Miners' Journal.

POTTSVILLE, PA.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1857.

THE AUBURN AND ALLENTOWN RAILROAD.—The construction of this Road is a fixed fact. Notwithstanding the efforts which are mad to cast a damper on its prospects; notwithstanding the laborred array of figures which our contemporary, the Philadelphia *Railroad Register*, adduces supporting that it can never be a profitable Coal statement of road, yet the intelligent and made at the Dinner given to him by the Citizens of this Region, is too convincing a proof of its real merits, to be doubted by any. We can therefore, smile at the opposition the Road experiences, growing out of jealousy, and with it good speed in its construction.

To this Region; to the country through which the Road will run; to New York with its vast commerce, and increasing Western trade, the Auburn and Allentown Road, will prove a most important link. The competition of other Regions possessing more favorable Eastern shipping points, demands some defence on the part of this Region, and we have it in a Coal bearing road, which with its connections, will place Schuylkill Anthracite Coal on board in New York Harbor at *any season of the year*, at $2 25 per ton. In this respect alone, this Region has a vital interest in the construction of the Auburn and Allentown Railroad. When in addition however, we take into consideration, the reviving effect it will have upon the Iron interest, no inconsiderable item in the economy of this County, and upon the general prosperity of the Region, we really wonder that the project has not been urged to completion ere this. Passing through a rich agricultural as well as mineral section of Pennsylvania, our farming friends of Berks and Lehigh also feel a warm interest in its construction. To New York City, although the road should be constructed in its gradients, etc., principally for a Coal bearing line, it will prove almost an air line for its Western passenger and freight traffic. Statistics have been given, with which our readers are familiar, showing that connecting with the Danphin and Susquehanna and the Pennsylvania Central Railways, it will be the most favorable route from New York City to the West. That city with characteristic intelligence and enterprise, appreciates the fact and has resolved to push the road through with rapidity.

The endeavors to misrepresent the feasibility and importance of the Auburn and Allentown Road, as a Coal bearing route from the Schuylkill Region, are futile. Philadelphia may fear, the effect of the Road upon a trade which goes far to make up the bulk of its coastwise shipments, but she cannot impede the consummation of a project, which has received the careful study and approval of one of the finest engineering minds in the country. We deplore the slowness of Philadelphia in everything calculated to subserve her interests, and yet we ask her business men and citizens in all kindness, if she is not alone to blame for every enterprise diverted from her boundaries?—In what condition do we find the Delaware—a fine navigable stream—one fourth of the year? Ice-bound. An efficient ice boat or two, combined with powerful steam-tugs, would remedy in a great measure, the serious impediment to the shipping business. Where millions are involved, she ponders with hesitation, the expenditure of pennies. What folly. Yet the same system is brought to bear on everything calculated to enhance her prosperity, invigorate her growth, and render her a formidable commercial rival of her sister cities of the Atlantic coast. Philadelphia appears to forget that by fostering intercourse with the interior; by encouraging improvements; by cultivating fraternal feelings, a binding of interests would be secured, mutually beneficial.—Alas, it is almost useless commenting upon this condition of affairs, for what can be expected of a city that permits her foreign steamships to go by the board, and is content to import her goods though the New York Custom House? We do not wish to speak unkindly of Philadelphia, a city whose growth we have watched with interest; a city noted for its taste in science and literature; whose citizens can claim from us naught but brotherly feeling. Of *its short-comings we speak more in sorrow than in anger.* When it perceives trade being diverted, let it endeavor to amend in its policy, what has been fatal to its interests.

To the Auburn and Allentown Railroad we say, God speed. At it we look with the longing, anxious gaze which the storm-tossed mariner bestows upon the beacon assuring him a safe harbor, and relief from boasting troubles. Until port is reached, we can assure those who have no faith in it that to Schuylkill County each ray of light gleaming over the waste of dark waters, will be highly prized. Those who have not blanched even in the height of the severest storm they have encountered in this Region, and when the Trade was well nigh shipwrecked, will yet struggle on with an eye of hope fixed on the stretch of rail between Auburn and Allentown.

It is indeed true that the capacity to feel the power and influence of Music is a common gift; for the elements of this enjoyment are laid deep in the very constitution of body and mind, with which nature has endowed us. Its spiritual residence remarks the Boston *Courier*, is in the soul of man and the limits of creation are the only measure of its universality. Like the ordinary senses of our physical being, the perceptive faculty of harmony differs widely in different individuals. It differs widely among various nations. Yet it is nevertheless certain that Music, even of the most elevated order, or wrought into strains of marvellous complexity by the highest powers and rules of art, will find some feeling in every human bosom, not wholly dead to every kindred power, which will answer its appeal with some sympathetic emotion. Wherever modern civilization may have penetrated, the productions of the greatest masters are familiar upon the common tongue, or to the common ear, and spring in harmony from those thrilling chords, which express the universal language of the soul.

Strange as it may seem, there have been many theories proposed to account for the origin of this delightful art. The philosophers, as not infrequently has been the case with them, appear to have taken a very circuitous method of accounting for a fact, the reason of which would seem to look them in the face at every turn. It has been said that the first musical efforts were made in attempting to imitate the notes of the songsters of the air. As though men had not been always gifted with articulating organs and the sense of harmony, as well as the lower orders of creation! Yet it has been gravely imagined and contended, that the various voices, with which inanimate as well as animated nature accompany the operations of their existence, originally suggested to man himself the presence of a capacity of enjoyment, for which he must always have possessed a higher faculty than any of his teachers. And who, that exercises his own natural powers of observation, could but feel, that the song which gushes from the milkmaid's lips, as she sweeps the dewdrops from the morning flowers, or returns from her rural labors, at the hush of evening, springs as spontaneously from her heart as the warblings of a bird?

In fact Music, in some of its degrees, and with less diversity here, than is the case with other refined pleasures, addresses itself to the simplest, purest, and most universal feelings of the human heart,—and wherever man exists those feelings vibrate to a common chord. In some one of its varied manifestations it speaks the language of universal acceptance. Pour its notes through the barbarous horn, in the African desert, and the savage starts to his feet and brandishes his warclub for the battle. Sound it through your streets in tones of warlike exultation, and even the old man's eye glows brighter at the martial sound:—

> One trumpet-blast—and o'er the blood-red plain
> What millions rush, in eager hands to die!
> One organ-peal—and prostrate at the strain,
> To prayer, to prayer, uncounted nations lie!

And it should never be forgotten that Music has been forever the precursor, the companion and the ally of civilization, refinement, and civil and religious liberty. We lose ourselves, it is true, in our daily pursuits, and may become almost insensible to this, as equally to other ennobling influences. But associated so intimately as this charming art is with our individual feelings and our social and religious condition, the cultivation of this source of pleasure becomes a duty to ourselves and to society itself.

Beware!—A worthless on Main street, Lockport, N. Y., deliberately made an offer to a young lady of $10, if she would wear one of his posters, by hanging it over, publishing his business, in place of a shawl, on her way home. She took it up, to the astonishment, and turned the last, shamed and to the many.

Of.

LAND SYSE.—Annexed is a copy of a letter written during the infancy of Pottsville's existence, and in the earliest days of the Anthracite Coal Trade of this country. As an epistolary relic it is interesting, while the Trade of the present day will smile involuntarily, at the heavy investments of friend Phineas, in developing the strata" of Schuylkill County. Fifty acres, so to do the business, and it was indeed to see any difficult was it to induce the stone." What merit in what they were over thirty years, the a contrast! In nearly seven millions quantity, and annual increase of three hundred of tons, sons. Those of the pioneers of Schuylthemselves, now moulder in the tomb, could they witness the almost magic change, would be filled with amusement. Where a quarter of a century since, the panther and the bear roamed almost unmolested, are seen extensive and costly operations, mile upon mile of railway, the furnace and the workshop, and near a hundred thousand inhabitants. Quite enough surely, to make the optics of even Messrs. Allen and Freeman so large considerably, who undoubtedly, considered their fifty dollar operation hazardous. The letter runs as *follows*:—

POTTSVILLE, 20 Sept., 1825.

MR. NICHO ALLEN,

DEAR SIR.—I handed you Ten Dollars in cash, and shall leave in the hands of Mr. Francis B. Nichols, subject to your order, Forty Dollars more—which you will expend—the Ten Dollars you have and twenty of the 40$—in opening one of the strata of Coal on the Branch near Mr. Phillip Klousirs, and getting out from 200 to 300 Bushels of the very best and purest Coal—and have it brought out to the Turnpike and forwarded by Waggons at the lowest rate to Phila.—and as soon as you conveniently can—directed to the care of Mr. James Wood, Merchant, No. 28 South Front street—who will pay the waggoners for carrying the same as you will agree with them—

The remaining 20$ you will expend in such way as your judgement may best dictate, either in granting 4 or 5$ to hunters in search for Coal on the Mine Hill or Broad Mountain, and should you discover a large good strata, to expend 6 or 10$ to open the same—and also 5 or 6$ to open the strata at the Beaver Dam—

I hope you will use every exertion to carry the above into operation—and write me as soon as possible—

Yours with respect, &c.,
PHINEAS FREEMAN.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.—The seventy-third Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania, assembled in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, on Tuesday last. Among the clergymen present entitled to seats in the Convention, was Rev. Mr. Washburn of this Borough. On Wednesday five candidates were ordained as Deacons. The Bishop read his Annual Address, a document of considerable length, but of deep interest. During the year the Bishop had officiated on 257 occasions, and preached 103 sermons. Had celebrated the Holy communion 28 times. Had solemnized 10 marriages, 26 baptisms, 150 confirmations, at which 1462 persons were confirmed.—Had admitted 19 candidates to the Deaconate—and 4 to the Priesthood. Had consecrated 6 churches, and laid 8 corner-stones. During the year, 17 clergymen had been admitted into this Diocese from other Dioceses; 19 had been dismissed from the Diocese, and one deposed. The Bishop noticed particularly the increase in confirmations, and warmly urged Pastors and the friends of young people, to induce candidates to decide upon a solemn admission into the Christian Church.

WALKER, the robber and filibuster, has reached New Orleans, where the people gave him an ovation, as if he merited honors instead of a rope.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

THE AMERICAN editions of Blackwood's Magazine for May and the Edinburgh Review for April, have been published by Leonard Scott & Co., 79 Fulton street, New York. The contents of both are of the usual interest. Subscriptions for Blackwood and the English Reviews are received at Bannan's store.

Local Affairs.

☞ *Summer* will make her formal entree on Monday next.

☞ *The Court of Oyer and Terminer* convenes in this Borough on Monday next, June 1.

☞ *J. L. Pinkerton, Attorney at Law*, has opened his office in Tremont, Schuylkill county, and will attend to the business of his profession, collect moneys, and act as agent for real estate, &c.

☞ *Views of Palestine, engraved*, faithfully from a painting of the Borough, executed on Lawton's Hill, can be had cheap at Bannan's store. To send to distant friends or for framing purposes, these views are valuable.

☞ *The complimentary* benefit to Mrs. Rynar on Monday evening last, was an interesting event in the history of the drama in Pottsville. The audience was brilliant, and the performance exceedingly creditable. After deducting expenses, Mrs. Rynar must have received a snug little sum.

☞ *Death by Lightning.*—During the thunder storm of Wednesday evening, a man named McKernon, better known probably, in this Borough, under the cognomen "Ibaz," was struck by lightning on the Valley Turnpike between here and Port Carbon, and killed. A brother of his named Daniel, resides in Ashland.

☞ *A Race* which was fixed to come off at Schuylhill Haven on Monday last, between two mares in harness, owned by Messrs. Smith and Hefner of this Borough, did not take place. Both animals were on the ground ready for the contest, but some difficulty occurring in regard to starting, Mr. Smith withdrew his animal from the course.

☞ *Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.*—A Panorama illustrating the leading points of this beautiful Christian allegory, is now on exhibition at the Town Hall. An exhibition of it will be given this afternoon. Independent of the interesting nature of the subject, the painting as a work of art, should attract crowded audiences. It has been very successful where it has heretofore been exhibited.

☞ *Capture of Owls.*—A few mornings since, word was brought into Fountain Spring, this County, by a man who had shot a bear's cub, that there were two more on the mountain about two miles above that place. Mr. John Wynkoop, at present residing in Fountain Spring, immediately started out after them, and succeeded in capturing both, without injuring either. The next day which Mr. Waykoop projected, would be after the old one. *Field sports* in this County, are quite respectable, notwithstanding our hundred thousand population.

☞ *The weather* this week has been creditable to Miss May. Showers accompanied with thunder and lightning, have visited us; but sunshine, thank fortune, has predominated. Yesterday was lovely. Vegetation in this County, has fairly leaped under the influences of the present week's sunshine and showers. Our meteorological record for the week is as follows:

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Sat.,	May 23,	8 A. M.—66	degrees above zero—cloudy
Mon.,	" 25,	" —78	" " —clear.
Tues.,	" 26,	" —80	" " —"
Wed.,	" 27,	" —76	" " —cloudy.
Thurs.,	" 28,	" —74	" " —"
Fri.,	" 29,	" —74	" " —clear.

☞ *Canal Boat Robberies.*—It is stated that at various towns along the line of the Schuylkill Navigation Company's works, organized gangs of thieves are in existence. They consist principally of lads, of ages ranging from twelve to eighteen, who infest the different canal locks on the route. At these places, under the ostensible aim of assisting the boat in her progress, they, while the attention of the captain and crew is called by duty elsewhere, glide into the cabins, and extract whatever appears worthy of being considered booty. On shore, at the different points, are receivers, not known as such, but nevertheless receivers, in the full sense of the term. The weight of the articles of merchandise transported by the boats of course prevents these depredators from extending their pilferings to the freight, so that the personal property of the captains and crews form their chief plunder.

At Manayunk, several of these persons have already been arrested by the civil authorities of the place.

☞ *Sheriff's Sales.*—The following property will be sold by William Mats, at Fegar's Hotel, in this Borough, this morning at 10 o'clock:—

Part of the Greenwood estate situate in this Borough, the property of Richard Jones.

A lot and the appurtenances, situate in this Borough, the property of Patrick Filzn.

A lot and the appurtenances, situate in Palo Alto, the property of Daniel Devine.

A two story frame dwelling and lot of ground, on the north-east corner of Eleventh and Market streets, this Borough, the property of Michael Cochran.

Four lots of ground with the appurtenances, situate on Valley street, New Philadelphia, the property of Daniel G. Barnet.

Tracts of land with the appurtenances, situate in Tremont township, the property of Jacob Loos.

Lot of ground, with the appurtenances, situate on Nichols street, St. Clair, the property of Jane Espeol.

Land with the appurtenances, consisting of mining improvements, etc., situate in Port Carbon, the property of Wm. L. Whitney, administrator of Thomas Vermilya, deceased, and Thomas S. Christophers.

A tract of land, in Branch township, the property of George W. Setterton.

A lot with the appurtenances, situate on Railroad street, this Borough; Georgs Spencer's interest in part of the tract of land commonly called the Greenwood estate; lands, saw mill, coal mines, etc., situate in Norwegian township, the property of George Spencer.

The following named property will be sold at Sheriff's Sale in this Borough, on Saturday, June 6th:—

A tract of Coal land with the appurtenances, situate in Norwegian township, the property of Thomas J. Fitzsimmons.

A lot of ground with the appurtenances, situate in Port Clinton.

A lot of ground in Norwegian township, the property of Daniel Breland.

A lot of ground, with the appurtenances, situate in Lower Mahantongo township, the property of Martin Wenner.

A tract of property is to be sold under a mortgage Lower Mahantongo Wenner, who has since conveyed the Wagenseller to other parties.]

Two lots with the appurtenances, situate on Centre street, Pottsville, the property of James Russell.

A lot of ground with the appurtenances, situate on Front street, Schuylkill Haven, the property of William Shoener.

A lot of ground, with the appurtenances, situate on Second street, St. Clair, the property of Jane Hetherington.

☞ *Ashland.*—During the past two years, Ashland, north of the Broad Mountain, about 12 miles from this Borough, has made even for this county, most astonishing progress and strides. At the commencement of that period we might have counted a little eminence overlooking the town, and rapidly running our eye over it, could readily have counted the number of houses it contained. Now however, it would be a task occupying a considerable period of time. Centre street, which by the way, is being curbed and graded, is being completely built up through its entire length, while its parallel and cross streets, exhibit rows of new buildings. At this time there are some, twenty-five buildings in the Borough in course of construction, while others are projected and will be rapidly under way. The population of Ashland is estimated at 3500.

An Episcopal Church edifice in the Gothic style of architecture, is in course of erection, which when completed, will be the finest building of a sacred character, in the Borough. The Mahanoy House, under the conduct of Judge Rahn, maintains its enviable reputation. The Judge expects quite an influx of summer visitors this year. The location is fine; the house is well arranged for comfort, and the Judge is a courteous host—sufficient inducements truly, for liberal patronage.—Messrs. Conner and Bancroft, the operators there, are shipping each, over one hundred cars a day. We notice Ashland's improvement with gratified feelings.

Although the road to Ashland is a mountain one—the height one has to attain before reaching that Borough from Pottsville, being about one thousand feet—yet it is one of the most delightful drives as far as scenery, etc., are concerned, in the County. At this season when trees are putting forth their tender foliage; flowers are blooming unscorched by a summer's sun; myriads of uncaged birds are trilling, and the atmosphere is balmy and refreshing, bringing the hue of health to the cheek of the invalid, if a ride in any direction in our County is delightful. It is particularly so however, in the direction of Ashland, for as one gains the summit of the Broad Mountain, a superb landscape is spread before the beholder. A thousand feet below, nestling at the foot of Sharp Mountain, lies Pottsville, in full view—its Monument to Henry Clay—glancing back the sun's rays, —a prominent object. A single sweep of the eye takes in the Mine Hill Gap and Minersville, while far beyond—twenty-five miles from where we stand—we mark distinctly the outlines of the Blue Mountain, below Port Clinton. It is a charming scene, which we have often gazed at, and each time with renewed pleasure. It is but one however, of many equally fine views embraced in the scenery of this Region. If the metropolite who in seeking away from home change of scene, air and health, would in place of visiting crowded, vulgar, expensive and really uncomfortable watering places, fly to the interior of Pennsylvania, for a fortnight or so, the result would be more satisfactory to him. The mining operations are worthy of inspection, which would enable the visiter to combine at once instruction and recreation. When will summer journists exercise judgment in selecting relief from the city's warm, dusty, crowded streets? When will they find out that Pennsylvania has within her boundaries some of the healthiest regions, finest scenery, and most hospitable people in the country? Many years down they go over the beaten track; but their number is too few. In future we hope for the sake of our friends of the city, that they will pay more attention to this matter. Economy and health alike are embraced in what we suggest.

☞ *Schuylkill County Teachers' Institute.*—SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, *May 7th*, 1857.—Pursuant to an appointment made at the last Convention, the Institute met in the borough of Schuylkill Haven, at the St. Peter's Church of the Evangelical Association, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The President in the chair, the Institute was called to order. The Rev. Mr. Ayars opened by reading Scripture and addressing the Throne of Grace.

The minutes of the last Convention were then read and adopted, with a slight correction concerning the absence of Mr. Krewson from the last Convention. By request of the Principal, (Mr. Krewson,) the Constitution was read—followed by some discussion.

Mr. Krewson said he considered himself Ex-Principal, and that it was on this account that he had made no provision for the business of this Convention"—viz: by preparing an address himself, and also by procuring lecturers, etc. Mr. K. refused to take charge of the Institute and proceed to regular business.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the Institute then proceeded to the election of a Principal, *pro tem*. Messrs. Sherman and Fields were nominated. The vote being taken, Mr. Sherman was elected by a majority of 32—upon which Mr. Sherman resigned the office and tendered his thanks to the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. Messrs. Wernts and Fields were then nominated for President of the Institute, and a vote being taken, Mr. Fields was elected by a majority of 19 votes. Mr. Fields the President elect, then took the chair and made some very appropriate remarks, thanking the Institute for the honor conferred upon him. Mr. Patton was then elected by acclamation, Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Krewson it was resolved "That the officers elected should hold their offices during the ensuing year."

The Principal then made some remarks on Mental Arithmetic, and proceeded to instruct a *class of boys* in it—showing his method of teaching this science. The exercise gave general satisfaction. At the close of which Mr Sherman spoke at length on the importance and practicability of a thorough training in Mental Arithmetic—saying "that it would enable the pupil to master, fully the understand Written Arithmetic.

Mr. Graves remarked on the different modes of imparting instruction in this branch. Mr. Sherman said he "had no fixed method of teaching it, but employed various modes, according to circumstances." Mr. Lambert preferred Mr. Sherman's mode. Mr. Wilmarth preferred giving pupils time to solve the question in their minds before calling upon them for explanation. Mr. Krewson thought best not to request any pupil to analyze a question until the whole class had the solution in their minds. Mr. Wilmarth asked for Mr. Graves's mode of teaching this branch—upon which Mr. Graves explained upon the blackboard—thinks it important to allow pupils to criticise each other.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute was called to order by the President.—Rev. Mr. Leib was called upon to open by addressing the Throne of Grace.

The minutes of the morning session were then read and adopted.

Mr. Sherman then remarked that "in consequence of Mr. Krewson not procuring lecturers, and refusing to take charge of the Institute, the members were unprepared to entertain the Institute by lectures, etc."

Mr. Fields then entertained the Institute by exercises in Analytical Grammar, calling upon different members to analyse sentences, and to show their modes of teaching. The exercises were entertaining and highly instructive. A petition was then read before the Institute, (which was signed by the members,) to be presented to our representatives in the House of Representatives, asking legislative aid in support of the Institute of this county.

On motion, a vote was taken in reference to the meaning of a motion offered by Mr. McCabe, at the Tamaqua session. It was decided that the motion had reference to the mode of conducting the Institute.

The President then read a letter from Rev. Mr. Ayars, of the M. E. Church, respectfully inviting the members of this Association to attend an exhibition to be given this evening for the benefit of the Sunday School. By request of *Mr. Schneider*, Mr. Shores moved the consideration of a change in regard to the time of holding the annual session of the Institute—upon which Mr. Sherman moved the following resolution:

Resolved, To amend Article 5th, so as to read: "There shall be two sessions; an annual session of three days, commencing on the last Thursday in April, and a semi-annual session of three days, commencing on the first Thursday in November.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-MORROW.

MAY 8TH.—MORNING SESSION.

The President in the chair, the Institute was called to order.

Rev. Mr. Leib opened with prayer.

Report of Committee on the mode of conducting the Institute, was then in order. Mr. Fields then read the report, which shows 1st. "A numerical deficiency in the attendance of teachers at our Institute, as there are 223 teachers in the County as per report of the County Superintendent, and the number in attendance at our last Convention, did not exceed 75."

2d. That many of those present did not participate in the actual work of the Institute, in consequence of the manner in which the Institute has been conducted, not having enough practical illustrations, too much explanatory discussion on private misunderstandings.

3d. That the published notice of the Institute has been obscure, and not given sufficient length of time previous to the meeting of the same, and your Committee think it ought to be published three consecutive weeks in two of the principal papers of the County by the Principal, at the expense of the Institute.

4th. That the want of preparation for the present session of the Institute, arises from the fact that no appointment of lecturers or instructors were made by the appointing power, such is the Principal of the Institute. Report accepted and adopted as read, and the Committee discharged. Mr. Porter then arose and wanted to know if the Report was signed by the members of the Committee. Mr. Fields said that the other members of the Committee refusing to act, the duty rested upon him to prepare the report, and as the report had been read and adopted, there was no need of further discussion.

The President then entertained the Institute by instructing a class in Grammar. He, (the President) spoke of the impropriety of putting pupils at (or to) the study of Grammar too young—then proceeded to writing sentences and analyzing them by diagrams—thinks it important to understand analyzing sentences by means of diagrams. The subject being discussed by the members, was dropped.

Mr. Flood then read an essay in order—subject, "*Too young to school.*" The essay was listened to with much attention, as it contained some interesting as well as amusing remarks. The subject was open for discussion. Mr. Sherman thought 8 years of age too young, and that they should not be sent before 6 years of age at least. Messrs. Lambert, Millette, Krewson, &c., discussed the question at some length. On motion, the further discussion of the question was postponed until afternoon.

The Principal then announced the business for the afternoon, and read a paper containing some excellent ideas in reference to the impositions practiced upon teachers, requiring them to sweep school-rooms, build fires, &c; thinks this no branch of the teacher's profession, inasmuch as the law does not require an examination as to the teacher's qualifications, in these particulars.

On motion, adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute being called to order, the minutes of morning session were read and adopted. The discussion of the pending question was then in order, but no one manifesting a desire to discuss it, the question was dropped.

Mr. Graves then showed his method of teaching Arithmetic on the blackboard; said, that no branch of study was better adapted to the development of the intellectual faculties of the child than the study of Arithmetic, that from, by our natural habit of society, I am ready to avow eternal enmity against so fearful an enemy of God and man. And, my brothers, will you help me? Or do some of you feel that I am over politicious about this matter? There are young men—there may be such here, who would take it as an insult for me to ask of them to abstain from drinking anything that intoxicates, in order that they might put become drunkards. "What! *I* become a drunkard, sir!—[given with a stress and swagger, that brought down a roar of laughter]—who do you take me for, sah? Fun, not such a fool as to become a drunkard." Ah, sneering they its only the *fools* that become drunkards—such a highly talented men of all professions; who have fallen victims to this vice, are *fools*, are weak minded fools, are they? Seriously, you know better. It is not the want of mental strength so much, nor nearly so, as it is the peculiarity of temperament that makes the habit of moderate drinking so much more fatal in its consequences upon some than upon others.

Here's a cold, phlegmatic man who never warms up, (to anything; who meets his friend and gives him his hand in such a way as to leave the latter in some doubt whether or his cold friend is not intending to take his hand a fist. Such a man will drink, with scarcely showing the bad effects of it, a quantity of liquor, which if drank by the side of warmer and more cordial social *feelings*, of a more delicate and nervous temperament, would send him a drivelling maniac to a drunkard's grave.

"Moderation is what we want," cries one who is not exactly disposed to fall in with this mistaken view, because he thinks it derogatory to his dignity as a man, thus to *obligate* himself to do what he claims to be able to perform as a voluntary act.

"*Moderation*," cried a gentleman in Scotland, "is what I should like to hear you preach, and then you might accomplish some good." But my good sir, what do you call moderation? "Well, sir, I take it to drink to excess from, to be more explicit, will you be kind enough to tell me exactly what constitutes excess?" "Sir, excess is, to take by drinking habits beyond the bounds of moderation." Finding that I was making but little headway in this investigation, I determined to bring it down to a still more pointed form. Said I, will you please tell me, would six glasses of whiskey toddy in a day be excess for you? To which he slowly replied with a half decided, drawling "NOOOOO," that told me very plainly one reason why he was not more friendly to the total abstinence cause.

The intoxicating cup is an insidious mocker. Thousands on thousands are annually being drawn into this frightful maelstrom, by the most gradual growth of habit, until when, it is too late, they find themselves in, when they set out, they were morally certain they could never come to. Never take the *first* glass, and you will never come to the last, is the only safe motto to adopt. It is the *first* glass that does the harm. Be certain that you are safe while you abstain *entirely*, but while you trust yourselves in the outskirts of what you call moderation, you are in imminent danger. The only safety to irretrievable ruin in this respect, is but a short one.

But a short time ago, while riding in the cars alongside of a river, I asked of a gentleman near me, what was its name? "Niagara, sir," was his reply. And how far are we from the rapids? "About a mile, sir." And then we were gliding along the banks of a smooth, unruffled stream, and that within but a few moments' ride of those terrific rapids.

And now look yonder; [the speaker looking earnest, ly, as if *observing* some object in the distance,] a party of gay, fashionable young men have launched their little barges upon the bosom of the stream, and are out for a day of pleasure. Their sails are set—every arrangement has been made for a safe and delightful sail, and away they go. See, how beautifully they glide through the sparkling wine-water—a ripple at the bow, and a silver wake behind—away they go—singing "merrily ho!" But suddenly a voice is heard from across the water, "Ahoy," and the response goes back. "What is it?" "The breeze giving both with remarkable effect and fidelity.) The rapids are below!" But they heed it not. Pleasure they have set sail to have, and they are bound to have it—so, merrily singing; and drinking and laughing, on they go. And now again, louder and louder comes the warning voice across the water, "Ahoy," and there response goes back, "What now?" "You are nearing the rapids." But the warning is still unregarded. They "know what they are about"—they are fully prepared for every emergency—they feel themselves capable of avoiding all danger without any such assistance; "and thus, in undiminished hilarity on they go.

But now again, with frenzied appeal, the cry comes. "The rapids! the rapids!" And now, O God! (looking the very embodiment of bitter despair) do they cry for help. Pull! pull! pull! till the blood streams hot from their nostrils, and the veins on their brow stand out like ship cords; *every fibre* of the body in agony of soul; but it is too late, they are drawing nearer and nearer those rapids they are laboring to escape; and now, in the very height of their despair, death instantly stares them in the face—cursing and blaspheming, they go over the fearful cataract of death, as thousands are annually going down to a drunkard's grave.

"Moderation is what we want," cries one who is not exactly disposed to fall in with this mistaken view, because he thinks it derogatory to his dignity as a man, thus to *obligate* himself to do what he claims to be able to perform as a voluntary act.

But I have a random shot to make here in this audience. It is not my purpose to offend any one, and I have no fears of doing it, unless *I prove* what I say. (Here a most laughable anecdote came in as an illustration of what he had just said.)

A man came home to his house in a most violent passion, and vented it by scolding about the house in a perfect frenzy, kicking over the chairs and overturning the tables. (Gough in a rickety rant of frenzy, levelling the imaginary articles of household furniture with a degree of genuine pantomimic effect that brought down the house in a perfect thunder of applause.) Said his good wife (in astonishment,)—"Why, my dear, what's the matter?" "The matter! why one of the most terrible paroxysms; none so reduced by disease, so crippled with rheumatism, so disfigured with sores, ulcers, or afflicted with scrofula, but Hall's Renewer will renovate, and restore to health and life.

Religious Intelligence.

A PLATFORM speaker, a Frenchman, at one of the May anniversaries in London, makes the following religious statistics of the French population:—100 0-0 Jews; 2,000,000 Protestants, of whom one-third are Lutherans; the other two-thirds are Calvinists; the rest of the inhabitants are Roman Catholics. Only these four denominations are recognized by law, or can meet for worship without special permission.

ONE of the most common covers under which indifferentists on religion shelters and excludes itself, is a profession of fashionable charity for all names and sects. We honor true liberality too much to be willing that it should be counterfeited by this that is spurious. They will not long deceive church most who love most truly and warmly their own branch of it. They who are indifferent to their own portion of it, will do but little for any portion.

THE Universalist denomination is giving attention to the subject of a liturgy. The "Gospel Liturgy, a Prayer Book, for churches, congregations and families, prepared by direction of the General Convention of Universalists," has just been published, and is warmly recommended by Universalist papers for general use in the sections that may own no such book, and for use in universaries, Sunday schools, teachers' meetings, family worship, marriage, burial, communion and baptism. It has been prepared by Rev. A. C. Thomas of Philadelphia.

NOTICES.

☞ PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, corner of Lyon and 3d street. Divine Service every Sabbath at 10 o'clock, A. M., and 6 o'clock, P. M.

☞ FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Second Street, Pottsville. Rev. WILLIAM L. GILL, Pastor.—Divine service every Sabbath at 10 A. M. and at 7½ P. M.

☞ ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH: Market Square Pottsville, Rev. DANIEL ROHR, Pastor. Divine service in this Church regularly every Sunday Morning, at 10½ o'clock; evening, at 7 o'clock. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

DIED.

CHLER.—In St. Clair, on the evening of the 19th inst., EMILY H., wife of Wm. Uhler, in the 30th year of her age.

☞ LeSanon, Danville and Bloomsburg papers please copy.

WANTED.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—Two good Journeyman Painters. DAN. NAGLE. Pottsville, May 30, '57 22- 1-

WANTED.—A Situation by a Young Man, in an Office or Store, whose services will be given without any compensation, is desirous of employment, in a good premises. Address "PRESS-MAN" Pottsville Post Office. [May 16, '57 20-3t

JOURNEYMAN CABINET MAKERS, to whom good wages and constant employment will be given, are wanted at Ashland, Schuylkill county, Pa. 4M08 HOCH.
Ashland, May 2, '57 18-tf

300 AGENTS WANTED.—Business new, useful, and honorable. Salary $100.00 a month. Capital required, five dollars. Address "PIONEER," For particulars, enclose stamp, and address A. B. MARTYN.
May 9, '57 19-10t Pleasant, N. H.

500 LOCAL AND TRAVELING AGENTS WANTED in the WEST! Business paying from $50 to $150 per month—no humbug or chance business. Permanent employment given and no capital required. For particulars address Jones, Brown & Co., A SIMPSON, Exeter, N. H.
April 11, '57 15-3m

DISSOLUTIONS.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing under the firm and name of WILLIAM A. NATTAN DAVIS, in the business of lumber, &c., was this day (April 1st, 1857,) dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be settled up by WILLIAM A. DAVIS.
May 23, '57 21-3t*

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—The co-partnership in the lumber business heretofore existing between R. C. Wilson and Lewis Royer, was this day (April 25, 1857,) dissolved by mutual consent.
R. C. WILSON.
LEWIS ROYER.

The undersigned have this day (April 27, 1857,) entered into co-partnership, in the lumber business, at the steam saw mill at the foot of the inclined planes on the M. H. & S. Railroad, under the firm of JAMES WILSON. All orders for lumber promptly attended to.
May 2, '57 18-] R. C. WILSON.
JAMES WILSON.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between P. G. Bressler, J. H. Bressler, Michael Bressler and George P. Owens, trading as merchants, at Donaldson, Schuylkill co., Pa., under the firm name of BRESSLER, OWENS & CO., was on the 23d day of May, A. D., 1857, dissolved by mutual consent, and that from the 23d day of May, 1857, P. G. Bressler, J. H. Bressler and Michael Bressler, three of the plaintiffs herein, will continue the business as merchants under the firm name of BRESSLER & CO., at the town of Donaldson, in said county, and the said firm long known, to return their thanks to the public for past favors, and hope by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.
P. G. BRESSLER,
J. H. BRESSLER,
MICHAEL BRESSLER,
GEO. P. OWENS.
May 23, '57. 21-6t*

OFFICIAL.

PROCLAMATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Court of COMMON PLEAS for the trial of causes pending, will be held at Pottsville, in and for the county of Schuylkill, on MONDAY, June 8th, 1857, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to continue two weeks.
Sheriff's Office, Pottsville, } WM. MATZ, Sheriff.
May 30, 1857. 22-tc

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Hon. Charles W. Hazlin, President of the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill county, in Pennsylvania, and Justice of the several Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery in said county, George Rahn and Bernard Reilly, Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and General Goal Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offences in the said county, of Schuylkill, by their precepts to me directed, have ordered a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in Pottsville, on the 1st MONDAY in June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroner, the Justices of the Peace and Constables of the said county of Schuylkill, that they are, by the said precepts commanded to be then and there at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and all other remembrances, to do those things which, in their several offices, appertain to be done; and against the prisoners that are or them shall be in the gaol of said county of Schuylkill, are to be then and there to prosecute them as shall be just.

☞ God save the Commonwealth.

Sheriff's Office, Pottsville, } WM. MATZ, Sheriff.
May 9, 1857. 19-tc

N. B.—The Witnesses and Jurors who are summoned to attend said Court are required to attend punctually. In case of non-attendance, the law, in such cases made and provided, will be rigidly enforced. This notice is published by order of the Court; those concerned will govern themselves accordingly.

ESTRAY.

STRAY HORSE.—Was brought to Hummel's Tavern, Friedensburg, on Saturday, May 23d, inst., a young BAY HORSE, between 3 and 4 years old—has a white star on the forehead, and the right fore foot and left hind foot white—had no shoes on, his hind feet supposed was never shod. The said horse is supposed to have been stolen, having been brought to Friedensburg by a man not known, who left rather hastily, leaving a carpet bag behind. The man who left the horse was about twenty-five years old, pock-marked, wore a blue frock coat, with yellow buttons, four on each sleeve, and wore a Kossuth Black Hat. The owner of the horse is requested to come forward and call upon [illegible] prove property, pay any reward offered [illegible] and take said horse away, otherwise he will be [illegible] to law.
HENRY HESSLER.
Constable of Wayne Township, Schuylkill county.
May 30, '57 22-3t*

NOTICES.

PROPOSALS.—Sealed Proposals will be received by the School Board at Orwigsburg, until June 20th, for building a Frame School House, 40 by 40 by sixty feet. Plans and specifications can be seen by calling on the subscriber. J. J. UPCHURCH,
May 30, '57 22-4t *President.*

ADMINISTRATION NOTIC