now, Mr. Editor, whatever you do not let Mr. Lord see this letter, for fear he should make me an exception to the general rule by appointing me to some lucrative office on some of his roads, or giving me a perpetual dead-head ticket, viz: to lay my head on the track and let the cars run over it, and have my funeral preached by some reverend old Democrat who would leave take his text from Dillworth's old spelling-book as from the Bible, not knowing the difference. I used to know one of that kind when I was a boy.

I shall not soon forget the kindness of Mr. Avery, the gentlemanly Conductor on the train from the Junction to Laurel.

Yours truly, A. W. SULLENBURGER.

LETTER FROM DECATUR CO., IND.

[Correspondence of the American.] Editor of American.—It has been some time since I wrote anything for your columns, but I presume my remissness in this particular has not been a very great disappointment to your numerous readers. The holidays are near at hand. Their approach used to be heralded by debtors "forking over the needful" to their creditors; and by this means alone, without consulting the almanac, many were advised of their annual approach; but such is not the case nowadays to an extent that will relieve the anxiety of those who are in great need of means to meet pressing engagements.—There is a cause for this delay or backwardness, but whether a just one or not is a debatable question.

In the first place, persons who went into the hog trade last fall got their views up entirely too high, started in on \$10 per cent., and are unwilling to go out at a little over half that figure, and the result is that most if not quite all the hogs which have been driven from this vicinity were packed and held by the drover, awaiting an advance, but the advance recently is like the militia captain's order to his company, "Advance backward," and whether their present views will be realized, time alone will determine. Of one thing, however, they are pretty well assured already; the old cry of "short crop" was only a phantom of the brain. There were a great many hogs fattened in this vicinity—enough, I presume, if marketed, to place this community in an easy financial condition.

Business has been very dull here for the past few months. We have occasionally, as a kind of prelude to the monotony, a regular fire-up between the votaries of Bacchus, which never results in anything more serious than a black eye or bloody nose.

Cyrus Kilgore Esq., long and favorably known to the citizens of Franklin County, has charge of the School here, assisted by his daughter. Their services are commended and duly appreciated by the patrons of the School.

Mr. Fowler and lady, our former worthy Teachers, have charge of the School at Milroy, Rush County.

In a former communication I referred to a number of Franklin County men here, and inadvertently omitted our worthy Post Master, Old Uncle Tommy Anderson. About the time the famous and influential Johnson Club of Greensburg was in the full tide of its glory, its pompous Secretary interrogated the old man in reference to his indorsement of "my policy." He did not indorse much. Some of our former worthy Teachers, have charge of the School at Milroy, Rush County.

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