

MARYLAND TEACHERS.

Hold a Grand Meet at Their Annual Institute at Rockville, Md.

Rockville, Md., Special—The Colored Teachers' Annual Institute met in the town hall February 7. The meeting was called to order by Prof. W. B. Burdette, School Examiner, followed by singing by the Institute "My Country 'Tis of Thee; prayer by Mr. A. H. Davis. Miss Rachel S. Miller, teacher of school No. 1, E District No. 11, was nominated to act as secretary. An address of welcome was made by Dr. Hall of Washington, D. C. In his discourse, Dr. Hall said:

"The colored people have made great progress in forty years. Then not one institution or college was open in the South for the colored youth. Now in the South alone, forty colleges are open for them. Years ago a teacher of little education was sufficient, to take charge of the colored schools, now the teacher of color must compete with the white teacher, in order to secure a position. We are in a progressive age, and the colored people are progressing. Nearly 75 millions of people are in this country and of that number 10 millions are colored, and for nearly 250 years, the colored people have been kept down by the white people, now why should not the white people pay for helping to educate this 10 millions of people? If they do not we, the 18 millions will contaminate them."

The response was made by Mr. Edward J. Lucas. He said in part: "Fellow teachers: Nearly a year ago we met here to attend the first colored teachers institute in this country. We, as a race, are progressing and we are here to show the race that has been and is trying to crush out our existence, etc."

Other addresses were made by Mr. F. W. Watkins and Dr. S. E. Foreman the State Institute Instructor of Baltimore, who gave a very interesting talk on "Teaching as a Profession"

The afternoon session opened with a chorus by the teachers. Instruction on Arithmetic by Dr. S. E. Foreman. School Room Decoration, Mrs. Adelaide Hill, who made a most eloquent talk. A very interesting paper was read by Mr. Edward A. Draper, principal of Peolesville School, "How to Secure Good Order." He was followed by Miss Rachel E. Bond, teacher of Boyd's Station, "Helps in the School Room," which was very interesting, as well as instructive. The meeting adjourned, as no evening session had been announced by the school board for the colored teachers' they assembled in the school house and enjoyed a literary and musical treat given by the teachers. The welcome address was made by Mr. J. W. Payne, teacher of Clarksburg; response by Mr. Lucas; recitation by Miss Robinson, "New Church Organ;" music by Prof. G. W. Meade's orchestra; recitation, Mr. E. Draper, "My Last Glass;" duet, "Jesus Thou Merciful Savior," Mrs. K. E. Wood and Miss R. Wall; quotations by the teachers; duet and chorus, Misses Scott and Bond, "The Builders;" solo, "Willie is Coming;" recitation, Mr. Lucas, "The Party." After the exercises the teachers enjoyed a collation furnished by Prof. Burdette.

The second day's session was called to order by Prof. W. B. Burdette, with singing by the Institute, "Softly Now the Light of Day;" roll call by secretary. On account of the inclement weather few teachers were present and some of the program had to be omitted

A paper on "Grading in Schools" was read by Miss R. L. Miller, in which was set forth the advantages of a graded school. A paper on "Tardiness" was rendered by Mr. Charles Hughes, teacher of Burnt Mills, in which the writer stated that tardiness was not only an annoyance, but a great drawback to the progress of a school, some times the cause is in the parent, at other times in the pupil.

Dr. Moore gave the best address which has been given the teachers during the institute.

Recess, duet and chorus, "Let the Sunshine In."

Dr. S. E. Forman continued the talk on arithmetic, explaining the best way to teach long division, after which the meeting adjourned.

Evening Session—The teachers were entertained by a paper on "School Discipline," by Mr. Louis H. Hill, principal of Ashton School, which was rendered in a very noble manner and was very instructive. Whatever we would have put in the Nation we must first put it in the public schools, for the future welfare of the Nation depends upon the public schools. Next the query box was read

A lecture on Astronomy was then delivered by Rev. Burdette; it was very instructive.

The afternoon session opened with a chorus by the Institute and a talk on "Teachers' Equipment" by Dr. L. B. Moore of Washington, D. C. During the discourse the Doctor set forth the important work of a school teacher; the source of our greatness is the schoolmaster.

A talk on "Moral Culture in Public Schools" was delivered by Prof. J. W. Burdette, who said, "Moral instruction is moral teaching: moral instruction deals with man's relation to man, and to the highest within him, and spiritual instruction is man's relation to God." Teachers should mingle with their children on the playgrounds.

The third day's session of the Teachers' Institute was called to order by Dr. L. B. Moore of Washington. Singing by the Institute; roll called by Secretary. A very pleasant talk on drawing was given by Mr. Little, which was very interesting as well as instructive. Answering queries came next. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Little for his most excellent lecture.

A paper on the study of Physiology by Mildred Payne, principal of Norbeck School, was very good and instructive. The writer endeavored to show how important the study of physiology is.

A lecture on Hygiene by Dr. Hall of Washington, D. C., was very interesting.

Dr. L. B. Moore gave a very interesting and instructive talk on Reading, which was listened to with much attention.

Meeting adjourned, with many thanks extended to Drs. Moore and Hall.

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