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Good Night.

Good night! a word so often said,
That seemed mind forgot its meaning;
The world's only some heart lies dead,
On which our own was leaning.
We hear in mind longing must roll
The last "good night" along the soul.
Good night!—in tones that never die,
Lie still along the quiescent ear,
And tender glee of memory.
Ever with us lie,
When still the voice—O crush of pain—
That never shall breathe "good night" again.
Good night! it mocks us from the grave,
It mocks the strong youth bound,
From whence there flows no backward wave,
It calls from out the ground.
Good night, good night! to life and love!
"Good night!" O, wherefore fades away
The light that lived in thy dear word?
Will follow—good night, no day.
What are our souls so stirred!
O, rather say, dull brain, once more,
"Good night!"—the time of toil is o'er!
"Good night"—now cometh gentle sleep,
And tears that fall like gentle rain,
Good night!—the calm deep,
The rest that follows pain.
How should we reach God's upper light,
If life's long day had no "good night?"

Communications.

Teacher's Association.

The Susquehanna County Teacher's Association met at Harsford University on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The meeting was called to order by the President, S. T. Scott. Exercises opened with a prayer by Prof. W. Richardson.

B. F. Tewksbury gave an extempore report of the meeting held in Jackson on the 10th inst. On motion a committee consisting of A. B. Kent, A. J. Gerritson, and S. W. Tewksbury was appointed to report amendments to the Constitution.

R. F. Tewksbury moved that the duty of nominating officers for the new year be added to those of the Committee. Agreed to.—During the absence of the Committee Prof. W. Richardson called up the question of the Common School Law. Can it be bettered, and if so how? Spoke at length on the subject. Proposed that competent men be elected in the different towns to perform the several duties of Poor Masters, Supervisor, and School Directors. Said he thought it would tend more directly to advance the interest of the Schools than the present mode of having six Directors, who receive no pay, and consequently take but little interest in the matter. Gave his idea as to what an education a person should receive. Urged the importance of a child being taught to think and observe, instead of learning everything by rote. Related interesting incidents of Horace Greeley's superior observation. Said he thought if the dormant talent of the state was properly brought out by education, it would create a sinking fund that would rapidly reduce the \$40,000,000 of public debt.

S. T. Scott gave his experience in regard to the attendance of pupils at School. Said he believed a great reason of the want of progress was the irregular attendance. Spoke of the School Law and the opposition to it. Rejected that instead of proposing amendments, many wished to undo what had been done for the public good.

Rev. L. Richardson took the floor and spoke for three quarters of an hour with much ability. Supported the principle of the Common School Law, showing the almost incalculable good already derived from it.

S. T. Scott made some further remarks, after which Rev. L. Richardson again addressed the meeting, and was listened to with much attention.

Prof. W. Richardson spoke of visiting Schools. Related some incidents that had fallen under his observation.

The Committee appointed to draft amendments to the Constitution, reported—the amendments accepted and laid over to next meeting. Committee then reported nominations for officers—report accepted and committee discharged. Election deferred till evening session.

Prof. W. Richardson spoke at length on the manner of securing the attention of schools. B. F. Tewksbury took up the question of the Common School Law, and spoke at considerable length in his usual eloquent and argumentative style. Spoke of the immense advantages resulting from it, and the necessity of still improving it. Spoke of the opposition. Said he believed many of those now bitterly opposing it had fought against it from the beginning—that they had condemned the principle—claiming that it was a kind of robbery to tax one man for the benefit of another's children.

Prof. W. Richardson invited all otherwise provided for to go to his house and partake of refreshments. Adjourned till evening session.

Opportunity was given for those present not members of the Association to join, when 55 teachers and others gave their names as members. On motion proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. The following were chosen: Pres. S. T. Scott; Vice Presidents, W. W. Haywood and J. W. Cargill; Sec. A. J. Gerritson; Clerk, T. D. Beese and W. Faurot; Treasurer, A. B. Kent.

On motion the manner of teaching grammar was taken up and discussed for an hour, by Prof. W. Richardson, A. J. Gerritson, S. W. Tewksbury and B. F. Tewksbury, with much interest.

The Committee on School government consisting of Messrs. Scott, Haywood and Kent was continued to next meeting.

Miss P. H. Hart was appointed to prepare and read an essay at the next meeting on the importance and the best means of interesting pupils in their studies.

A vote of thanks was tendered to B. F. Tewksbury for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary during the past year.

On motion of A. J. Gerritson, the Association adjourned to meet in Springfield, on Saturday March 17, 1855, at 1 o'clock P. M.

S. T. SCOTT, Pres't.

A. J. GERRITSON, Sec'y.

Doesticks! on Rhode Island.

Doesticks, of the Detroit Daily Advertiser, thus describes a brief excursion which he made into the Providence Plantations:

"Got tired of New York, although it is a town of considerable consequence. Wanted to see the world; so started for seventy-nine State of Rhode Island, where they shingle the houses all over outside and in, and put the windows in the roof; where they make their rail fences out of cobble stones; where the docks roost on the fences, and hatch their young ones in the tops of cherry trees; and where the men look so much alike; their wives often kiss the wrong individual; (my friend says it's a way the women have the world over). Went to the city of Providence where all the men make jewelry, and all the women believe in spirit rappings; where they have got a bridge wider than it is long, and numbered on both sides; where all the plaster bases of great men have great wings on them; where they light the gas in the middle of the afternoon; where they drive five horses tandem; and where oysters obtain the enormous size of three cent pieces. Went into the woods afreshes; couldn't find any, but discovered a magnificient tree in the distance; rejoiced exceedingly therat; started for it; three quarters of a mile away; went away over stone ditchies, fences, stumps, briars and stone walls until at last I reached it, and found it was an elm, no chestnut in it's got very mad; walked around the State a couple of times, and took the first train for home."

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