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THE DRUNKARD'S BOY. 'Twas on a night when they would tell...

TO. Though the day-god now is shining, And all around is bright...

Letter From Over The River. I heard, somewhere, that men constitution...

A TALE OF UNREQUITTED LOVE. The editor of the Europa Union relates as follows...

How THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS INJURED. The True Southern gives the following...

On, my dear, said a young wife, just returned from a ball...

A Clergyman, who was reading to his congregation a chapter in Genesis...

their drooping spirits. The resolution was adopted without further discussion.

EDUCATIONAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOGA COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

THE semi-annual session of the Toga County Teachers' Institute commenced here this morning.

Mr. Reynolds then spoke to the teachers, and congratulated them upon having met once more to devote a portion of time for the benefit of each other.

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Resolved, That in the Common Schools, teachers should always be governed by the rule of Right. Mr. S. B. Elliott argued that the resolution amounted to nothing definite as there would be just as many different opinions as to what was right as there were scholars in school.

Mr. Williams thought that teachers should decide what was right. Mr. Beecher proposed that in order to obviate the difficulty suggested by the gentleman from Mansfield, that a coordinate resolution be agreed upon.

Mr. Beecher offered the following resolution as a substitute for the one just laid upon the table. Resolved, That in the Common Schools every offence should be treated upon its own merits, and not by any fixed rule of fault and punishment.

The resolution was discussed by Messrs. Beecher, Garretson and Williams, and then postponed for further discussion. Afternoon Session.—A question was proposed, "What are Thermal Springs, and what causes them?"

Mr. Reynolds answered the question in a short speech. On motion the following resolution was adopted for discussion. Resolved, That the character of a school depends more upon the community than upon the teacher.

This resolution elicited many curious and interesting remarks respecting the occupation of teaching, and the situation of the common school teacher. A large number of teachers entered largely into the discussion of this interesting resolution. Their names are as follows: Messrs. Reynolds, Bailey, Williams, Garretson, Stebbins, Kirkendall, Hart, and Misses Martha Prutsman, Elizabeth Lichtenhalter, Diantha M. Drew and A. C. Wright.

The opinion seemed to prevail that a good teacher would make a good school in any community, and that a poor teacher would do no good in any place. One teacher (Mr. Stebbins of Middlebury) thought that a good school might be taught in any neighborhood. He generally calculated to suit himself when he taught, and let others be suited or not as they thought best, and he thought if teachers would adopt this plan, they might teach good schools even in bad neighborhoods.

When asked what he would do if the Directors refused to uphold him in doing as he pleased, he replied, "I would pack up my duds and toddle." (Laughter.) We shall try to publish this address in full, in our next issue.—Ed. Agitator.

Mr. Beecher said that teaching was like preaching; as a good preacher could not long remain in a bad congregation, so a good teacher could not long remain in a bad school.

Mr. Beecher offered some suggestions how teachers might gain the confidence and esteem of parents. He was followed by Mr. S. B. Elliott on the same subject. Mr. Reynolds made a few remarks cautioning teachers against taking sides in neighborhood quarrels.

On motion, it was resolved that the Institute proceed to elect Counsellors for the present term. The following were duly elected: BLOSS.—Miss Marietta Coon. BROOKFIELD.—(to be supplied.) CHARLESTON.—Morgan Hart. CHATHAM.—Daniel Vandusen. CLAYTON.—(to be supplied.) COVINGTON BORO.—James W. Derow. COVINGTON TWP.—Augusta A. Orris. DELMAR.—Miss Mary Purple. DELMAR.—Martha Peet. ELK.—(to be supplied.) ELLIOTT BORO.—M. H. Brooks. FARMINGTON.—N. Reynolds. GAINES.—Emma Watrous. JACKSON.—Phoebe Grinnell. KNOXVILLE BORO.—James Goodspeed. LAWRENCEVILLE.—S. E. Kirkendall. LAWRENCE.—Miss Lichtenhalter. LEWIS.—B. Elliott. MIDDLEBURY.—O. M. Stebbins. MORRIS.—(No teachers.) NELSON.—Miss Ellen Eddy. OSCEOLA.—N. Reynolds. RICHMOND.—Mary E. Pitts. RUTLAND.—Miss Amanda Simpson. SHIPPEN.—(to be supplied.) SULLY.—J. E. Webster. TOGA.—Letta Mitchell. TOWSON.—A. Griswold. WARD.—(No teachers.) WELLSBORO.—Hugh Young. WESTFIELD.—Ambrose Close.

Mr. R. C. Bailey proceeded to explain the predicates according to Kenyon's Grammar. Addressed by M. Beecher. [The School House was crowded to hear Mr. Beecher's speech. We have a full report of it, and regret that our space prevents its insertion at present, though we intend to give extracts from it from time to time in our educational column. The audience was delighted, although many were disappointed because it was addressed solely to teachers.—Ed. Agitator.]

Resolved, That the Common School System of Pennsylvania merits our unqualified approbation; that we have increased confidence in the County Superintendent, and in the efficiency of the present system of School Directors. Resolved, That the Toga County Teachers' Institute is the fit place for teachers to declare their adherence to the cause of popular education, and to publicly vindicate the character of their profession; that it is both the privilege, and duty of teachers to be punctual in attending the meetings of the Institute; and that they do individually and severally pledge themselves to uphold and support it by all honorable means.

Resolved, That while we acknowledge the Toga County Teachers' Institute to be a result of the labors of the County Superintendent,—that it was not, and probably never would have been established, except through his instrumentalities,—we hold that it is the means of sustaining the Superintendent, and serves the important purpose of commending it to public favor. Resolved, That we heartily welcome to our midst the Rev. THOMAS K. BEECHER, of Elmira. That we express our heartfelt thanks for his eloquent and feeling addresses, and for his many expressions of sympathy and encouragement, which we feel will not only tend to lighten the burden, but also the hearts of the teachers who have listened to him.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Teachers are due to HENRY YOUNG, Esq., of the Agitator, for the kindness and attention he has shown us. In him we recognize a zealous advocate of Common Schools, and an earnest friend of the Common School teacher. We recommend him as well as his valuable journal to the kind regards of all teachers. Resolved, That in the Wellsboro Democrat, we recognize an able paper, whose columns have ever been open to the discussion of all questions pertaining to Common Schools. We recommend it to the favorable consideration of Teachers. Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute are due to those inhabitants of Toga, who have so kindly aided us during this session of the Institute.

VICTOR A. ELLIOTT, S. E. KIRKENDALL, ELIZABETH LICHTENTHALER, N. L. REYNOLDS, SARAH DEROW. It was moved and carried that a committee of seven be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing term. The following persons composed that committee: Messrs. S. E. Kirkendall, O. M. Stebbins, H. C. Vail, and Misses Marietta Peet, Lydia Coon, Martha Prutsman, Ellen Eddy. Alligation Alternate was explained by V. A. Elliott. He was followed by Mr. Beecher, who gave a very plain and clear solution of that intricate rule. The Committee on Nominations presented their report. A motion was made to elect by acclamation. Carried. The following persons, nominated by the committee, were duly elected officers for the ensuing year. President.—VICTOR A. ELLIOTT. Vice Presidents.—Miss LYDIA COON, O. M. STEBBINS. Recording Secretary.—R. C. BAILEY.