



Thirty-First

Annual Session

OF THE

SOMERSET COUNTY

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE,

TO BE HELD IN THE

Court House, Somerset, Pennsylvania,

December 26th to 30th,

1887.

EVENING SESSIONS IN THE OPERA HOUSE.

INSTRUCTORS:

DR. A. R. HORNE, of Allentown, Pa.,
Editor of the *National Educator*, and Ex-Principal of the Keystone State
Normal School.—*Professional Work.*

PROF. A. E. MALTBY, of the Indiana S. N. S.,
Physiology and Geography.

PROF. WM. C. McCLELLAND, of Washington and Jefferson College,
Literature and Language.

PROF. W. S. WEEDEN, of Allegheny City,
Vocal Music.

MISS MAGGIE E. DOTTS, of Montgomery County, Pa.,
Methods in Reading.

PROF. S. M. YUTZY, lately a teacher in the Millersville S. N. S.,
School Discipline.

PAPERS:--Limited to 20 Minutes.

The Elements of Mental Philosophy.....J. D. Meese.
General Reading and Literary Culture.....A. S. Flanigan.
Pure English.....N. G. Keim.
Aims and Methods in Teaching Arithmetic.....Fred Grof.
Culture and Instruction.....W. H. Cover.
The Practical Benefits of School Room Decorations.....Miss Annie Black.
Public Sentiment and the Teacher.....J. C. Speicher.
The Thought Element in Teaching.....J. A. Berkey.
Illustration in Teaching.....L. L. Lichtliter.

PRACTICAL DISCUSSIONS:--Limited to 10 Minutes.

"What should be the aim of our local normal schools?" Opened by S. D. Elrick.
"How shall primary pupils be employed during the intervals between recitation?" Opened by.....Miss Alice E. Callahan.
"To what extent are teachers responsible for the morals and manners of pupils?" Opened by.....N. H. Sanner.
"What branches are most neglected by pupils in ungrad schools? How can they be interested in them?" Opened by.....W. H. H. Baker.
"What are the advantages and disadvantages of concert exercises?" Opened by.....M. R. Haines.
"Who shall determine the studies to be pursued by each pupil—the pupil himself, the parent or the teacher?" Opened by.....M. D. Reel.
"What relation do teachers hold to *Temperance*?" Opened by J. S. Koontz.
"How can the study of *Grammar* be made practical and interesting?" Opened by.....A. O. McKinley.

The first half-hour of each half-day session will be devoted to one of the above questions. We hope teachers will come prepared to take part in these discussions. Let us make the "half-hours" lively, interesting and profitable.

DIRECTORS' DAY,--Thursday, December 29th.

FORENOON SESSION:—The Directors of the county are invited to meet alone in the Academy School Building, on Union Street, and organize at 10 o'clock, for the discussion of questions pertaining to their work. The following topics are submitted:—*Furniture and Apparatus for Country Schools, Advantages and Disadvantages resulting from the frequent change of Text-Books, The Benefits of Local School Supervision, What is to be gained by Directors regularly visiting Schools?*

AFTERNOON SESSION:—The Directors will meet with the Institute in joint session. The following questions will be discussed:—*What can School Authorities do to retain Pupils at School until they reach a more mature age? What do our Schools need? The Hygiene of the School Room?*

Dr. Horne will be present at both sessions. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Let every School Board in the county be represented.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS.

Specimens of Penmanship, Industrial Drawing, Review and Examination Papers, Map Drawing, Composition Work, Outlines, Diagrams, etc.

A room in the Court House will be prepared for the display of "School Work." Mr. H. W. Barron will receive and register the exhibits. Let every teacher represent his school, whether it be primary or advanced, town or country. The grade and character of every school represented will be considered by a competent committee, who will make a full report. Name of township or borough, school, teacher, pupil, and age of pupil should be on every production.

All "work" should be in early on Monday of Institute Week.

SPELLING CONTEST.

The COOPERSDALE ACADEMY offers a *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary* (latest edition) to the best speller among the teachers of Somerset county. The Institute Management endorse this generous proposition by offering a second prize to consist of *Washington Irving's Complete Works*, in six volumes. The contest will take place on Thursday morning.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Institute will meet at 1:30 P. M., MONDAY, DECEMBER, 26th. Let every teacher be present at the organization.

Ex-Supt. J. J. Stutzman will give a practical drill on "*Diacritical Marks and Phonetic Spelling*," on Thursday.

Passenger Agent W. W. Picking promises that the usual excursion tickets to Somerset and return, good until Jan. 1, 1888, will be sold from all regular stations on the B. & O. R. R. and its branches.

Miss Ada Knepper, of the Somerset Schools, will conduct a drill in "*Schoolroom Calisthenics*" on Wednesday.

The Court House will be open on Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the enrollment of teachers. They are requested to report there as soon as they arrive in town, and secure their attendance cards for the week.

The *Fountain Song Book* will be used, and will be furnished teachers at wholesale rates.

Teachers are requested to bring before the Institute any questions in which they may be specially interested, in the form of *Queries*.

A report of the attendance of teachers will be forwarded to the respective School Boards, and if they desire credit for the full week, they must be present the full week.

By provisions of the Act approved April 13, 1887, "Directors are authorized and required to pay the teachers employed in the public schools for attendance upon the county institute. * * * Such compensation shall not be less than the *per diem* pay for actual teaching, but shall in no case exceed two dollars per day." All the schools must be closed during Institute week.

REMARKS.

FELLOW TEACHERS, need we urge you to attend the coming Institute? The law favors your attendance, and thus substantially recognizes the practical benefit of County Institutes to teachers and schools. We believe our program will afford you a solid week of useful, practical instruction, and profitable entertainment. Come, therefore, and get the full benefit by attending every session. Come to help, to learn, and to enjoy.

Directors and friends of education are cordially invited to attend.

J. M. BERKEY,

County Superintendent.

EVENING LECTURES:
IN THE SOMERSET OPERA HOUSE.

MONDAY,
HON. WILL CUMBACK, of Indiana,
"The Invisible Some People."

TUESDAY,
WALLACE BRUCE, of New York City,
"Native Mettle."

WEDNESDAY,
GEORGE R. WENDLING, of Illinois,
"Saul of Tarsus."

THURSDAY,
HON. ALBION W. TOURGEE, of New York,
"Give Us a Rest."

Prof. WEEDEN will sing on MONDAY and TUESDAY EVENINGS.

Miss JEAN GLENN, of Mercer, Pa., will sing on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS. Miss Glenn plays her own accompaniments on that classic instrument—the Harp.

Miss MAGGIE E. DOTTS, ELOCUTIONIST, will read on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS.

Aside from the Institute, it would be impossible to present to the people of the county a corps of lecturers composed of such eminently talented men. We guarantee a rare treat to those who are fortunate enough to hear them.

The musical and elocutionary part of the program would alone constitute a first-class entertainment; in connection with the lectures, it gives not only a pleasing variety to the exercises, but will prove an attractive feature of the evening meetings.

The public is cordially invited.

RATES OF ADMISSION:

For the Course, \$1.10; with reserved seats, \$1.50.

Teachers' rates for the Course, 90cts; with reserved seats, \$1.25.

Single Admission, 35cts; with reserved seat, 50cts.

The Chart for the sale of Reserved Seats will be opened at P. L. CASEBEER'S Store, at 9 A. M., on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th. Teachers and others, living at a distance from the county seat, can secure reserved seats by writing to Mr. Casebeer after Dec. 12th, and tickets will be held for them. A block of one hundred chairs will be held until MONDAY NOON of Institute week.