The Democratic Watchman.

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EDUCATIONAL.

Public Schools of Howard Township.

Number of schools seven.

Fairview school—D. B. Pletcher, teacher, 51 Pupils.

Gravel Hill school—A. W. Gardner, teacher, 52 Pupils.

Howard Furnace school—D. W. Pletcher, teacher, 45 Pupils.

Mechanicsville school—G. D. Johnson, teacher, 42 Pupils.

Kennedy school—Miss Mattie C. Leathers, teacher, 33 Pupils.

Pletcher's school—J. N. Hall, teacher, 26 Pupils.

Pleasant Hill school—N. H. Schenck, teacher, 24 Pupils.

The most of the above schools are well governed. In one, however, there is an utter want of attention. Bad order, noise and confusion, are the consequent results.

The Topical plan of teaching is not followed in any except "Pleasant Hill." The Bible is read daily in all, and Singing is practiced in all except the "Gravel Hill" and "Mechanicsville."

Map drawing is taught in connection with Geography in but one—"Pleasant Hill" school. Composition is taught to a limited extent in all, except the "Furnace" school. More attention, however, should be given to this branch, and to penmanship.

But *one* school was found destitute of a History class. Directors should see that this *branch is not neglected*, and that the schools be classified *with regard to the wants of the pupils only*. It is certainly not safe to place so important a matter as the regulating of school studies, in the hands of children, unless we expect to be satisfied with the *result* of child judgment; and yet we often hear as a *reason assigned* for not teaching certain things, that "*the children did not care about studying it.*"

Many of the school rooms present a clean and inviting appearance. Five are furnished with school mottoes—"Kennedy," "Pletcher's," "Pleasant Hill," "Furnace" and "Fairview."

A few present rather a slovenly appearance. Class Records are kept in one or two.

The attendance at most of the schools has been good. Clara Smith and William Pletcher have not missed a day this term, and Jacob L. Pletcher has not missed a day during the three last winters.

A new school-house has been built during the year, which is a good frame structure. Four of the houses are still without necessary outbuildings. All are arranged for ventilating, and in all have teachers made daily use of the ventilators, *except one*.

The books are uniform in all; but in some there are numbers of pupils unsupplied with these requisites.

Length of school term four months.

Salary of teachers $35.

Will not the Directors soon see the propriety of grading their teacher's salaries, and thus hold out *inducements* to teachers to advance with the profession?

Directors J. Antes and M. Pletcher accompanied the Superintendent to a number of the schools.

R. M. M.

(*Communicated*)

COLD SPRING, *March 14th, 1870*

Mr. P. G. Meek.

DEAR SIR:—Having just completed the circuit of this township—in company of Prof. R. M. M.—perhaps some of my observations and "way side gleanings" might not be uninteresting to you and your readers. We found the schools, of which there are three in the district, in good condition, considering the shortness of the term—except the one at Hannah Furnace, which is almost a total failure, the per cent. of attendance being but twenty seven. Our very efficient officer, Prof. M, administered some wholesome correction, in a proper and becoming manner; after which we directed our footsteps toward the abode of our mutual friend—the treasurer of the district—at Buddville, where we were very pleasantly entertained with plenty of good cheer, and a glowing description of the "*bear hunt*"; *Capture of* Bruin, and the final litigation about the hide. Which, considering our host is a great hunter and jovial fellow, was highly amusing and exciting. Supper over, the "old clock on the stairs" reminded us that the hour for the train to arrive was near at hand, and we escorted our distinguished visitor to the station.

Next morning (Saturday) I, accompanied by two citizens, visited a house, or rather a hovel near Buddsville, which had been brought to my notice by its owner—a few days before—making application for charity from the district—or in other words an order for relief. As we had but a short distance to walk, we soon reached the wretched abode. It's surroundings betokened poverty and indolence. The house—a two story frame—presented a dilapidated appearance. No windows in the upper story: the elements, without restraint, were exercising on a score of harlequin's gymnasiums. The chip-yard—at the door—had been raised some two or three feet higher than the floor of the house by accumulations of chips, ice and filth. We entered the hovel. A board petition divided it into two apartments; one of which contained the occupants, or members of the family. The family consisted of man and wife, one son, two daughters, and grand daughter—a child of six months old, and the illegitimate offspring of the oldest daughter. The son was prostrated by disease, on a bench near the stove, and looked the picture of despair. All were clad in filthy, and debasing rags. In the corner of the room(?) stands what they call their bed. Of what it is composed I cannot tell, except, the top covering, which looks as though it might have once been intended for a soldier's blanket.—Here the son, daughters, father and mother,—parents and children,—spend their nights in one bed? The father—a man of about fifty winters—said he could get no work to do, and had been whole days without so much as a crust of bread for himself and family, and, was forced, by the ravages of hunger and cold, to apply for relief. There is one other occupant, a bright eyed intelligent looking child, a girl of about seven summers, without shoes, and, as we were informed, has had none this winter. Our hearts bled as we contemplated the probable future of this child. Its sweet innocent countenance, its pleasant smile, and childish prattle, would had it been born with a silver spoon in its mouth, make it an object of special attention and admiration.

How long will it be ere the people of this County will awaken to the necessity of having an asylum for, the reception, and education of such objects of charity.

A poor house seems to be the only refuge where such persons are properly cared for, and rendered useful. Then in the name of suffering humanity why do not some of our leading men take hold of this matter and see that it has the consideration due a subject of so great importance? Yes, it certainly is of importance. Think of the bright eyed, naturally intelligent little pauper, who is having no examples of christian piety to pattern, starved, and a plaything for the fierce elements—it will naturally fall into sin and disgrace, and her curse rest upon the people who are ambitious of being called christians but who, while clamoring for the missionary cause abroad, forget the poor of their own vicinity. "Charity should begin first at home." Truly and respectfully, yours, JUSTICE.

(*For the* WATCHMAN.)

Boggs Township Institute.

Boggs Township Institute convened on Saturday, March 12th, at 9 o'clock, at the Central City School House. President Tobias in the chair. Roll called, and the following teachers responded with sentiments. Misses Nesbitt, Taylor, Cook, Hall, Smith and Irvin. Messrs. Campbell, Rockey and Hancock. Directors Wolf, Taylor and Smith. Devotional exercises by the President. Reading of Minutes of last session. Adopted. A class formed in Mental Arithmetic, and drilled by W. B. Rockey. The class was put through a "course of sprouts" long to be remembered, proving that as a *Mentalist*, he is hard to beat. Misses Nesbitt, Smith and Taylor, Messrs. Campbell and Hancock, solving very difficult questions, showing that they are up with this fast age—subject postponed—the next on the carpet, Miss Mollie Nesbitt, class drill in Reading. The drill was confined principally to the fundamental rules. Miss Nesbitt is perfectly master of this important branch. A number of selections in prose and poetry were read by the class, which were well read. Postponed. Essay by Miss Rachel Smith, subject, "Rome was not built in one day," was read in a clear and forcible manner. Declamation, "Taking of Warsaw," by W. A. Tobias. The next that engaged the attention of the Institute was a class drill in spelling by Elias Hancock. Many words were spelled and questions asked and answered in reference to the changing of the orthography of words, rules, &c. Postponed, Practical Illustrations in Geometry by Director G. R. Wolf. He drew different diagrams on the board, explaining the nature of Decimals in calculating anything pertaining to fractions, and demonstrating clearly the different uses to which it can be applied in mechanical calculations. Triangles, Circles, Squares, Diameters, Circumferences, &c. His remarks were very instructive, the teachers asking and answering questions. Superintendent Magee graced the Institute with his presence. Many citizens in attendance. Adjourned. *Sine die.* *

"Where's He that Would Not Dance?"

When *Governor Geary, at one of* his evening receptions at Harrisburg, was asked to dance, he excused himself with the mild remark: "I have not danced since the war—my legs are too full of bullet holes!"—Harper's Bazar, February 26.

Are we *never* to know the full extent of the devastation of the late war? Are there any more of our heroes—to all appearances healthful and robust—moving about among us with constitutions thus undermined? with legs thus hopelessly perforated? Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, are there any bullet-holes in *your* legs? Are *you* precluded from the sweet solace of the social dance? In the case of Grant, we are somewhat assured, for have we not read that he *did* dance at the Prince's ball in Washington the other night? But (ah, dreadful thought!) may he not with Spartan pluck have "trod a measure" upon honeycombed pins? Let us "make assurance doubly sure, and take a bond of fate;" go each and all of you, our heroes, we beseech, and submit yourselves to the nearest surgeon; roll up your sacred trowsers, and let *medical certificates set forth the* true condition of your respective limbs, that the anxious nation may know how you stand, and thus be assured of *its* standing.

And thou, oh, Coriolanus Geary, puissant hero of newspaper battles! Let not that haughty innocence, that proud scorn of popular favor, that patrician contempt of the "greasy citizen," which has been so characteristic of you carry you too far! If the grand old commonwealth is leaning upon a broken reed, let us, oh let us know the extent of your fractures! Although you may never again "trip the light, fantastic toe," let us pray that strength may be given you to *run* for a third term, and *jump* the State once more. Why have we never heard the history of Pennsylvania's glory from the lips of those wounds? And why, may we ask, have the wounds themselves never before been heard of? Why did they not take their honored place in the current record of the sufferings and sacrifices of that ghastly time? Why did not the newspapers ring with them, that the nation might give her tears to salve them? Answer, ye reportorial legion! Why have these sacred wounds been hoarded in so secret and miserly a manner, and disclosed only in a relaxed moment of playful abandon? Verily, the underpinning of our national fabric is in jeopardy?

The dance was at its maddest bout clashed the horns and drums—
When, flinging wide the massive doors the usher cried, 'He comes'
Then Beauty, whirling in the waltz, with doughty cavalier,
Who pouted lips and wondering eyes paused in her whirl to hear
As stalking through the throng throng with smiling port, yet high,
Bold Geary came, our Governor him of the eagle I
Ex General nee Democrat Kansas Governor, et cet—
Ulysses's head, Achilles's tread, and Nestor's wisdom met,
To form the man upon whose span our hopes are fondly set
He plants at ease his good right leg his hand rests on his hip
Stern majesty in every line from toe to moustached lip
Then from that trance throng there glides a beauteous maid, pardie!
Who straight before the Governor crooked the finger of her knee
My Governor, my Imperial our common wealth's great stay
Unto thy humblest subject grant one little dance I pray'
Since the war was done the Governor said 'I have not danced' said he
One little whirl, the maiden pleaded one little whirl with me'
The Governor shakes his Jove like head but still the maiden begs
I cannot dance too full, he said not but let holes my legs!'
Then into vacancy he gazed, where breadth scopes for view
And on that joyous company fell a hush of breathless awe

World

True.

BOYS, good morals do not have their headquarters in taverns and saloons, nor do they lounge about shops or stores. I always had a poor opinion of a young man tilted in a chair on a hotel stoop, or dangling his legs in a bar-room. Such places beget a swaggering air, and a swaggering man is neither manly nor admirable, and is as repelling to a good woman as vice is to virtue. The atmosphere of places where men congregate to smoke and drink, eat peanuts, spin varns, crack jokes, and tell stories—and you know what kind of stories some of them tell—is no more appropriate for you than it would be for your sisters. What would soil and contaminate them, will you.

I find a wide spread disposition among men to ridicule exemption from bad habits among their own sex. They think a fellow terribly "green" who has kept the bloom and sanctity of his honor as inviolate as the sweet sister at his side has hers; and they say a fellow who does not enjoy a fine cigar or a glass of claret, lacks in the ingredients of what now constitutes a "good fellow." It is the sheerest nonsense, and the most palpable falsity that ever wheedled a young man into its meshes. I am an "excellent judge" of men, and some of the very best ones it has been my good fortune to know, have been men of honor, generosity, large-heartedness, sympathy, deep and strong in feeling, appreciative, possessing good sense and judgment: and they neither smoke, chew, drink intoxicating beverages, attend horse races, delight in the witticisms of the clown of a country circus, nor swear.

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