

Recitations—The Order of Confiscations in Acadia.

Part I.

Part II.

Vocal Solo—The Bridge.

Essay—The Longfellow Jug.

Declamation—Eulogy.

Essay—The Story of Miles Standish.

Recitation—Portrait of Miles Standish.

Recitation—Love and Friendship.

Vocal Solo—Good Night, Good Night, Beloved.

[Prin. Curtis of Adrian is very successful in arranging for this kind of work. The school takes pride in it and we find that they have one of the Atlantic life size pictures of Longfellow, and also a chromo of his residence.

The essay upon "The Longfellow Jug" has considerable interest to Adrian pupils, as they have a Longfellow Jug which was procured from Boston in 1883. No selections from Evangeline are given as this poem is made prominent in the English work.—Ed.]

Ex-Gov. Boutwell's Views.

"It is unquestionably true that the best schools are found where the district system does not exist." Nor is it true that more interest in schools is manifested where the district system exists, but the greater interest exists where good schools are found. The quality of the schools and the interest of the people react upon each other. A generous and intelligent public interest renders the establishment of good schools necessary and easy, and good schools are calculated to widen and strengthen and deepen the interest of the people. Therefore it is absurd in reasoning and false in history, to assume that a system under which poor schools are the rule and good ones the exception, is adapted to increase the interest of the people, in learning or in the institutions thereof."

Ex-Gov. Boutwell of Massachusetts.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives,

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.—Bailey.

Kent Teachers' Association.

The following is a very brief report of Kent Teachers' Association:

The teachers of Kent county met at Sparta, Jan. 19, for the purpose of re-organizing Kent Teachers' Association. Prin. Andrew B. Chalmers of Sparta called the meeting to order at 10:30 A. M. After a song by the high school choir, prayer by Rev. Mr. Wright and a few well chosen words of welcome by Rev. J. H. Maynard, Prin. Chalmers made a short address in which he spoke of the advantages to be derived from the proposed organization both socially and intellectually. Mr. Chalmers appointed Prin. McDonald of Paris temporary secy., and the following officers were elected by ballot for the ensuing year: President, Andrew B. Chalmers; Vice Pres., Miss Myrta Hyde of Rockford; Secy., Mr. McDonald, and Treas., Miss Ella Dockeraay of Rockford. Adjourned until 1 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

After singing by high school choir, Miss Balcom, primary teacher at Sparta, gave an exercise in primary reading which was well received. This was followed by a general discussion by the Association on the subject of "Primary Reading." Rev. A. J. Wheeler then gave a short talk on "The Necessity of a Thorough Preparation in the Elementary Branches by our Primary Teachers." Discussion. Principal J. E. Farnham of Rockford then read a paper on "Teaching U. S. History." The discussion was led by Principal Albert Saur of Kent City, and Rev. J. H. Maynard and Mr. Chalmers and others took part in the discussion. Misses Ella Grawn and Mille Teeple sang a duet. Mr. Chalmers then appointed the following executive committee: Principal Nora A. Clark of Cedar Springs, Albert Saur and J. E. Farnham. The Association adjourned to meet at Rockford in two months. There were about one hundred teachers present. S.

The Great Report.

The literary monument of the immense gathering of teachers and friends of education at San Francisco in July last, is the massive octavo just published in very creditable style at Topeka, Kansas. It is a royal octavo of about 800 pages, sixty of which are occupied only by the register of the great convention. How great it was may be inferred from the fact that California alone presents more than 4,000 names, and that nearly every State and Territory of the Union, with a number of foreign countries, are also represented. The book reports not only the transactions, papers in full, and discussions of the Association in general session, but likewise those of the National Council of Education and the several sections—kindergarten, elementary, secondary, higher, normal, and industrial education, superintendence, art, and music. It is a magnificent bulletin of progress all along the line of American progress in these. A number of special addresses and reports, with the necrology of the Association

for the year, are included. Nothing can bring back the grand inspiration of the meeting itself, there at the Golden Gate; but next to it is this splendid literary memorial, for permanent preservation and study. Copies are sold, I believe, at the nominal rate of one dollar, and may be had from the Secretary of the N. E. A., Prof. James H. Canfield, Lawrence, Kansas.

H. A. FORD.

DETROIT, January 12.

Isabella Teachers' Association.

The Isabella County Teachers' Association held their first meeting for '89 in the high school rooms, in Mt. Pleasant, only about one-third of the teachers of the county being present, owing to lack of proper notice being given. Those present however, had a good time and were benefited by the meeting. The meeting was opened by singing "Marching through Georgia" from the Knapsack. A paper on history was read by Van I. Witt, and a discussion followed opened by Secy. Jeffreys, followed by Prof. Skinner and others.

Dr. McEntee then read a paper on "Stimulants and Narcotics, which was very lengthy and instructive. "America" was then sung by the teachers.

Geo. Whitney gave a very laughable paper entitled, "Relations of teacher to parents and pupils." A lively discussion followed in which, J. J. Richmond, Miss Ella Maxwell, Fred Russell, C. D. Bowen and Secy. Jeffreys took a hand. A recess of ten minutes was then taken. C. D. Bowen read a very well prepared paper on the "Advancement of Mechanism and Art." Secy. Jeffreys then gave the teachers a short talk on "Hiring Teachers," and gave the teachers some good advice about hiring. The meeting closed by singing from the Knapsack.

The next meeting will be held at Shepherd April 20, when a fine program will be carried out.

"J. K."

Forestry Report.

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EDITOR MICHIGAN SCHOOL MODERATOR:

Dear Sir—Of all those who can benefit the public in forestry matters I know of none who can surpass the teachers; and I will be glad to send our *Forestry Report*, so long as the supply lasts, to any teacher or superintendent who can use it and cares to apply for it.

Most truly yours,

W. J. BEAL, Director.

A Van Buren county school marm has been figuring up the benefits of a good school paper to her. She says she can command \$5 a month more now than before she took one. Of course she refers to the *School Moderator*, published at Lansing. It should be taken by every teacher in Michigan.—*Kalamazoo Telegraph*. We always thought the *Telegraph* the best edited paper in Michigan; this clipping strengthens our belief.