

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

G. M. Cole, 92 years old, former resident 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. Giffre of Logansport and others, vocal numbers.

Prof. Goodrich, of Ft. Wayne, was elected president; H. P. Zimmerman, treasurer; W. H. Metson 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. M. 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. Giffre, Logansport, Prof. Meyer, Ft. Wayne, G. M. Cole explained the Tone-Solfa Notation:

The 1883 annual meeting at Logansport was a grand success. Some valuable papers by leading teachers of the state were given. Prof. Giffre had prepared a large chorus, and solos were rendered by R. F. Webb of Ohio on the organ, Otto Schmid, 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.

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