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Landed from Col. of Stoyestown, was one of our Friday calls.

S. F. Picking, of Chicago, arrived in town Saturday for a two day visit.

The present is being observed as a week of prayer by the M. E. Church all over the United States.

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The Herald only voice popular sentiment when it says that the 20th annual session of the Teachers' Institute was most successful throughout, ever held in the county.

The attendance was the best, the program was perfectly arranged, and was carried out in every detail.

The instruction was all to the point and the teachers appeared more eager to learn than on any former occasion.

The evening entertainments were all of a high order, and gave complete satisfaction to immense audiences.

The wisdom of holding the institute at the beginning of the school year was fully attested by the large attendance.

Superintendent Berkeley was well satisfied to wear a broader smile than usual, because success has attended his efforts, and he has the thanks and congratulations of the public.

A decision of considerable interest was handed down by the Supreme Court at Pittsburgh, last Wednesday.

The case was an appeal from the decree of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, which had confirmed the auditor's report in the distribution of the estate of Samuel P. Miller, deceased.

Samuel P. Miller died in February, 1888, leaving a widow, and a number of children and grandchildren. In 1896 he made his last will and testament, in which, he says, 'I, the said Samuel P. Miller, do hereby bequeath to my wife, Sarah, all my real and personal estate, and all my rights and interests in and to the same, to have and to hold unto her, her heirs and assigns forever.'

Under the will, Sarah was appointed executrix, and she was authorized to sell the real estate, and to distribute the proceeds thereof to the children and grandchildren, as directed in the will.

The executor appointed in the will filed an account, showing a balance in her hands of \$10,000.00 for distribution. The account was confirmed, and an auditor was appointed to make a distribution, and the auditor held that the share of Albert, the son of Barbara, who died unmarried and without children, went to his father.

Called for the estate filed exceptions to the auditor's report, claiming that the share of Albert, he dying without any heirs, that the word heirs meant children) should go to the other children of the testator.

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Teachers' Institute. (Continued from first page.)

introduced and read the report of the meetings of the Institute, which will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Superintendent Berkeley, after addressing the Institute a few minutes, had the following names announced as members of the Committee on Permanent Certificates: J. E. Spitzer, S. F. Picking, C. P. Livingston, C. E. Dickey and E. K. Yoder.

Thursday morning's session opened with teachers' work under the leadership of E. K. Dickey, Miss Lettie Kriminger read a paper on "A Good School," W. H. Kitchman, Wm. Reed, E. E. Dickey, J. D. Moore and Sept. Berkeley discussed the use and abuse of text-books, both in primary and advanced schools.

Prof. Bennett resumed his talk on Drawing. After topical talk by W. H. Martin and others on "Character Building," an intermission was taken.

The general work of the Institute was then opened by reading from the Scriptures and prayer by Dr. Schaffer. Super. Berkeley, who was present in spirit, said that he was happy to announce that every teacher in the county had been present at the Institute, and two of these were accounted for. This is most creditable to the Superintendent as well as to the teachers.

Prof. Bennett, of Johnstown, was introduced, and after he had read his paper on "The Education of the Eye and Hand," he illustrated the free eye motion the hand should have in drawing. With an educated hand, a skilled hand, an eye, having been trained, the imagination also must be developed. Without imagination, his monkeys, we can only imitate. Prof. B. then talked of drawing in straight lines, broken lines and curved lines, illustrating with sticks and wire, and showing how to train to measure distance and observe proportion. Things must not be drawn as we know them, but as we see them—they look to the eye. He insists that drawing gives habits of neatness and is a great aid in learning to read.

Just here for a few minutes the Institute was turned into a lullaby, or rather a song, "My Grandfather," into which all the groups, quacking and chirping, and the animal creation was introduced.

Dr. Schaffer then gave the Institute a talk on rivers. He followed the drop of water from the cloud to its place in the river. Then he told how a glacier supplied the river. Then he told how the river flows to the sea, and how the sea is connected with the atmosphere. He then told how the water is carried to the top of the mountain, and how the water is carried to the bottom and side; how the swiftness of the current increased the carrying capacity of a river. Then he described how alluvium is deposited; how deltas and bayous are formed. What Dr. Schaffer did not tell about rivers is hardly worth knowing.

How children should be taught to talk and write, was the subject of an address by Prof. Brumbaugh. He thinks children are restrained too much; let them talk, let them talk early and often, sometimes, don't put a cork in the bottle. It is a child's nature to talk, as much as it is to eat. The eye of the child can be reached in teaching language to children through words, sentences and paragraphs. Children should be able to write. Children should be able to write about objects that are shown and described to them. Prof. B. illustrated the method by holding up an alligator scale and giving a long history of it.

The afternoon session was opened by Prof. Stephens, of the Mt. Pleasant Institute, and his address on Education in America was an exceedingly interesting one. He said that the man who allows his youth to slip by without securing a liberal education, is taking a risk that is almost irreparable in after life. Thousands of middle-aged people in this country made that mistake, and will always have cause to regret it. There are 15,000,000 children of school age in the United States. 1,000,000 are in Pennsylvania, and the State has appropriated \$5,000,000 to educate them. By a diagram Prof. Stephens attempted to illustrate the number of pupils in the common schools and the number in higher institutions of learning. The speech directed attention to the fact that the State has appropriated \$5,000,000 to educate them. By a diagram Prof. Stephens attempted to illustrate the number of pupils in the common schools and the number in higher institutions of learning. The speech directed attention to the fact that the State has appropriated \$5,000,000 to educate them.

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placed him in no class a man's calling does not fit his class. E. H. Frase and J. D. Livingston, of the Board of Education, hope what they are and how to get them.

Prof. Brumbaugh then read from the Scriptures and offered a prayer, when the Committee on Permanent Certificates reported their report, and the Superintendent Berkeley's good judgment in the selection of instructors for the late Teachers' Institute. Dr. Winship, of Boston, who had been before the Institute last week, is one of this kind. He thinks so rapidly that his tongue can not deliver his words fast enough. He said that this came from his anxiety to say a great deal in little time. The short-hand reporter who undertook to report his verbatim would have a happy time of it.

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The committee on resolutions submitted its report through the chairman, Mr. C. E. Dickey.

In substance the resolutions, (1) recognized the session of the County Institute as the best one ever held in the county; (2) expressed gratitude to the County Superintendent and the instructors for their able cooperation and practical work; (4) recognized the interest taken by the Directors of the county in educational progress, and especially for their promise to increase teachers' wages; (5) expressed appreciation to the County Superintendent as the righting hand for all schools not already provided for by authorized boards; (6) expressed appreciation of local initiative work as an important factor in the improvement of public education and the progress of the schools; (7) approved of holding the County Institute before the holiday season; (8) expressed affectionate remembrance of Prof. Beattie, late principal of Meyersdale schools.

Although Dr. Schaffer did not announce his subject, he took the platform and first talked of physical geography; went back again to rivers and showed how they cut through mountains; how the mountains are formed; how the New Jersey coast was sinking; how the United States government preserved the channel of the Mississippi at Minneapolis. Then changing his subject, he talked of the mountains and how they are formed; how the New Jersey coast was sinking; how the United States government preserved the channel of the Mississippi at Minneapolis. Then changing his subject, he talked of the mountains and how they are formed; how the New Jersey coast was sinking; how the United States government preserved the channel of the Mississippi at Minneapolis.

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