

**INSTITUTE AT MIFFLINVILLE.**

A local Institute convened at Mifflinville on February 6th, in the school-room, composed of Beaver, Main and Mifflin townships. The following teachers were present: Beaver, Mr. J. S. John, and James Platte; absent, Mr. Lillie, Fritz, Charles Blaker and Miss Sutliff; Main, Mr. M. Geddes, C. H. York, Misses Watson, Elliott, and Hassert; Mifflin, Mr. R. H. Hess, S. B. Lutz, Misses C. B. Wayne, Jessie Brown, C. D. Hess, Blanche Geddes and M. Alice Aten.

Prof. Richardson from Berwick was also present.

Institute called to order by chairman R. H. Hess, Scripture read, 5th chapter of St. Matthew and prayer by Rev. Boone. Song, "When My Ship comes in," Essay, "The value of Music in the school room by Miss C. L. Hess. Singing in the school-room proves to be a success on the part of the pupils. Time used for singing is not invaluable. Singing at the close of the day serves to drive away the cares of the day, and brighten the pupil's interest for the next day's work.

The subject was furthermore discussed by teachers and others, it having been said that pupils will look to the music hour with pleasure. At times everything in the school seems to go smoothly and then again there are times when every thing goes topsy-turvy; at such times it would be well for the teacher to start a familiar selection in singing and leave the pupils join in. "The rod aggravates the mind but music soothes it." Prof. Richardson described the need of music in the church; therefore its need is greatly demanded in the school-room. How will you teach music if you cannot sing? If directors have any interest in music they will certainly compensate the teachers for teaching it. The music of the hand represents the tones of the scale. What kind of selections should be given? Do not always give songs neither always hymns, but that which will best suit the occasion. Recitation, "The New Church Organ", by Miss Bella Yohe, Essay, "The study of Language to beginners," by Miss C. B. Wayne. Language lessons should begin with conversational talks; during Spring and Fall have pupils bring in specimens of plants, the talks on these to be used as lessons. Language lessons should be taught in connection with Natural History. What a child learns during the age of eight, he will be able to retain. Supt. Johnston spoke on the importance of Language Lessons. Every lesson should be made a Language Lesson. An illustration given; if 2 apples cost 12 cents, what will 1 apple cost; most pupils in reply would say, 6 cents, whereas they should say 1 apple will cost 6 cents; which words will give thought or mean something.

Supt. Johnston spoke on the importance of teachers taking and reading educational papers and books. Teachers should study at least one book and paper this year, study it so as to make it your own thought. The following year a new book should be taken up. Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Singing, "Robin Red Breast" by Primary school. Calling of the Roll. Study of Language discussed by Prof. Richardson. Never use have with saw; some grammarians claim there is no potential mod; but put the verbs in other moods, yet some of our best authors claim there is a potential mod. Recitation, "The Apple" by P. C. Gladfelter. A discussion, "The punctual attendance of the teacher," opened by S. B. Lutz. If the teacher is not punctual the pupil will not be, the discussion responded to by various teachers. Supt. Johnston spoke of the need of having a program in school, arrange the program so as to carry out the plan, and yet get through, in the specified time. Prof. Richardson then spoke of using "National Songs" as being a good exercise, when the work of the day has been completed, yet the time for dismissal having not yet arrived. Singing "March Along." A discussion, "The control of the pupil without the rod," by Miss Blanche Geddes. The teacher and the parents should work together. Do not make rules that the smallest child cannot understand.

A Dialogue "Tommie Tatters," by Master Mark and Abram Lehman. Address by Supt. Johnston. The teacher should teach the pupil how to study. The pupil should not be allowed to waste his time. Give pupils a clear idea what is to be learned. Read and re-read. Have the pupils give the thought, they should be trained how to use a Dictionary and books of reference. The teacher should make the lessons practical, he should also have a knowledge of the laws and if his patience endures, perseverance will certainly follow. A teacher cannot have his pupils stronger or better than himself. As the teacher so will be the pupils, success also depends on a teacher having faith in her pupils; if she has her whole soul in the work she will persevere.

Recitation, "Nobody's Child," by Bessie Michael. A discussion, "The study of Geography to beginners," opened by M. Alice Aten.

A Solo, "The funny little Boy," by Bessie Michael.

Address by Prof. Richardson, "Physiology." The sense of touch, is one of the first. We talk about what we perceive. There is a difference between conception and perception. To

cultivate the perception the teacher must train the whole mind. In studying the mind the teacher should investigate the matter.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, we the teachers of the townships of Beaver, Main and Mifflin, assembled in a local institute, in the school-house of Mifflinville and having been highly entertained and variably instructed by our worthy County Superintendent Johnston and Prof. Richardson with the assistance of the various teachers:

Resolved: that we tender our sincere thanks to our County Supt. Johnston and Prof. Richardson for their able instructions.

Be it Resolved: that we thank the directors for the use of their school-house.

Be it also Resolved: that we are pleased with the attendance of teachers in said townships and return thanks to the people for their interest shown in our work, by their being present with us.

Resolved: that we sincerely thank the organist, those who supplied us with music, and the minister who so ably assisted in rendering the program complete.

Committee on Resolutions. { Annie M. Elliot. Blanche Geddes. J. S. John.

The institute then adjourned thinking they had spent a day profitably and pleasantly together.

M. ALICE ATEN, Secretary.

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**Concealed Deadly Weapons.**

Judge Mayer, presiding at the Clearfield Quarter Sessions, has just sentenced a man to imprisonment of two years and six months for carrying concealed deadly weapons. The sentence may be regarded as a severe one for an offense which is quite common, although not so often brought to the attention of the courts. It is possible, however, that in this instance the Judge found some particular aggravation which could not well be met with less severity.

Whether that be the case or not the sentence can hardly fail to have a wholesome effect, and the fact of it deserves wide publication as a warning to the altogether too many people who carry concealed deadly weapons of one sort or another. In all probability this dangerous practice is much less common than it was a few years ago, but it would be still less common if everyone so violating the law were made to understand that discovery meant two years and six months in jail. And that is what it ought to mean in every instance if the law cannot be otherwise enforced.

In the present condition of our civilization there can be no excuse for carrying concealed deadly weapons. It is done, however, and generally by people whose judgment is the last that could be trusted in a quarrel or in the use of a weapon in any emergency. Few of them would display any discretion should an occasion arise really necessitating their use. There are too many young men—some mere boys—guilty of carrying concealed deadly weapons. Possibly some of them are ignorant that it is a grave crime under the law, but the most of them know better and carry the weapons in a spirit of bravado. That is the only use they have for a hip pocket.

The practice has a brutalizing tendency, and is responsible for many crimes which otherwise would be avoided. A young man of twenty, of good family and not naturally vicious, is now on trial in Pottsville for a murder which he could not have committed had he not had a deadly weapon in his possession at the time of a quarrel with another of about his own age. Had there been no deadly weapon convenient the quarrel would have resulted in nothing more serious than a pummeling with fists; there would have been no loss of life with the misery which has followed for two families.

Judge Mayer's sentence is not too severe. The unfortunate part of it is that it can only fall upon one of the many who commit the crime of carrying concealed deadly weapons. The life of the average citizen will be made much more secure when it has become so exceedingly hazardous to carry concealed deadly weapons that no one who wants to keep out of jail will care to do it. Let everyone be made to understand that this vicious practice is a crime to be severely punished.

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**Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.**

**Snapp Shots.**

From the Dallas (Texas) News. "Time and tide wait for no man," and man is a fool if he waits for them.

The man who is left with the bag to hold usually has nothing else to do, and it is better to have him to hold the bag than to do nothing.

Some of the people attend too closely to their own business, and the rest attend too closely to the business of other people.

The man who can do his work better than anybody else can do it is never out of a job very long.

Sympathy is of great value to both the person who gives and the unfortunate who receives it.

**Envy.**

From the Toronto Grip.

Mick O'Dell (of the third concession of Bellarney to a neighbor whose son has just returned from college with a degree). "And is that the bye that has all the larnin'?"

Neighbor. "Yes."

O'Dell. "And has he all the larnin' he kin get?"

Neighbor (puzzled). "Well—er—yes."

O'Dell (reflectively). "Well, if I had all that larnin' I'd be a clerk in a store."

**A Man of Nerve.**

He dropped ten thousand on the board, Nor turned a single hair; And smiled to hear his friends applaud His nerve so debonair.

But in a crowded cable-car A nickel he did drop, And then he made everybody move up, chinned the conductor, lighted matches, ruined a \$2 pair of gloves, lifted the floor gratings, and had to find the five-cent piece

Before the search he'd stop. *Chicago Tribune.*

**Had Children Himself.**

From Good News.

Gentleman. "Is Mrs. Matronne at home?"

Servant. "No, sir."

Gentleman. "I am a relative whom she has not seen for many years, and I am very anxious to find her, as I can remain in town but a few hours."

"I don't know where she's gone, sir."

"How many children has she?"

"Eight, sir."

"Ah! I'll soon find her, then. She's in one of the shoe stores."

**I Was Disgusted**

with the learned doctors after swallowing their costly medicine in vain for over a year for the relief of catarrh in my head, when I cured myself by using six bottles of Sulphur Bitters. My wife is now taking them for nervous debility.—Abiel Carter, Parker House, Boston. 2-19-21.

**An Affectionate Daughter.**

From the New York Weekly.

Sweet Girl (affectionately). "Papa, you wouldn't like me to leave you, would you?"

Papa (fondly). "Indeed, I would not, my darling."

Sweet Girl. "Well, then, I'll marry Mr. Poorchap. He's willing to live here."

**A Mean Steal.**

From the New York Weekly.

Neighbor. "My! My! So the story is true, and your husband has really eloped with the servant girl?"

Deserted Wife (weeping). "Yes; and she was the best girl I ever had, too—a perfectly lovely cook, and so quiet and respectful. Dear knows where I'll be able to get another!"

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**One Way.**

From the Cloak review.

Mrs. Bingo. "My dear, I've grown so thin lately that I shall have to get some new gowns."

Bingo. "Great heavens! You know how poor I am. Isn't there any way you can get fat again?"

Mrs. Bingo. "You might send me to Florida."

**Love's Sacrifice.**

From the Clothier and Furnisher.

First Chappie. "I proposed to Miss Somerset last night."

Second Chappie. "Deah me! and did the daah girl accept you?"

First Chappie. "Yaas; but I bwoke the cwease in my twousers, and I feel so badly about it."

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