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NOVEMBER.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE TIoga CO. TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

HELD AT MANSFIELD, COMMENCING NOV. 11, 1862, AND CONTINUING FOUR DAYS.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M. Convened in the Seminary chapel, and in the absence of President or Vice-President, organized by electing W. S. Briggs, to the chair...

AFTERNOON SESSION. The roll called by secretary: The treasurer being absent, Miss Clara Clark was appointed. On motion, the following persons were appointed a committee to audit the account of the treasurer...

Resolved, That it is the duty of parents and guardians to afford those under their charge, the opportunity of obtaining such an education, as shall qualify them for the duties of citizens.

TUESDAY EVENING. Roll called, and response by sentiments. This exercise was very interesting and amusing, causing frequent outbursts of laughter. A Quartette was here sung; after which, the resolutions presented, in the afternoon, was moved for adoption...

if his children belonged to Prof. Wildman or the State, they educate them. Compare countries that adopt compulsory measures to those that do not, and draws the conclusion that where they are not adopted, the most energetic and most intelligent people are...

Report of Critics. A motion was made to authorize critics to peruse. Quite a spirited discussion took place, after which a vote was taken, and the question lost. Adj. WEDNESDAY, A. M. Chapel exercises as usual, after which Prof. Johns presents penmanship...

Miss Martha Youmans reports on Primary Arithmetic. Would have the class thoroughly drilled before giving out the lesson. Capt. V. A. Elliott made a few brief remarks on the method of teaching advanced Arithmetic, after which Prof. Coburn demonstrates Ratio and Proportion to the satisfaction of all...

AFTERNOON SESSION. Met agreeable to adjournment. Miss Sophia Tremaine reports on penmanship. The thing is to get a good position at the desk; secondly, making straight marks; thirdly, making the oval. Mr. Delos Angel takes the class where Mr. Cameron leaves it. Would drill on the forearm movement, and the Kinographic curve...

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Resolved, That if parents and guardians neglect this obvious duty, they should be compelled to the performance, by legislative enactments. Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

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It is not only solving a question, but giving the reasons—books should not be used in class—Prof. Reynolds gave his method of teaching the alphabet—said the black-board and slate are indispensable—would teach them to make parallel, horizontal and oblique lines, and from thence to form letters...

The following persons were appointed a committee to select items, viz.: Miss L. H. Pitts, Caroline Gaylord, Messrs. V. A. Elliott, and Jas. Morris. Prof. Coburn demonstrated algebra, and gave its use, after which he lectured upon the qualifications of teachers...

Afternoon Session—met according to adjournment, after which the items were distributed. Prof. Reynolds' advanced geography—says every teacher should have a globe—says the axis of the earth is inclined 23 1/2 degrees to the plane of its orbit, and demonstrates it clearly...

Evening Session—singing by choir, after which the roll was called, and responded to by sentiment. The resolution discussed the previous evening, was called up. Capt. V. A. Elliott, upon the negative, spoke at length—compares education, by compulsion, to forcing people to seek religion...

Resolved, That we recognize in the death of O. M. Sebbins, at the battle before Richmond, the loss of one of the most able and efficient teachers in the County; of one of the most faithful and earnest members of the Institute, a worthy friend and true patriot; that we tender to his aged mother and lamenting friends, our heartfelt sympathies in their bereavement...

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Township, Miss Anna Keeney; Union, O. Ward, Miss Lucy Stratton; Wellsboro, Miss Elizabeth Williams; Westfield, Miss Amelia Cross.

Election of officers was taken up. Moved and carried that the election be postponed. Frank W. Clark was elected President; Misses Fannie A. Bixby, Mary A. Beardsley, Louisa Rockwell, and Messrs. R. C. Bailey, and D. Cameron, were elected Vice Presidents; Mr. J. S. Briggs was elected Recording Secretary; and Miss M. J. Toles Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Clara Clark, Treasurer.

Counsellors report Tioga as the next place for holding the Institute. Adjourned till 1 1/2 o'clock P. M. Afternoon Session—Prof. Johns conducts a drill on Penmanship. Prof. Wildman presents Grammar—conducts the drill by asking questions and parsing difficult sentences. Recess, after which Prof. Reynolds makes a few remarks about school arrangement—would have every thing in its time and place—would have the teachers read the Bible every morning and pray in a Christian—would have every class recite exactly at the time assigned them. Miss D. M. Drew, demonstrates Cune Root lucidly and satisfactorily. Capt. Elliott demonstrates Arithmetical and Geometrical Progression, and gives its use. Adjourned till 6 1/2 o'clock in the evening.

Evening Session—Singing by choir, after which an order of \$5.00 on the Treasurer was authorized in favor of Secretary; also an order of \$2.00 to defray the expenses of lighting room. The roll was called and responded to by sentiments, after which a motion was made to dispense with the order of business. Carried. Prof. Reynolds offered the following Resolutions:

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Fallibility of Circumstantial Evidence.

A correspondent, writing to an Edinburgh paper respecting the case of Mrs. M'Laichlan, now lying under sentence of death, for the Sandford Place murder at Glasgow, gives the following instance of the danger of relying solely on circumstantial evidence. I would ask, is the circumstantial evidence on which this woman has been found guilty, and sentenced to die, any stronger than that which in many other cases has been adduced against accused persons who have ultimately proved to be wholly innocent of the crimes laid to their charge? And this question I do not hesitate to answer with an emphatic No!

Here, then, is one such case, and although I cannot give the date—it may be ten, fifteen, or even twenty years ago—nor even the names of the parties concerned, the more important particulars thereof are as perfectly impressed upon my memory as if the occurrence were but of yesterday. And thus it was: A gentleman posted a letter containing a ten-pound Bank of England note—the number and date of which he knew—at a place not far from Southampton, to a house in London. This letter failed to reach its destination, and consequently an advertisement was immediately published in the local papers offering a reward for its recovery. The veracity of the party who posted the letter was unimpeachable. But this consideration was of no moment whatever, for no sooner had the advertisement appeared than a respectable tradesman in Southampton came forward with the stolen note. "And where did you get it?" said the party in charge of the case. "From Miss so-and-so," was the reply; "I changed it for her upon such a day." "And who is Miss so-and-so?" "Why, with pain I must tell you that her father keeps the post-office at—." "What the post-office at which the lost or stolen letter is said to have been posted? Alas! too truly said was the fact. Inquiry was then made at the post-office as to whose duty it was to sort the letters therein received, and to put them into their respective bags. And here again the answer instantly given was Miss so-and-so—the self-same young woman to whom the tradesman had given change for the stolen note. Here, then, a certain letter, containing money, was posted at a certain place, and the very first person into whose hands it would naturally fall, after it was put into the letter-box, was clearly proved to have passed the note which the letter contained.

The girl was immediately apprehended, and when brought before the magistrates, she merely declared her innocence; but having no explanation to give as to how she became possessed of the note, excepting one which she could not, for a moment hope to be credited; she offered no explanation whatever, in the first instance, and was forthwith committed for trial.

This girl was, however, totally innocent of stealing the letter; and, although she obtained change for the note which it contained, she did that too under circumstances which, when explained, left her character unblemished as purity itself.

And now, sir, before we go any further, I leave it for those who think with the learned judge in Glasgow, that "circumstances can never lie," to discover how it happened that, in this case, lie they did, and that most fearfully, seeing that, as already said, the girl was perfectly innocent.

Well, the upshot of the story is this. The day of the trial was approaching, and the certainty of conviction and fearful punishment staring the wretched girl in the face, when a gentleman—I think it was the clergyman of the parish in which she lived, had an interview with her in prison, when, finding, it utterly impossible to extract any confession of her guilt, and being still urged to tell the whole truth, at least to him, she now stated that upon a certain day she was walking from her own home to Southampton, when she was overtaken by a gentleman, who was driving a gig toward Southampton, and who offered her a ride there, which she accepted; that on reaching Southampton he drove up to one of the principal shops, and asked her to step into the shop and get him change for a ten-pound note; that she did so and then bade him good day. And this account she had not given sooner, partly because she could not expect any one to believe it, and partly because she knew her father would be angry with her for accepting a seat in a gig, offered to her by a casual passer by. Well did she know the gentleman. No. Had she ever seen him before? No. Or since? No. Could she describe his appearance? Yes, accurately. Would she know him again if she should chance to see him? Yes, instantly.

And with this meagre clue to guide him, the friendly gentleman proceeded to the proper authorities, and obtained permission for the accused, accompanied by himself and an officer in plain clothes, to walk through the Southampton post-office in the capacity of visitors, at a time when all the persons employed therein were at their respective posts. The scrutiny was very short. Five minutes sufficed to identify and secure the real culprit, at whose lodging-house proof in abundance was found of his other delinquencies, whilst upon his trial it was also proved that he had a holiday on the day that the note was changed, that he had hired a gig for that day from a stable keeper in the town, and was seen to drive up to the very door of the shop in which the note was changed. This man was transported for life, whilst the unfortunate girl was at once liberated without a trial. So much for the fallibility of circumstantial evidence.

BOARDER.—"What large chickens these are now!" Landlady:—"Yes, chickens are large now—days that they were used to be; ten years ago they were nothing like so large." Boarder, (innocently):—"No, I suppose not; they must have grown some in that time." (Landlady looks at him though she thought she had been misunderstood.)

A drunkard, returning from a fair full of his own ideas, when a pig found him and began licking his mouth. Sawney roared, "What's licking me now? Ye see what it is to be well liked among the jasses!"

The Union now and forever.