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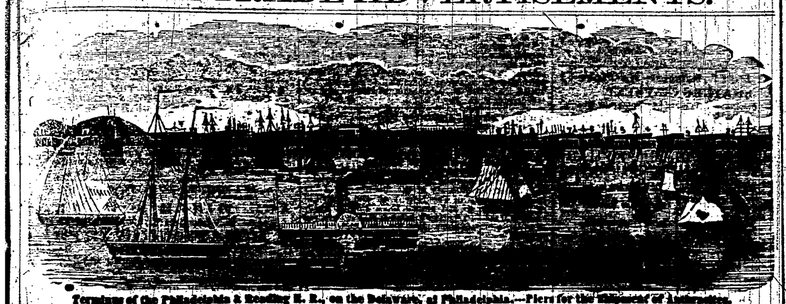

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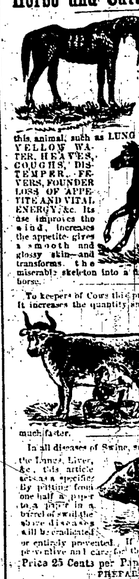

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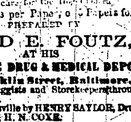

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"I cannot come, thou boatman pale,
O! see the heavens, how dark!
O! hear the wind how fierce its wail,
'Twill sink that tiny bark!"

"The 'other shore' I do not see,
Nor hear the angel band,
I fear to cross, to cross with thee,
To seek that 'better land.'"

"Nay! turn thy lamp towards my face,
Thou dost not see it clear:
The lamp of faith revealeth grace,
Which doubt beclouds with fear."

She saw: she ran and quickly slept
Within that little bark,
Then, to His feet she lowly crept,
For still the way was dark.

"I know the waves dare not o'erwhelm,
Thy mandate they obey,
Since Christ my Lord is at the helm,
I'll fearless launch away!"

Educational.

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From the Journal of Education.
MAKE HOME BRIGHT AND PLEASANT

More than lofty swelling cities,
More than their ceaseless living glare,
More than Mammon's gilded domes,
More than thoughts can well compare—
See that home is made as attractive
By surroundings pure and bright:
Trees, arranged with taste and fancy,
Flowers with all their sweet delight.

Seek to make your home most lovely—
Let it be a smiling spot.
Where, in sweet contentment resting,
Care and sadness are forgot.
Where the flowers and trees are waving,
Birds will sing their sweetest song:
Where the purest thoughts will linger,
Confidence and love belong.

There each heart will rest contented.
Seldom wishing far to roam.
Or, if roaming, still we cherish
Memories of that pleasant home.
Such a home makes man the better;
Purified, lasting its centre:
Home with pure and bright surroundings
Leaves its impress on the soul.

THE 5th annual session of the Schuylkill County Institute, which closed on Saturday, the 23d ult., was certainly the most pleasant and profitable one we ever attended, and we feel that too much cannot be said in praise of County Superintendent Newlin for his untiring and successful efforts to make it a success. It only confirms us in our opinion expressed before his recent election, that he was a hard working, efficient officer.

The class drills we think, this year, were a success. The reports we refrain from speaking of in detail, as we will present them in full to our readers in a short time. We were unavoidably detained from attending any of the lectures, except Rev. Dr. Moore's, but we have heard but one opinion expressed in regard to them, and that was of entire satisfaction. The Rev. Doctor we think, fully sustained his reputation as a profound and able lecturer. We have seldom, if ever, listened to any one with as much pleasure and profit.

The report by the reporter has been so full, that we deem it out of place for us to speak of each separately. But we feel justified in saying a word in reference to the exercise in primary teaching by Miss Wallesses of Cressona. We were perfectly delighted with it. We are of opinion that it is the true way of teaching the alphabet and primary reading and spelling. We have had some years' experience in teaching primary pupils, and succeeded better by the word method than any other. But we know there are others who honestly differ from us in this opinion, and all we ask of them is to give it a fair trial. But we think all will agree that Miss W. performed her part admirably.

The prompt action of Mr. Newlin in annulling the certificate of one of the teachers for intoxication will meet with a hearty response from every respectable man in the County, for whatever may be their opinions on temperance, no one wishes to send their children to drunken teachers.

The election of the committee on permanent certificates was according to one of the provisions of the new law. The committee consists of Miss Emily J. McCool, S. P. Van Pelt, J. Lineweaver, J. J. Cake and J. A. M. Passmore. They organized by appointing J. A. M. Passmore Chairman, and J. J. Cake Secretary.

We want the teachers of the County to remember that they have taken the educational columns under their fostering care, and we sincerely trust that they will carry out their good intentions.

We are glad that Mr. Lineweaver has taken charge of the educational department of the Pottsville Standard. He is a gentleman of fine scholarly attainments, and one of the best teachers in the County. We welcome him in his new position among us, and may we not again express the hope that the fostering care of the teachers of the County will be extended to him so as to encourage him in his new field of labor.

No. 37 in the spelling exercises, at the late session of the County Institute would be greatly obliged to the person or persons, who probably through mistake, took her papers from the room in which they were left by the committee, if they will have the kindness to forward them to the Editor of this column.

POTTSVILLE, Nov. 23, 1867.

J. A. M. PASSMORE, Mr. EDITOR:—Your request, desiring something from us this week finds us wholly unprepared. However, we will comply, by presenting a few thoughts in regard to the Institute just adjourned.

We have had the privilege and pleasure of attending but two of those delightful sessions, from which so much good has been realized. Children of all ages are ever pleased, when free from all restraint, they meet at some appointed place, to witness some celebration, and greet each other, as on Christmas or New Year's day. Their minds are filled with ambitious desires, and their young hearts filled with joyful enthusiasm. Cheerfully they engage in all the sport; all is life, joy and activity. And when the hour of parting has come, and they must separate how silently they move away, as if fearful of breaking the golden charm, that bound their hearts in mutual love. So has it been during the past week with the Teachers of Schuylkill County. From all parts of the County the productions of universal education have gathered. The bugle notes of war, against ignorance, have reached the hills and echoed through the valleys of our mining and farming regions, and the home of "Old King Coal" no longer hears the wilgon of indifference; for the faithful ones have met, and bid defiance to ignorance and superstition. Like the children, we love to meet and exchange our annual greetings. It is good that we do so. We become strengthened and better prepared to meet the difficulties that constantly edge our pathway and hinder us from doing more good. And when we separate, like the child we do it reluctantly.

That the Institute this year, far surpassed that of last, none, we think, will doubt. What, then, has been the cause of this advancement? We answer, the untiring labor of and interest in which, our able Superintendent has strived to make it a success. Our gratitude is due to him, for the able manner in which he has carried out, to a successful end, the "Programme" prepared for our guidance. Let us endeavor to show him in our schools, that we are thus grateful; by putting into practice the theories we learned there. He has ever shown himself worthy of our emulation; let us strive to gain his applause.

The success is not entirely owing to his exertions; all have contributed. It is necessary, in order to succeed, that harmony should prevail; and this was not wanting. All seemed ready to do their part; all were workers. We think, that the "Class Drills were the feature of the Institute. There are many reasons why we favor this method of conducting the exercises. When we are in the "Lecture Room" there is not that freedom of speech, in young beginners, as we find in the "Class Rooms." In all assemblies there are "big guns" and "little guns." The "little guns," are afraid that if they shoot in the presence of the "big guns," the report of the "latter" will outvie that of the "former." Hence, this difficulty of obtaining, in primary studies the experience of those who teach them. Not so, in the Class system. There the Teacher, by some preliminary remarks, draws out the experience of those most interested. Who, having faithfully attended those drills, could not see in them, what we have long desired, a thorough exposition of the practical and theoretical combined? Many were in fear that interest would lag in these classes. How agreeably disappointed are they now! The great and only complaint we heard was the time is far too short. Judging from the success of this system, we must give our unqualified assent to its continuation in future Institutes. The Lectures were highly entertaining and instructive to all; and, if properly digested, will result in much good.

To the ever smiling face of Professor Jack, we became very familiar; but not more so, than, to his humorous jokes. We heartily wish him much success, in his endeavors to improve the minds of others and the further advancement of "Popular Education." Our old friend Professor Rauh, ever where duty calls, gave us much valuable assistance; and we hope, have left on our mind many impressions which shall ever be present to do us good. Our kindest wishes goes with him to his field of labor, where'er it may be, and hope that great success may attend him.—One great feature of the occasion was the sociability of the teachers. Coming from all parts of the County there seemed to be a tacit understanding that all were friends. We found among them, pleasing acquaintances and renewed the friendship of years with old friends. Our old friend "All together, again," greeted us early on Tuesday morning; we were pleased to hear his music tones ring out so merrily.

Later in the session came—"Old King Cole the merry old soul," accompanied by his associates the "Boatmans' Song," "Morning Song," "Sunshine," "Sleigh Ride," "Sleigh Ride Giles," "O merry, merry, when the stars are bright," and "We are willing to wait a little longer." We must part with both old and new made friends. A pleasant week has been spent, we hope by all; but with none, more joyfully than YOUTH.

THE LATE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

MR. EDITOR:—I took occasion a few years ago, to speak through the columns of the "Educational," in no very flattering terms of the Institute of 1865. My criticisms of that time were offered not simply for the sake of fault-finding, but they were prompted by a sincere desire to do good. As one of the teachers of Schuylkill County, I felt it my duty to do everything in my power towards advancing the cause of common schools, and in improving those changes through which we (the teachers) were instructed, and our calling elevated. I still contend that that session of the Institute was a failure so far as accomplishing any important results was concerned. I did not then, and do not now, see any good reason why some teachers should have felt so sore at my remarks. Other Institutes that were older, and made greater pretensions than ours, had their failures also. In fact, I think that little failure did us good.

If however, I did so great a wrong then in criticising that Convention (and some thought I did), I now heartily proceed to make amends for that great wrong. I cheerfully add my testimony to that of others already expressed, that the late Institute was a brilliant success in point of numbers, appearance of members, and in the amount of good, solid, substantial work which was performed.—Never before was there so large and respectable a body of teachers assembled together in Schuylkill County at any one time. Never before was there so much interest manifested in the proceedings of the Institute as on this occasion, and never before were the exercises of so varied and interesting a character.

There can be no doubt that the greatly increased zeal and energy on the part of the teachers themselves, had a great deal to do with its success. The teachers of the County seem to be alive to the importance of their work, and they felt that upon each one individually, rested a duty to attend the Institute and help make it interesting. To the County Superintendent we are I am convinced, in a large measure indebted for the good that was done. He labored earnestly and perseveringly in the work. Upon him devolved the duty of arranging the exercises, selecting the lecturers, and conducting the whole machinery; and well has he done the work, proving most conclusively, that he is in every way qualified to perform the work entrusted to him.

We have good reason to congratulate ourselves upon the advance we are making upon the strongholds of ignorance in this County. It behooves us however, not to be satisfied with what we have done, but continue well-doing—continue laboring earnestly in the work which is appointed for us to do. We must be behind no other County in Schuylkill County shall not be behind her sister counties in the cause of common schools. Actuated by such motives, there need be no more danger of failures. TEACHER.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Schuylkill County Sabbath School Association is now fully organized and ready to undertake its work. Its objects are stated in its constitution, to be "the extension of Sun