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# Original Poetry.

[WRITTEN FOR THE POTTER JOURNAL.] LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP.

To Miss M \_\_ C \_\_ Woonsock t, R. I.

Love hath wings as light as air; His flight is quick as lightning's flare He comes, he goes, In joys, in wees-

We know not when, we know not how His subtle arts Beguile our heart

And makes us pledge in sacred vow Then Love is all a beauteous dream Of bliss and happiness supreme-Angelie joy,

Without alloy; We think our raptures no er will change-We pray them not -But 'tis our lot --

A word-a look-may us estrange. But FRIENDSHIP is a sacred thing; It bears with it no jealous sting 'Tis pure and mild, When undefiled By hope of gain, or hope of lust-

A sacred bond Of two hearts fond-In such a love, oh, let us trust. Let those whose fancy roams above Things of this earth, oh, let them love-

Give me a friend. Who, to the end Of life, no ills can from me sever,-On my fond breast

While I sang my song of-Friendship over AMIGO

## L'ducational.

#### REPORT OF The Superintendent of Common provements in the mode of teaching. Schools in Potter County, for 1857.

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Coudersport, Pa., will attend the several Courts in Potter and M'Kean Counties. All prompt attention. Office on Main st. oppo- ing resigned in June previous, the office with, seventeen. of County Superintendent was vacant durreport is to be made.

ATTORNEY AT LAW, Coudersport, Pa., will regularly attend the Courts in Petter and 10:1 ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW, nite report of that portion of the school at the time of examination, received per-

Coudersport, Pa., will attend to all business entrusted to his care, with promptnes and That I might be able to ascertain, as schools. nearly as possible, by inquiry while visit- Institutes .- During the three years of 10:1 attend to all business entrusted to him, with care and promptness. Office corner of West report longer than it otherwise would have I have not the means of ascertaining; not knowledge and improvement. They are been. 10:1

## STATISTICS.

ATTORNEY AT LAW, Wellsboro', Tioga Co.. and class, forty-three; third class, thirty-Pa., will attend the Courts in Poster and nine. Few new school houses have been erected in the county during the year, the best of which, in all respects, is in the BUSVEYOR AND CONVEYANCER, Ray- Homer district; but this is defective in Moud P. O., (Allegany Tp.,) Potter Co., Pa. one or two particulars, in the arrangement will attend to all ousiness in his line, with of the school room. The black-board is SURVEYOR, DRAFTSMAN AND CONVEY- it.

ANCER, Smethport, M'Kean Co., Pa., will A convenient recitation scat is an item attend to business for non-resident landholders, upon reasonable terms. Referen- quite generally overlooked by directors in ces given if required. P. S.-Maps of any school house arrangement, unless one of 9:13 their number happens to be an experienced teacher, and wide awake to the improvements of the day in common school PRACTICING PHYSICIAN, Coudersport, Pa. education.

respectfully informs the citizens of the vil-There are school houses in this county, lage and vicinity that he will promply rerecently built, furnished with seats and spoad to all calls for professional services. Office on Main st., in building formerly ocdesks for two pupils each, somewhat after the modern style; but not a place where class of eight or ten scholars can be accommodated convenient to the black-board or otherwise. This deficiency has a great DEALERS IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PAINTS, influence in preventing the successful Oils, Fancy Articles, Stationery, Dry Goods, classification of pupils, and is the source of much confusion in the school room and perplexity to the teacher.

DRALER IN DRY GOODS, READY-MADE have yet been built, or thoroughly remod. of popular education. elled, from plans contained in the Penn-10:1 sylvania School Architecture. A few of designed.

MALER IN STOVES, TIN & SHEET IRON tent, yet with a number it is not as effi- visits, but none perhaps worthy of distinct with lectures, as opportunity has present- Domestic Slavery.

able to ascertain from observation and in- as they receive no compensation for their tal Arithmetic.

sylvania, fifty-even.

years, two; over twenty years, one.

who intend to teach permanently. As taken no action. the schools are usually kept open only Leading Characteristics .- The entire financial department of a number of the fair and honest hand, Kansas would have four months in the summer and three in county is comparatively new. Many of districts would be very beneficial. the winter, of those was are eng ged in the districts are settled only along the Greater facilities are also necessary for ple to vote on their Constitution, was and teaching, their time is divided between principal streams, and the inhabitants improving the qualifications of teachers, is inherent—it was not a right to be girthat and some other employment. When are engaged in the united occupation of One of the agencies to which we look at en, but a right that could not be taken ever they find an opportunity to engage agriculture and lumbering. Other dispresent for accomplishing this, is teach-away without a violation of the first funin a permanent business they usually ex- trites are very sparsely settled, and to ap- er's institutes. They will be held here- damental principles of self-government. pect to do so. In order, therefore, to se- pearance present almost an unbroken for- after, whatever it may cost; but could the In small communities all the people may cure permanent teachers, the employment est. In these districts lumbering is the Legislature of our State think proper to assemble and enact their laws, and apmust be more constant, with a compensa- chief occupation, but within the past year encourage us, by a small appropriation to point officers to carry them into effect. tion sufficient for a good support

have read educational works, thirty-seven; be seen from this, compared with the rethemselves familiar with the modern im-

Manner of Teaching, and general ability to Teach and Govern .- Number of My commission which dates from the teachers who give full satisfaction, thirty-18th of October last, was received about four; medium teachers, sixty-five; those the 12th of November. Mr. Pradt hav- whose services had better be dispensed

Examinations and Certificates. - From ing five months of the year for which this the receipt of my commission (November 12) to the first of June, number of candi-A large number of the teachers for the dates examined, one hundred and one summer schools were not examined; none provisional certificates granted, ninety-five; of the schools visited; consequently there permanent, one; rejected, five. Two of are no records from which to make a defi- those who received provisional certificates it one of the best sections of the Com- will compare favorably with those which counties, which are of their own party, manent certificates on visiting their

distical items requested in the instructions institutes have been held. The number of the Department, I have delayed this of teachers who attended these institutes being a resident of the county when either all in favor, therefore, of a "common School House .- First class, none; sec. from the former Superintendent.

my knowledge. A teachers' class, how- jority are convinced, and the rest are wil-Academy." This institution is supported any of the sister States. When its operby the liberality and enterprise of citizens too small for convenience, and no provis. in the county, and its students are made week'y meetings for the purpose of hear-this section. ing lectures, reading reports and essays, and holding discussions on subjects con-

MISCELLANEOUS. the directors have given attention to this schools have accompanied me, in several without any definite idea of what they four in Kansas. The 7th resolution is a whole northern tier, was, "Buchanan, subject, and contemplate erecting houses instances, in my official visits, and this wanted to accomplish, or how they were libel upon common sense. If the Con- Breckenridge and Free Kansas." Our worthy of the object for which they are some have done at the sacrince of their to do it; consequently, a large portion of Stitution of Kansas is not acceptable to opponents pretended that we meant that Material of School Houses .- Brick, would have been pleased to have attended by done, if at all. A poor plan is better your own conduct has produced the restate at all hazards. We meant no such none; stone, none; log, twelve; frame, and witnessed the examinations of the than none; because to secure it, thinking sult." Shame!—When it is well known thing. But this we did mean: That Kan-School Furniture. First class character the time when the Superintendent was to to the subject, and action prompted by justly refused, under the plea of want of free to make her own constitution and loter, in none of the school houses; second be present; but to give a previous notice those thoughts will follow; though the runds, to give the people of nineteen council cal laws-free to establish her own doclass, in twenty-one; third class, in sixty- of the time of visiting schools would, gen- plan may be erroneous in some particu- ties a legal right to vote under the terri- mestic institutions, free from all outside Schools. -First class, (graded,) none; they are apart, and the frequently bad experience and comparison with that of was not represented at all. Bear in mind, ident and the Democratic party. We have second class, (classified,) eighty; third state of the roads. In very few instances others. The improvements made in this reader, it was not the fault of the people been deceived. For this same President class, none. Though all our teachers pur- patrons have visited their schools inde- respect, are the result of more extensive of these counties—it was a deep laid pian and his party are now forcing Kansas insue a system of classification to some ex- pendent of Superintendent's or Directors' reading of educational works, together to fasten upon them the Institution of to the Union at the cannons mouth—(Had cient as we hope to see carried out in the notice. Such visits are usually the result ed. Third. Oral instruction and illus-

education.

them with furniture and apparatus. The which the cause demands.

New England States, and have brought dent friends have anticipated.

were in session, and no records being left school system." Some may retain their There have been no district institutes, predilections for the system under which they have formerly worked; but the maever, has been organized and well sustain-tem of Pennsylvania is equal to that of ling to be, that the common school sysations are understood the system is generally liked. The fact that nearly all the

of the teachers of the county have been item to be gained; as with it there will serts.

future. Many of our most skillful teach- of effort on the part of the teachers, and trations are used more extensively than vania in 1856 that would have dared to of Kansas as was the Declaration of Iners also are embarrassed in their efforts to are an indication of the interest they are heretofire, by which the exercises of the assert, as a principle in the democratic dependence to the British crown in 1776. classify their pupils, in consequence of ir- endeavoring to create in the minds of both school room are much enlivened and the creed, that Kansas should be admitted In 1836, Mr. Buchanan stood by the side regular attendance and multiplicity of parents and scholars, on the subject of interest increased. I have observed with into the Union-no, not admitted, but of Thomas H. Benton in the U. S. Senate satisfaction, even in the retired districts forced in-with a Constitution forced up-and there, too, was Silas Wright and Ages of Teachers, - Items under Directors' visits, in their regularity and of the county, that the want of suitable on her by a pro-slavery minority, backed Wm. R. King, and all that phalanx of this and three or four following heads are frequency, by no means come up to the school books has been in a measure sup- up by President Buenanan? Not one - talent and patriotism which was then the estimated for the first half of the school requirements of the school law, nor can it plied by the use of oral instruction, par it this had been Democracy, then Mr. pride and glory of the democratic party-BAMUEL M. MILLS, Proprietor, Colesburg year, and are as correct as I have been really be expected that they will so long ticularly in English Grammar and Men-Buchanan would never have been really be expected that the people are sovereign,—

quiry. I Under seventeen years of services. Yet too much negligence is Defects to be Remedied-Teachers. - State and Territory shall make its own they could not be divested of that power.

age, nine; between seventeen and twenty- manifest. An hour or two might be im- Though we have been able to speak of local laws. Congress shall not force (by one, inclusive, forty-eight; between twen- proved by directors in visiting the schools progress in the character and qualificathe passage of its laws,) Slavery into nor ty-one and twenty-five, nineteen; be ween of their own immediate neighborhood oc- tions of teachers, yet the number of good out of any State or Territory; but leave twenty-five and thirty, twenty-three; be- casionally, without interfering materially teachers is not sufficient to meet the the people thereof perfectly free to form tween thirty and forty, fourteen; be- with any other duties. A large propor- wants of the schools; and for the present, their own institutions subject only to the tween forty and fifty, one; over fifty, two; tion, however, of directors nover visit their some have been licensed that would not Constitution of the United States. Mr. one of whom was over seventy. Total, schools during the entire session. Hon- be, were there others to take their places. Buchanan pledged himself to the country, orable exceptions may be mentioned, par- Some, also, who have established a good before and after election, that all the Birth-place, (Estimated.)-Born in ticularly of Abbott, Hebron and Roulette, reputation as teachers, are leaving the power the Constitution conferred upon Pennsylvania, fifty-nine; born out of Penn- The secretaries of these districts I have business for other employments, for the the Executive, should be brought to bear found abie to give a very correct state- reason that they cannot obtain sufficient in a firm and conciliatory manner to re-Experience in Teaching .- [Ascertain- ment of the condition of their schools, of compensation, and one which is available store the same barmony among the sister ed with sufficient exactness from inquiry the skill of the teacher in classifying pu- A large number of the districts are sadly States, that existed before the apple of those acquainted with the teachers pils and faculty of government. But one in debt. The teachers, after they have discord was cast into their midst. He where I have not had the opportunity of district to my knowledge has decided to earned their money and obtained their now sets at defiance the will of a large seeing them.] Those who have taught act upon the recommendation of the State orders, are frequently obliged to hold majority in Kansas. Pennsylvania Deless than one year, twenty-one; between Superintendent, by employing the secre- them from six to eighteen mont's before mocracy says "Close your months!" -one and three years, forty-one; from three tary to make a monthly vistit of the they can obtain their value, or sell them Thank God there is a power behind the to six years, twenty-seven; from six to schools, and fill up the blank reports fur- at a discount. They usually need their throne greater than the throne iself. Let ten years, thirteen; from ten to twenty nished for that purpose by the School De-money as soon as it is carned, and the him that sits thereon baware. partment. Other districts are thinking fact that they cannot obtain it when due. If the principles of the Kansas N bras-Permanent Teachers .- There are none avorable of the movement, but have yet is driving many of our best teachers from ka bill, as enunciated by the Cincinnati the profession. An improvement in the Platform, had been carried out with a

which fact is evinced by the offer of more The want of a uniform school tax this little community has grown so large those who have not, seventy-nine. It will liberal compensation for the sake of ob throughout the State, and compensation that all cannot assemble together to make taining good teachers. The middle and to directors, are regarded as among the its constitution and laws, and it must be port of the previous year, that a larger northern portions of the county are quite defects of the present system. Could done by delegates elected by the people proportion of our teachers are making extensively settled, and agriculture being they be remedied, still greater life and Now, it becomes necessary for the Legisthe principal employment, the people are effectiveness would be given to the cause lature of this community to pass a law fast collecting around them the comforts of education. But these defects have authorizing the people to elect delegates and conveniences of life. Still a large been urged upon the attention of the to a convention to form a constitution, in majority of the inhabitants throughout School Department and the Legislature, order that they may be admitted into the the county have not yet paid for their by a large number of the County Super United States of America. Among the lands. Wealth, therefore, is not abun- intendents, in former reports; there the details of this law, we find a clause dant, and the means are not at command fore I leave them with this passing no requiring certain officers to take the cenfor doing all that is desirable in the contice, hoping the time is not far distant sus of the people, and register all the struction of school houses, and supplying when that attention will be given to then. bona fide citizens of the community, at a

face of the country is hilly and portions | While these defects are referred to. of it somewhat mountainous; soil ric., and with others that might be mentioned, on: Now, these officers are of one political very fertile; and having an intelligent, confidence is not at all weakened in the industrious and enterprising people to main features of the system. Though improve it, time is only wanting to make not perfect, its utility and practicability Said officers perform their duty in fifteen have been much longer in use, and we Public Sentiment - General intelli- believe that efficient directors and super refuse to register the nineteen counties gence is a prominent characteristic of the intendents, thoroughly to carry out its thereby disfranchising the majority, and inhabitants of this county. They are provisions, will secure to the people of giving the minority power to carry out ing the several school districts, those stathe County Superintendency, two county mostly settlers from New York and the this Commonwealth, all that its most are their favorite scheme.

J. HENDRICK, County Superintendent COUDERSPORT, September 15, 1857.

# Communications.

## A DEMOCRAT SPEAKS OUT.

For the Potter Journal. "Close Your Mouths."

districts in the county are willing to pay party of this Democratic country shall another Declaration of Independence. ion made for a recitation seat in front of up almost wholly of young ladies and genthemen from the different townships around school purposes alone, affords a strong ev- moutas?' Shall those who supported Convention-"in the admission of new idence of the interest the people take in Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency in good States, with or without slavery, as they Besides the regular drilling of recitation, daily instruction has been given in the art of education, and that they are faith—not only voted for him but labored may cleet, the equal rights of all the worthy of credit for doing all they can. for him, spending their time and money States will be preserved," &c. "As they of teaching. The class has also held No opposition need to be looked for in for the purpose of securing his election, may elect!" Now, it is a well-known and thereby secure the success of that fact, that the people of Kansas have de-Teachers.-It takes time for great and great principle which they so much lov- cided, by a large majority, against the Leand holding discussions on subjects con-nected with the interests of common of any kind. Progress, however, has ritorial Right, Popular sovereignty, and of Pennsylvania urges the admission of schools. With but few exceptions, the been made in the following particulars: that the voice of the majority shall be the Kansas under that most damnable act of entire body of teachers in the county have First. Teachers have felt more sensibly constitution of the land-shall they be villiany, and then cries out "close your been, at some time, connected with this the responsibility of their calling, not on- told to "forever shut their mouths" mouths." What was the principle obschool, and from it they have usually gone ly as instructors in the sciences, but also -because they have been deceived? jection made by the democracy against

> members of this institution. It is, therebe an effort, in a corresponding degree, I voted for Mr. Buchanan in good offspring of a political party—that if it fore, intimately connected with the confaithfully to discharge the duties devolv- faith. He has not carried out the prin- had been voted upon by all the long fide classes and conduct the exercises and re-majority; he upholds with all the power Democrats and Nebraska men of 1858 do citations of the school room. Many have of his high position, the plan which dis- claim for the Lecompton frauds. In 1856 School Visitations .- The patrons of the entered upon the business of teaching franchised nineteen counties out of thirty our watch word in Potter County, and the own business for the time being. More the term is spent before anything is real- free state men, "close your mouths, - Buchanan would make Kansas a free classes, could they have been notified of is necessary; the attention must be called that pro slavery officers illegally and un- sas would be FREE. How free? Why, erally, be impracticable from the distance lars, yet it will probably be corrected by torial law. A majority of the counties interference, and especially from the Pres-

dent. The doctrine was in 1856: Every that the majority must decide, and that

been a Free State. The right of the peothe interest of the people on the subject each county for this purpose, it would be The majority ruling it, would be a pure Professional Reading. Those who of education has increased considerably, very gratifying to the friends of education. democratic government. But, suppose given or specified time, in order to know on election day who are the legal voters. party, and the people in nineteen counties out of thirty-four are of another party. thereby making them legal voters; but

This is the kind of representative gos

ernment under which the Lecompton Con-

stitution was formed .- one of the most glaring frauds since the Tea an Stamp Act of George III of England. And Pennsylvania Democracy says "close your mouths. Hush, be still-don't talk-you will raise the country." Gentlemen, all can't be gagged. I have worked as hard as any of you in the good old cause of equal rights, but when you talk of closing my mouth, or that of my brothers, it does Has the time come when one political seem as though it was high time we had to their respective fields of labor. During as exemplars of sound, moral and refig- So the 7th resolution of the Democratic the Topeka Constitution? We demanded the past year eighty-three (over one half) as exemplars of sound, moral and reng-the past year eighty-three (over one half) ious principles. This is an important Convention, on the 4th inst., boldly asexplexity to the teacher.

School Architecture.—No school houses

In the sender room and mon school system, and has exerted a design upon them. Second. In previously ciples upon which he was elected; but citizens of Kansas there would have been maturing plans by which to regulate their acts the Tyrant; he defies the will of the a large majority against it. Just so we

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