

were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That the practice of teaching Orthography simply by the ordinary method, is insufficient and abortive. Resolved, That in addition to the ordinary method, Orthography should be taught to the eye, by means of the slate and black-board. Resolved, That giving definitions, in connection with exercises in Orthography, is highly to be commended, as teaching the pupil ideas as well as sounds. Resolved, That every school should have a copy of Webster's or Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary.

3. Arithmetic.

Upon this subject, Mr. Pradt offered the following resolutions, which were carried: Resolved, That Mental Arithmetic should first be thoroughly taught to every pupil, both as a valuable means of intellectual discipline, and as greatly facilitating operations in practical and written Arithmetic. Resolved, That teaching Arithmetic, as is often done, simply by arbitrary rules, is unphilosophical and insufficient. Resolved, That in this as in all studies, the pupil should be led to think and reason for himself.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4. Grammar.

Messrs. Allen and Pradt offered the following resolutions in reference to this branch of study, which were adopted: Resolved, That the acquisition of Grammar does not consist merely in learning definitions and rules, and how to parse, but in the correct use of both spoken and written language. Resolved, That the analysis of sentences is of fundamental importance in syntactical exercises, and should never be omitted, but that parsing is only a means, and not the end of Grammar. Resolved, That a correct knowledge and use of language lies at the foundation of all accurate attainments, tends to sustain correctness and propriety of conduct, and to prevent errors in apprehensions, and disputes; therefore. Resolved, That ungrammatical, vulgar, and provincial expressions should be avoided, and that care should be taken in the family, and in the school, to observe correct modes of expression, thus rendering the study of Grammar practically useful.

5. Geography.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Thomas G. Smith, graduate of the N. Y. State Normal School, and was sustained: Resolved, That the science of Geography should be taught, as far as practicable, by means of globes and maps, and the oral instructions of the teacher, instead of relying merely on text-books. It was, also, on motion of Mr. Allen, Resolved, That History should be taught in connection with Geography.

6. Physiology.

On motion of Mr. Pradt, Resolved, That inasmuch as a knowledge and observance of the laws of health lies at the foundation of individual and social welfare, Physiology should be a prominent branch of instruction in every school. This resolution was earnestly sustained by Messrs. Pradt, Allen, and other speakers. Pending the discussion, Rev. Mr. Calkins, Superintendent of Tioga county, took his seat in the Convention.

7. Penmanship.

This subject was laid over, with the remark that "Chirography, besides being taught in the usual way, may receive important aid from the practice of teaching Orthography by the slate and black-board."

School Discipline and Management.

Under this head, Mr. Pradt presented the following resolutions, which were carried: Resolved, That in order to the proper maintenance of government in school, the co-operation of parents is indispensably necessary. Resolved, That much good may be done by frequent visits to the schools on the part of parents, and that this duty is sadly neglected. Mr. Allen suggested the following course of studies in common schools, which, on motion, was approved:

- 1. Reading and Orthography, with the practice, as early as possible, of writing words upon the slate and black-board. 2. Primary Physiology and Mental Arithmetic. 3. Geography (with Mapping) and History. (To this should be added Elementary Drawing, including Geometrical Diagrams, &c. J. B. P.) 4. Written Arithmetic and Composition, including the Analysis of Words and Elementary Grammar. 5. Elementary Algebra, and Higher Grammar, with Rhetoric. (In a perfect system of public in-

struction, embracing Union or High Schools, the above course of studies should be followed by the Higher Mathematics, the Natural Sciences, and the Languages. Vocal Music should, at every stage, accompany school exercises, both as a branch of instruction, and as a most important aid in school discipline. J. B. P.)

On motion of Mr. Pradt, Messrs. Calkins and Allen, Superintendents of Tioga and McKean counties, were requested to furnish this Convention, when convenient, with a statement of the general mode of school management, recommended by them in their respective counties.

9. Miscellaneous.

Messrs. Allen, Pradt, and Smith of Oswayo, recommended the following list of articles as necessary in the well-furnished school room, which, on motion, was approved:

Black-boards, Numerical Frames, Orthographical, Geometrical, Physiological, and other Charts, Globes, Maps, objects to represent the eye, Linear and Solid measure, measures of weight and capacity, a thermometer and clock, Webster's or Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, and a Bible.

On motion of Mr. Pradt, Resolved, That the welfare of our schools would be greatly promoted by the general circulation among teachers, parents, and directors of the Pennsylvania School Journal, and the works of Abbott Hall, Mayhew Page, etc., on the Theory and Practice of Teaching.

Resolved, That far more attention should be paid to the location, construction, convenience, warming, ventilation, and embellishment of our school houses.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the County Superintendent was requested to revise the proceedings of the Convention, and prepare them for publication in the county papers.

On motion of Mr. Calkins, the County Superintendent was appointed a committee to present in the evening a plan for permanent organization, together with a list of officers.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Porter, adjourned to hear a lecture in the evening from Rev. Mr. Calkins.

D. D. ROOKS, Sec'y.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7 o'clock, in conjunction with a General Educational Convention, in the new Court House, Lewis Mann being in the Chair, and listened to an elaborate and interesting address from Mr. Calkins, upon various topics connected with the common school system of Pennsylvania.

The Educational Convention having finished its proceedings, the Teachers' Convention came to order, Mr. Bloomington being called to the Chair, and A. G. Olmsted acting as Secretary.

Mr. Pradt presented the following plan for a permanent organization, which, on motion, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this Convention of Teachers hereby become a permanent organization, under the title of the Potter County Teachers' Association.

Resolved, That all teachers and ex-teachers attending the meetings of this Association, and paying fifty cents into the Treasury, shall be regarded as members.

Resolved, That the officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President in each township, a Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, the Secretary and Treasurer; and all the officers shall be elected at the first meeting in each year, and as often as vacancies occur.

Resolved, That the first board of officers shall consist of the following persons:

- J. BLOOMINGDALE, President. H. J. OLMSTED, Condorsport. REV. MR. CLARKE, Lullala. D. D. COLCORD, Route 2. PEASANT VALLEY. W. B. GRAVES, Clara. IRA CRANDALL, Sharon. S. M. MISEN, Oswayo. REV. MR. BABCOCK, Hebron. REV. MR. DARGO, Genesee. ALLEGANY. D. D. ROOKS, Bingham. D. WHIFFLE, Ulysses. G. W. BROWN, Harrison. REV. MR. STRANG, Hector. H. S. MARTIN, Pike. J. W. BIRD, Jackson. J. M. STAFFORD, Sweden. EDWIN THATCHER, Summit. D. CONWAY, West Branch. G. H. GATES, Wharton. THOS. G. SMITH, Secretary. County Sup't, ex officio, Cor. Secretary. IRWIN BAKER, of Ulysses, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the several officers shall perform the duties ordinarily pertaining to their stations; the Executive Committee being expected to call meetings and arrange business, and the Vice Presidents to pre-side at all meetings in their respective town,

in the absence of the President, and to constitute a Committee of Advice and Correspondence.

On motion, adjourned, sine die. A. G. OLMSTED, Sec'y.

P. S. In addition to the Superintendents of Tioga, McKean and Potter counties, the following gentle on took more or less part in the deliberations of the Convention: Messrs. C. H. Allen and J. Bloomington, Principals of the Smeethport and Condorsport Academies, Revs. C. S. Smith and L. F. Porter; C. W. Ellis, J. S. Mann, and A. G. Olmsted, Esquires; Messrs. J. Mann, R. Hamilton, H. J. Olmsted, Lewis Mann, J. Young, Robert Benton, T. G. Smith, D. D. Colcord, E. Thatcher and D. D. Rooks.

Various other teachers and ex-teachers, were in attendance. It was proposed to hold the next meeting in Lewisville. J. B. PRADT, Transcribing Sec'y.

THE UNITED STATES SENATORSHIP.

By reference to our report of the legislative proceedings, it will be seen that they failed to elect a Senator of the United States. Cameron failed of being chosen by seven votes, although he had previously managed to obtain the nomination of the Know Nothing caucus. The members who had the independence to repudiate the dictation of the tools of the rich trickster, have earned the lasting thanks of the people. They are 28 in number. They have since issued an address to the people, in which they denounce Simon Cameron as a man "destitute of every element of virtue." They brought "to support a nomination brought about, as we believe, by the concentrated and cohesive power of public plunder, and superadded element of shameless and wholesale private bribery." We are happy to see the name of Mr. Wickersham, of this county, among the number. It is worthy of note also, that Mr. Wickersham voted for David Wilmut for Senator. In this case he has carried out the wishes of nine-tenths of his constituents, and will be fully sustained. We have not the least doubt that a larger number of the people of Montgomery county are in favor of Wilmut than any other man in the State. We trust Mr. W. will stick to him when the next trial comes on.

Mr. Rittenhouse, however, voted for Cameron. He was unable, it appears, to resist the attractions of "public plunder" and "private bribery." The most charitable way to account for this extraordinary vote of Mr. R. is, that the Cameron men promised him their aid to get the new county bill passed. He bartered away the claims of humanity, the wishes of his constituents; and the honor of the State, for a few votes for his darling new county. A statesman and a half is Mr. Rittenhouse! A friend at our elbow suggests that he had better make sure of the new county this year, as he is not likely to get back next year. But it may not be too late yet. Let him turn away from the "buzzards' feast" the next time, and his outraged constituents will forgive the past offense. Nothing short of a known and consistent anti-slavery man will satisfy the people of this county to whom Mr. R. owes his election. A Democrat ought to be elected, in justice to the independent men of that party who have sustained the present organization, and there is no man in the State to answer the purpose as well as David Wilmut. Let all the opponents of Cameron unite on him, and stick to him. Infinitely better make no election than choose Simon Cameron, or any other tool of slavery.—Northern Olive Branch.

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Feb. 27, 1855, at Mr. James B. Jones's, in Bingham, by the Rev. J. B. Pradt, M. N. L. D. D. of Condorsport, and Mrs. SARAH RAYMOND, of Bingham.

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