

## G. M. Cole, 92 Years Young, Once President of Music Teachers, Gives Early History

G. M. Cole, 92 years old, former president of Richmond, and the only living charter member of the Indiana Music Teachers' association, has written a short history of the association. A motion that a letter of congratulation be sent him at his present home in Pasadena, Calif., was passed unanimously.

Mr. Cole's history of the association will be read at one of the business meetings. It follows:

In 1875, when attending the New England Normal Music school at East Greenwich, R. I., Theodore Pressor and G. M. Cole conceived the idea of having a National Music Teachers' association, and prevailed upon Dr. Eben Tourjee to assist them.

In December, 1876, the first meeting was held at Delaware, O., and the National Music Teachers' association was organized, with the following officers: Dr. Eben Tourjee, president; Theodore Pressor, secretary, and G. M. Cole, treasurer.

At this meeting only two were in attendance from Indiana, William E. Bates from Columbus, and G. M. Cole from Richmond. They decided to organize a state association, to be the first in the Union.

June, 1877, First Date.

In June, 1877, the first State Music Teachers' association was organized, and held in Columbus, Indiana.

A permanent organization was accomplished, a constitution and by-laws adopted, and officers elected, consisting of George H. Loomis of Indianapolis, president; G. M. Cole, Richmond, secretary; William E. Bates, Columbus, treasurer. This meeting was attended by a large number. Theodore Pressor and William Dana of Ohio, contributed valuable papers. Miss Laura Gaston, Prof. Walters and Prof. August Rhu of Richmond, rendered piano solos.

Our second meeting for 1878 was held at Indianapolis. Profs. Dana and Pressor of Ohio, gave interesting papers; Miss Gaston, of Richmond, and others, piano solos; Prof. Giffie of Logansport and others, vocal numbers.

Prof. Goodrich, of Ft. Wayne, was elected president; H. P. Zimmerman, secretary, W. H. Mettison of Wabash, treasurer.

The third meeting was held at Shelbyville, in June, 1879, which was largely attended, and many able papers were presented by Prof. Dana of Ohio, Prof. Zeller, Richmond, Prof. Heath of Ft. Wayne, and J. M. Dungan, of Franklin.

At this meeting, the officers elected were: W. E. Bates, president; W. J. Stabler, secretary. Richmond was selected for the next meeting.

Were Here in 1880.

June, 1880, the music teachers assembled at Richmond. Prof. Heath of Ft. Wayne, was made president; W. J. Stabler, secretary. At this meeting, all the music teachers of Richmond took an active part. H. S. Perkins of Chicago, Dana of Warren, O., and others, rendered instructive papers.

The fourth annual meeting in 1881, held at Ft. Wayne, had the smallest attendance of any. A severe storm and rain caused us to have a short program, no one being in attendance from Richmond but G. P. Cole.

The next meeting, 1882, held at Franklin, was the largest attended. Many valuable papers were given by Prof. More of Seymour, Miss Hough



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of Franklin, Prof. Giffie, Logansport, Prof. Meyer, Ft. Wayne, G. M. Cole explained the Tonic Sol-fa Notation.

The 1883 annual meeting at Logansport was a grand success. Some valuable papers by leading teachers of the state were given. Prof. Giffie had prepared a large chorus, and solos were rendered by R. F. Webb of Ohio on the organ, Otto Schmidt, Richmond, violin, the Temple Quartette, Richmond, Prof. Tinker, Evansville, Miss Hough, Franklin, Heath, Ft. Wayne and others. This was one of the most enjoyable concerts ever given by the association.

### Weisbrod Gave Solo.

At the 1884 meeting, at Terre Haute W. T. Giffie, Logansport, was president, W. F. Heath, secretary and Miss Beasle Hough, treasurer. Interesting papers were read by Prof. Zeller, Richmond, J. R. Murray, Cincinnati, D. Wilson, Paris, Ill., J. W. Stabler, Miss Palmer, Franklin, Mrs. Gould, Terre



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The meeting for 1885 was held at Evansville, and was not largely attended, but was a very profitable and pleasant one. Those taking an active part were Prof. Black and Max Leckner, Indianapolis, Dana of Ohio, and H. S. Perkins, Chicago. Officers were Prof. Shide, Terre Haute, president; Prof. Byers, secretary, Miss Hough, treasurer. The concerts were unusually fine. Solos were rendered by Prof. Perkins, Chicago, Prof. Byers of Terre Haute, and Miss Nellie Cooper, formerly of Richmond. Mrs. Garce Levering and Mrs. Flora Hunter, of Indianapolis, gave a very enjoyable concert of vocal and instrumental numbers.

The convention closed with a piano concert by William H. Sherwood, of Boston, Mass., and with vocal numbers by Miss Thompson and Mrs. Ora Pearson.

### Cole Elected President.

The committee reported the following officers for 1886: G. M. Cole, Richmond, president; Mrs. Flora Hunter, Indianapolis, secretary, and Miss Hitt, Vincennes, treasurer.

The 1886 convention at Indianapolis, was the largest attended by music teachers ever held in the state. Many valuable papers were read by Prof. Tinker of Evansville, W. T. Giffie, Logansport, Miss Woodman, Ft. Wayne, L. L. Forman, Philadelphia, Max Lecknor, Indianapolis. The concerts were the best. Solos by Mrs. Henry Jameson, the Apollo Quartette; Madames Levering, Lyman, Morrison and Watson gave beautiful numbers; Miss Anna Wilcox's piano solo was a gem. Miss Laura Gaston of Richmond gave a piano recital assisted by Mrs. W. C. Lyman and Mrs. S. L. Morrison, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Fanny Bloomfield-Ziegler of Chicago, gave a concert of

classical gems as our closing performance.

It was decided, after consulting the older members of our association, Prof. Max Lecknor and G. M. Cole, who were both members of the National Music Teachers' association, which was to be held at Indianapolis in 1887, not to have a meeting of the state association, but to turn our energies to the National.

Our next state association in 1888 was held at Lafayette. The officers were: Prof. Dungan, president; Prof. Bergen, secretary, and Prof. More, treasurer. Some very valuable papers were read by Max Lecknor of Indianapolis, Mrs. Bates, of Columbus, and Prof. Zeller, Lafayette, Dr. Frost Croft, the pastor of Trinity church gave an address on "Church Music." The concert numbers were a duet by the Misses Fannie and Ella Cowdrey, solos by Mrs. Herron of Crawfordsville, Prof. Longwith Leasette, and piano recital by Miss Wilcox, William H. Sherwood of Chicago gave the closing piano concert.

This was the last meeting of the Indiana Music Teachers' association that he attended before leaving the state. He had attended every meeting to date and had been honored with every office and trust. "I will say in conclusion," says Mr. Cole, "that I am retired but have always had a warm place in my affections for the Teachers' association and especially the good people of Richmond and the teachers in the public schools with whom I labored for 16 years."

"In writing up this report, I only give it as I remembered; no doubt there are some errors, but acknowledge my memory is very treacherous, as I am now 92 years young."

"With best wishes to the music teachers of Indiana, I am yours truly G. M. COLE.

Pasadena, Cal.

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## State Milk Rules, Under Fire, To Be Reconsidered

The recently adopted regulations governing the milk supply of the state will be reconsidered Wednesday afternoon at a special meeting of the state board of health called by Dr. Hugh Cowing, president. The reconsideration of the rules comes as a result of resolutions of protest passed by the State Dairy association and the activities of other organizations interested in having the regulations changed.

Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the board, has opposed any alteration of the regulation. On the day following the protest of the State Dairy association, Dr. Hurty declared the rules would not be changed and that the board could not be used by the association to advance commercial interests.

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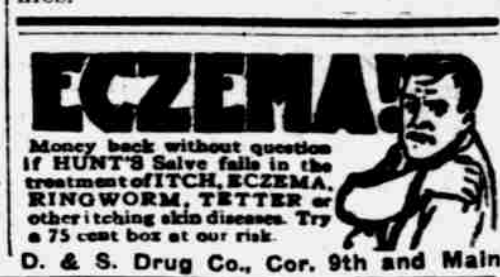
HAMMOND—After quoting scripture for 15 minutes to prove that he had a right to drink and get drunk, the Rev. David Manuel, a colored minister from Chicago, was released by Judge W. A. Relland.

LAFAYETTE—Yeggmen carried away \$3,500 in Liberty bonds and \$200 in cash from the safe in the office of the Lafayette Lumber company. No clue has been found.

GOSHEN—No trace has been found

of Perry Wogoman, 34 years old, New York Central railroad employe, who disappeared after a recent storm. It is believed that he fell from the Goshen and Michigan branch railroad bridge over Rock Run Creek, and was drowned in the swollen torrent.

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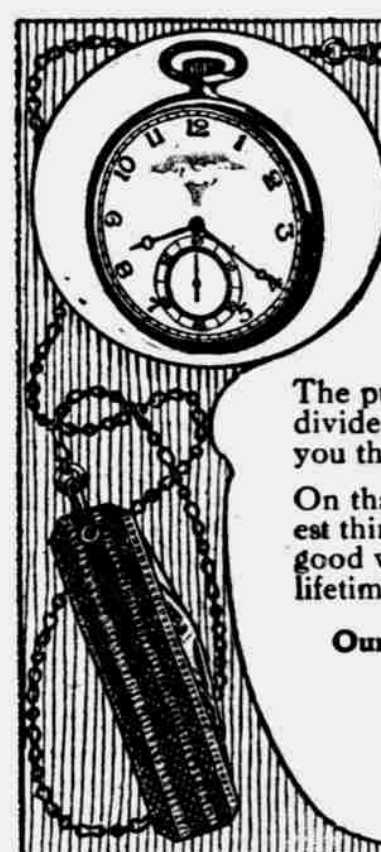
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