

Huntingdon Journal.

Friday Morning, May 24, 1871.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

MEETINGS.

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CHURCH.—Washington Street. Rev. J. W. PLANNETT, Pastor. Sabbath School, 10:30 a. m. P. M., 7:30 a. m. S. S., 7:30 a. m. P. M., 7:30 a. m.

Mention—Home-Made and Stolen.

days are fourteen hours long.

Philadelphia has the relieving fever.

school for rowdiness.—The street one is agitating the park question.

By the Mercury, on Sunday last.

Tyrene Herald has a new power press. Many birds have made their appearance.

hand.—The meet-me-at-the-gate season. The publicans have commenced shaking hands.

Aspects for an abundant harvest are unpropitious.

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members were numerous on Sunday.

resents handsome appearance.—Rash Fish.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Enthusiastic meeting of friends of the Sabbath School.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Huntington County Sabbath School Association.

was held at the Court House, on Wednesday morning of last week, at 10 o'clock.

The circumstances were not very encouraging, as the heavy rain of the previous night was thought would be unfavorable for the attendance of the friends from the country.

Notwithstanding, quite a large and respectable assemblage of earnest and energetic Sabbath school workers from different parts of the county were in attendance at the opening of the first session, and when the iron tongue of the old Court House bell sounded its first notes on the balmy air of one of the balmy days of May morning it became apparent that the great Sabbath school army was in motion and was advancing to the work.

The place of the convention was comfortably fitted up for the occasion, and decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreen, and appropriate mottoes, in a manner highly creditable to the committee of preparation.

The preparations for a supply of music, both vocal and instrumental, were such as to attest the faithfulness and efficiency of the committee having this department in charge, and the committees on reception, appointed by the different churches had performed their part so admirably that abundant preparation was made for accommodation of all present who saw proper to avail themselves of the hospitality of our citizens.

OPENING EXERCISES.

The Convention was called to order by the President, C. A. Lovell, Esq., who, in a few brief remarks, reviewed the events of the past year, and exhorted the friends of the cause to be earnest in the Master's work.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, reading of the scriptures, singing and prayer, participated in by Revs. Brown, Zahniser, Kissler, and Esqrs.

A. G. Ewing, Esq., Dr. G. W. C. James, and B. F. Glasgow, Esq., were appointed temporary secretaries.

J. R. Simpson, Esq., B. F. Weidman, P. H. H. Pence, Capt. John Brewster, David Dunn, Esq., and Samuel McVitty, Esq., were appointed a committee on business, who reported, recommending as the exercises for the remainder of the session, a general interchange of sentiment and opinion in reference to the object of the convention and the manner of conducting the exercises.

The report was accepted, and the discussion participated in by Rev. Kissler, of Water Street, D. H. of Porter township, S. B. Chaney, of Huntington, Rev. J. D. Thomas, of Stone Creek, J. B. Giles, of Petersburg, Rev. John Palmer of Broad Top, Rev. D. M. Giles, of Petersburg, and Rev. J. D. Brown, of Carlisle, the general tenor of the remarks being in regard to the difficulties in securing teachers in the country schools, the best Sabbath school literature, the propriety of blackboard illustration, and uniformity of lessons, with some valuable suggestions as to the best methods of meeting many of the difficulties and improving the schools by a faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties obligatory on every church member in connection with this branch of christian duty.

The business committee announced the hours of meeting from 9 till 12 in the forenoon, from 2 till 5 in the afternoon, and from 7-1/2 till 9 1/2 in the evening. Programme for this afternoon, first half-hour Devotional exercises, followed by 15 minutes to general business, after which the discussion of the object of Sabbath school work was opened by Rev. J. Kissler, the balance of the time to be devoted to devotional exercises.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST.—The Convention was called to order by Rev. J. K. Ker, of Huntington, and the half hour's devotional exercises consisted of reading the Scriptures, prayer and singing, participated in by Messrs. Greene, Plannett, Brown, Palmer, and Thomas.

The following persons were announced by the Chair as the committee on enrollment and statistics:

J. E. Smucker, of Huntington; D. W. Giles, of Petersburg; J. S. Isenberger, of Porter township; John Douglas, of Shirley township; and J. M. Stonebraker, of Brady township.

Rev. J. W. Plannett, in opening the subject assigned for discussion, said:

"There was but one object in Sabbath School teaching, which was to communicate such a knowledge of God and our relations to Him as to lead us to love and obey Him. The State has amply provided for the instruction of the children in letters for at least five days during the week. Every disciple of Jesus necessarily must act under the commission of the Great Master, to teach every creature whatsoever He has commanded."

"Religious culture is fearfully neglected in many families, and the duty must be performed by generous, christian effort or remain unfulfilled. This subject should control the teacher in the selection of his books, his lessons and his prayers, and he should go to work with this one object in view."

The object of Sabbath School work was defined by Mr. Plannett as follows: "The object of Sabbath School work is to educate the children in the love of God, and to bring them to a knowledge of His will and His commandments."

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After music and benediction, adjourned.

A very large audience in attendance, the room being crowded almost to suffocation.

The conclusion of the devotional exercises was marked by the reading of the address of Dr. J. H. Winthrope.

Delivered in his usual masterly style of eloquence and oratory, and was listened to with the most profound attention.

It was an able production and one of rare beauty, sublimity and excellence, to attempt a synopsis of which would convey but a faint idea of its merits.

Dr. Wilson, in opening his subject assigned him, said he had been trying to work out a problem during thirty years of uninterrupted connection with the Sabbath school.

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Who, after a very thorough and candid review of the subject, was inclined to adopt the negative side of the question.

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All of whom presented very forcible and convincing arguments in favor of the affirmative.

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