

Educational Department

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CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

We are inclined to think that the practice of changing teachers each term, is a bad one. We know that a teacher is better prepared to work efficiently in a school the second term than the first. When a teacher goes into a school the second term, he is acquainted with the dispositions of the pupils, and knows the wants of the scholars and the parents; he knows how far the scholars have been advanced, and what they are capable of doing; he knows what to do the first day as well as at the end of the first or second month, he can go to work at once. We think the people lose much by not retaining a good teacher as long as they possibly can in the same school. The people in the counties of Lehigh, Berks, Bucks, Lebanon and Lancaster, have profited by experience and retain good teachers as long as they can. In those counties a teacher is frequently retained in the same school year after year for five to eight years. It is there considered almost disastrous to not employ him for the second term. They improve their schools by doing so. We are unable to decide why this cannot be done in this county, unless our people are inclined to think that 'variety is the spice of life,' in teachers as well as in other matters. Variety is good, when we can profit by it, but when we are the losers the variety should be dispensed with. What we have said applies particularly to our rural districts, for our town people have been convinced, to a certain extent, that it is well to keep a good teacher as long as possible. The State Superintendent recommends that Directors give the preference to teachers who taught the preceding term: 'Preference should be given to last year's teacher, if successful, and of sufficient requirements. Not only is the risk of failure of an untried teacher thus avoided, but much of the pain-time saved, by enabling them to commence their studies where they left off at the end of the former year.' We hope the Directors will lead these suggestions.

GEOGRAPHY.

Below we give a number of practical questions in geography. We find that many of our teachers in the county can locate any country, city, lake, river, bay, sound, or island, in the world, but are not able to answer how many counties in the State, and know little or nothing about the geography of our county. We therefore give the following list of questions, hoping that the teachers may examine and find out for themselves, and become familiar with the geography of the county in which they teach:

- 1. What is the latitude of Towanda?
2. What is the longitude of Towanda?
3. Bound Bradford county?
4. How many townships in Bradford county?
5. How many boroughs in Bradford county?
6. How many townships east of the Susquehanna river? Name them.
7. How many counties in Pennsylvania. Name six of the principal cities in Pennsylvania, in order of their size?
8. What two cities in Pennsylvania are seaports?
9. Name the principal rivers in Pennsylvania, and state what ocean their waters reach?
10. How many degrees are we from the Tropic of Cancer?
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THE NEXT SESSION OF THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The next session of the Teachers' Association will be held February 9 and 10, at Athens. We hope a large number of the teachers will be in attendance. The following are the appointments:

- 1. Lecturer, Rev. John McMaster, Esq., says, Miss Bernice Wattles, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Julia Kinney, Papers, Prof. Quinlan, McCollom, Crawford and Angler; Dequalmer, Frank Park, George Davidson; Exercises in Teaching, A. A. Keeley, Rev. D. Craft; Business Committee, E. Herrick, S. N. Blood, Dr. Gortam, Olive Kline, Melvina Allen.
2. The Secretary of the School Board to take yearly census of all children between the ages of eight and fourteen in the township.
3. Teachers shall make monthly report to the secretary of all the children in attendance.
4. Persons having charge of children shall be notified if the children do not attend, and if not excused from attendance, shall be fined in case of failure to comply with the law.
5. Directors to furnish books in case of inability of parent or guardian.
6. All fines collected to be paid into school fund of district.
7. Secretary of Board to be paid for each day spent in performance of his duties.
8. We had the pleasure of sending the district institute of Towanda borough, and were pleased with the practical manner in which Prof. G. W. Ryan conducted it, and the willingness on the part of the teachers to perform what their Principal required of them. Prof. Ryan is a practical and thorough teacher himself, and therefore requires thorough and practical work of his teachers at their bi-weekly institutes, as well as at the school-room. We are glad to learn that the school at Monaca is again under the management of Miss Jeanie Plimley. The Directors of that Township are pursuing a wise course by employing such efficient and successful teachers. They rank high as teachers in the county, and our advice is: when you have a good thing, keep it. The Committee appointed by the Teachers' Association, to consider the Compulsory Education system, will make their report at the next association at Athens.

DETECTING WAILES.

It is a characteristic of the American people to be constantly cutting, marking or in some way defacing the walls of public halls and buildings. Where is the school boy who has not a jackknife which he is sure to use in carving his name on the first tree, or his initials on his bench. The boys at school have pencils and chalk with which they will mark on the walls of the school-rooms. Teachers should endeavor to keep the walls of the school-room free from any marks or cuts. We know this can be done. As an example of neat, clean walls that are free from any pencil marks, cuts or scratches, we will mention the graded school building of this borough. The building has been occupied ten months of each year for the past five years, and the walls are as free from marks as they were the day the building was finished. We feel proud to mention this fact, and we think the Principal and his teachers merit much praise. We hope the teachers and scholars will take pride in keeping the walls of the school building free from any marks or cuts.

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VOGAL MUSIC.

At the last session of the National Institute, N. C. Stewart, Superintendent of Vocal Music of Cleveland, Ohio, gave a brief history of the movement, by which vocal music had been introduced into the public schools of Cleveland, in which he said:

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New Advertisements.

PARM AT PRIVATE SALE. A Farm of 100 acres with 25 miles of Towanda River, on a good level tract leading from Towanda to Monaca, with plenty of good fruit trees, apple and peach orchard. A good farm building, well fenced, and a fine view of the river. Price reduced to \$10,000. Apply to J. ANDREW WITT, Office over Book Store, Towanda, Pa.

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Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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FULL STOCK - GOOD GOODS - MUST BE SOLD!

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