

Fairhaven N. Y. District School Journal.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES

Extract from the Eighth Annual Report of Hon. Horace Mann, secretary of the Board of Education of the State of Massachusetts.

In addition to the Normal School—some evidence of the success of whose pupils will be laid before the board by Mr. May, the principal of the Normal School at Lexington.—I wish to suggest another expedient—one which has been adopted in the State of New York, for two or three years past, and which has proved eminently successful. I refer to

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

They are constituted and sustained in the following manner:

In the spring and autumn of the year, those persons, male and female, who propose to keep school, the ensuing season, assemble at some convenient and central place; and not only form classes for mutual improvement, but they employ some distinguished teacher or teachers, to preside over their meetings and give them instruction. Here they are indoctrinated, not merely in the general principles of school government, the means and modes of order, discipline, classification, motives, powers &c., but they go through the actual drill of classes and routines of the school-room. These teachers elect for themselves into classes, in all the branches they expect to teach; they study lessons and perform recitations, just as is done in a school. The exercises are interspersed with discussions, and the evening is generally occupied by lectures on some topic connected with the great cause of education. The institutes hold regular sessions from day to day, usually for a fortnight, though for a longer or shorter period, according to the ability and zeal of the parties.

During the autumn which has just closed, a large number of such institutes were held in the interior and western part of the State of New York. Several of them having made pressing applications to a distinguished teacher belonging to the city of Boston, to attend and preside at their meetings, he complied with their request, and spent about a month, in different places, amongst them. He reports that their members were animated by an earnest and praiseworthy spirit; ardent for improvement, and grateful for any aid that could increase their fitness for the responsible duties they were about to assume: the male teachers, who are to receive ten dollars a month, for their services during the winter, travelled fifty or more miles on foot, to spend a fortnight of their time in attending these meetings, and that they contented themselves with any fare however meagre, and with any accommodations however rude,—finding their compensation in the mental and literary advantages to be there obtained. This is a noble spirit. It is a spirit which predominates the glory of the state and the welfare of its individual citizens. It is a spirit which, at present, pervades the State of New York more generally, and is acting more efficiently, than in any other State in the union. I think our own people are not generally aware what and how much has been done for the cause of common schools, by the Legislature and people of New York, within the last few years. That state has the most munificent fund devoted to the cause of popular education that exists in the world. It has a far more comprehensive and efficient code of laws for regulating public instruction than any other of the twenty-six states; and its system, with but few exceptions, is most wisely arranged, and is now worked with a vigor and spirit unequalled in any other part of our republic.

A WHALE ON OUR COAST.—Our correspondent Provincetown, informs us that on Friday, about noon, a right whale showed his head in that harbor amongst the shipping. Twenty whale boats put out after it, and after a chase of one hour, the endman of one them "hove in" his harpoon, and soon killed it, and her bone is three feet long. The capture was made by a crew of six young whalers.—*Boston Advertiser.*

FLYING MACHINE. The Cincinnati Gazette says, that a patent has been obtained by J. H. Pennington for a machine to navigate the air. It consists of ten section balloons, a car and steam engine. The engine, one and a half horse power, it proposes to place in the upper story of the car suspended in the balloons. The steering power is a rudder or oar connected with the bottom of the balloon.

WHOLESALE BUSINESS. The Mississippian, published at Jackson, contains the following announcement:

"Sale of Judgment"—About four hundred and fifty judgments, many of them for large amounts, will be sold at Raymond on Monday, the 6th ult. The cases have been regularly advertised, as required by law, for three months and are to be sold for the cost of court. They are judgments of foreign creditors, obtained in the circuit of Hinds County."

HANDSOME NEW YEARS GIFT. The Toronto Mutual Insurance Company presented each citizen of that city with a New Year's gift of twenty five dollars as a token of their valuable services during the past year.

EXPENSIVE BOOTS. A zealous Democrat in Columbia, S. C., gave an order some time since to a boot maker there, for a pair of boots for the President elect, which should be so superinely made as to be worth no less than \$100. The order has been executed, and the boots are about to be sent to Mr. Polk.

The Legislature of Illinois proposes to raise the State tax one mill on a dollar above the present rate and to take another mill from the County tax and add to the State. Such a bill it is thought, will give the State about \$150,000 per annum towards the payment of the interest on the Public Debt.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette. Cincinnati, Ky. Jan. 22, 1845.

Mr. Clay is here. When my eyes first fell on him, my heart was anough. The reflection that so great and good a man, the noblest of the land, had been so easily slandered—that the whigs had been deluded under his banner by such low prejudices and gross frauds, was so sufficient to produce a sadness. But enough of reproofs. No true son would exchange his time and place for James K. Polk, or any other man. He looks remarkable well and is quite cheerful. Who among his friends bears the disappointment so he bears it?

Among the lions or rather lionsesses, here is Miss Delta Webster. Her father ten days ago yesterday, after a fruitless effort to obtain a pardon from Gov. Owsley. My sympathies were very much enlisted in behalf of Miss Webster, previous to the trial, but from what I can learn here, I am satisfied she is receiving merited punishment. It is thought by many that will remain no longer in the penitentiary than to the time it will be safe for her to leave. She is the only female at present confined in the penitentiary, and

her replacement is that of mending the clothes of the convicts, of whom there are about 150. One of the greatest drawbacks to the cause of anti-slavery in Kentucky is the conduct of such four or five violators of the law, as this Miss Webster and her accomplice, Fairbanks.

The cause, however, goes onward, and although two of my three score years are gone, I expect to see the day when old Kentucky will take her place among the free states of the Union.

TURKISH PAPERS.—The Picayune has had translated the following from a number of the Turkish papers of which we received a copy recently transmitted from Constantinople, in relation to our presidential election. "Of the three candidates," says the Constantinople editor, "now seeking to be Caliph of America, two are men of remarkable endowments and the other is naturally popular in the Southern States. In the North where there are few people of color, the struggle will be a close one between Khi and Mr. Polk, but in the South Mr. Birney, being a black man, will of course carry every thing before him.—Should either of the former be chosen, it is understood that the friends of the other will hang themselves in order to escape prosecution—a species of guillotine very much delighted by politicians, and said to be an improvement upon the bow string. In case Mr. B. should triumph, there appears to be no doubt that the whole white population will be put to the sword. Of course the success of either of the first named gentlemen, will ensure the despatching of the negroes, and produce a foreign war, as Great Britain has sworn to protect a race of people, from which she gathers so much wool."—*Daily Mail.*

DISCOVERY OF A NEW ISLAND. Capt. B. P. Simmons, of the brigantine Faith, which arrived at Baltimore on Wednesday of last week, has since reached this city, and informs us of the discovery of an island not laid down in any chart hitherto published, a knowledge of which may be of important to navigators as well as others. Capt. Simmons leaving Ossabaw, first saw it on the 31st of October, 1843, seen from the deck of the vessel; the island had the appearance of a mass of rocks, but a nearer approach showed it to be brush. When convinced that it was an island, Capt. Simmons supposed it was one already known, and at first mistook it for Cariboot. To be sure, however he lowered his boat and attempted land, but was prevented by a reef of black coral rocks, and heavy breaker, which surrounded the island. He went completely around it, however and found it to be six miles in circumference. At a short distance from it he found no soundings in sixty fathoms of water. After examining it for two or three hours, as thoroughly as he deemed necessary, he steered to Cariboot according to his recollection, made it in the course of a few hours, and passed to the south of it. A large lagoon was in the middle of the island, which seemed to rich and fertile. On reaching Vaparaiso, where he remained for some months, he waited upon the Commander of the British squadron and informed him of the discovery. He examined the most recent English charts, but no indication of such an island was to be found. It is situated in the track from Ossabaw to Vaparaiso, in latitude 21 deg. 10 min. and west longitude 138 deg. 54. He named it the Isle of Faith from his vessel. The discovery may be one of some importance. Capt. Simmons is a native of Vermont, an experienced seaman and entitled to no little credit for the care with which he examined the island.

COLD AT THE SOUTH.—The James River froze over on Wednesday night, a circumstance that has not happened since the 29th Feb. 1826. In 1781, the winter after the surrender of Cornwallis, it froze in one night so hard that loaded wagons drove over the next morning.

THE POSTAGE BILL.—By our papers of this (Wednesday) morning, we regret to learn that the Post Office Committee of the House, have reported back the Senate bill, without amendment, but with the recommendation that their own bill before reported, be substituted therefor. Whether this action of the Committee of the House was intended to defeat the bill—is more than we know—but that such will be its tendency, no one can doubt. Still we hope for the best. It will be found that those members of the House (of either party) who opposed the passage of this bill—are assuming to themselves more than the people will sanction.

CONFIRMATION OF JUDGES NELSON.—The nomination of Samuel Nelson of N. Y. as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States was confirmed by the Senate on Friday last.

TEMPERANCE NOTICE.—The Rutland County Temperance Society will hold a meeting at Claremont Springs, on the 20th day of February instant at ten o'clock A. M. It is desirable that every town should be represented. An address may be expected during the afternoon exercises.

Z. HOWE, President.
Claremont, Feb. 10th 1845.

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RUTLAND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—An adjourned meeting of the Rutland County Medical Society will be held at Castleton on the last Thursday of February.

Orator—A. G. Dana, M. D., Brandon.
Substitute—Prof. E. S. Carr, Castleton Medical College.

Addressess from other members of the profession are expected. The attendance of Every member of the Faculty in Rutland County is respectfully solicited.

J. B. PORTER, Secretary.

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MARRIED.—In this town on the 5th inst. by Wm. Page, Esq. Mr. Joseph M. Fish to Miss Mary Smith, both of Danby.

DIED.—In West Rutland, on Sunday the 19th ult. Mr. John Howe aged 60. Mr. H. was the son of Deacon Epaphus Howe, and was born at Granville, Mass. At the age of 18 he entered the service of the United States, and served under General Gates at the capture of Burgoyne. He remained in that position until his discharge, which was such that he never distinguished the conversation between the two Generals at the

surrender. He moved into town in the winter of 1799 and was at the time of his death, one of the oldest inhabitants. During his whole residence in Rutland, he was a member of the Congregational Church at the West Parish. An appropriate sermon was preached at his funeral, by the Rev. Charles Walker, from Job, xvii. 13.

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In West Haven on the 7th inst. Jarvis P. son of Joseph and Martha Pomroy, aged 2 years.

STATE OF VERMONT. { BE it remembered by the Probate Court held at Castleton within and for said district on the 27th day of January 1845.

Present, A. Warner, Judge.

James S. Living, administrator of the estate of James Noble, late of Benson, in said district, deceased intestate, has this day made application to said court in writing setting forth that the personal estate of said deceased is insufficient to pay the debts and expenses

consisting of one acre of land in Cedar Swamp, Slip No. — in West Rutland Meetinghouse and about 20 acres of land bounded west by Ira line, south by Daniel Kelley's land and north and east by land claimed by Asa Hale, except the widow's dower, including the revenue thereof, in the Rutland Herald newspaper printed at Rutland.

A true copy of record.

B. F. LANGDON, Register.

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Present, Wm. Hall, Judge.

Samuel H. Kellogg, executor of the last will and testament of Calvin Drury late of Pittsford in said district deceased, testate, having made application to said court to have the time heretofore allowed him by said court for paying the debts and legacies extended one year from the 5th day of Feb last.

It is ordered that said account be referred for examination and allowance to the 1st Monday being the 3d day of March next, and that a copy of this order be published three weeks successively previous thereto in the Rutland Herald, a newspaper printed at Rutland, that all persons interested may appear and object to the same if they see cause.

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CUSTOM MANUFACTURING,

THE subscriber feeling grateful for past favors would inform their old customers and the public that they continue to manufacture Kersey-mills and flannel by the yard or upon shares at their mill in Chester in a superior style and on an reasonable terms as at any other mill in the state. For the information of those engaged with our cloth, we would refer them to Wm. Page and Moses Perkins Esqrs. of Rutland, and J. S. Marsh, J. Pierce, Philip Briggs, Esqrs. of Claremont. Cloth exchanged for wool at our mill and small advances on cloth made of wool left to manufacture. For further particulars enquire of our agent H. O. Perkins at Claremont, who will receive wool for us to manufacture, make known our terms where samples of our work may be seen at all times.

SAWYER, WOOLSON, & CO.,
Claremont, Feb. 4, 1845.

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David Richardson, administrator of the estate of Samuel Fairchild late of Pittsford in said district deceased intestate having made application to said court for paying the debts and legacies, extended one year from the 5th day of Feb. last.

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SCRAP IRON.

WANTED at the Iron Works in Fair Haven 50 tons wrought Scrap Iron, in exchange for rolled Iron or Nails.

DAVEY & CUSHMAN,
Fair Haven, Feb. 15, 1845.

FAIR PLAY.

Having noticed the advertisement of Doctor F. B. Hibbard for some time published in the Rutland Herald, and the manner he has treated a respectable profession, while he endeavors to support his own influence by taking "leave to insert" a long list of names, I feel it my duty to state to the public my own knowledge of the matter. I was advised to call Doctor H. for my wife, who was sick with a cancer in the stomach. He left some medicine, although I do not think he understood her disease, for the unwell myself and complaining quite different from my wife advised me to take the same medicine in part he had left for her, saying it was just the thing for me. Neither my wife nor myself were at all relieved by his treatment.

I do not complain of Dr. H. for not curing incurable diseases which he does not understand; but, for his taking "leave to insert" my name for such purpose as above mentioned, against my own desire or consent, I beg leave to object. It is not my intention to call people "hard names" because they are generally considered to be soft arguments; but when Dr. Hibbard or any other man, misrepresents me to the public, to accomplish their own purposes, I believe it my duty to correct publicly his misrepresentations, and leave the public to make their own conclusions; although I am not so well able as the Doctor to pay for advertisements, and do not expect to make money by it. Therefore replying to the language of the Doctor as near as I can, for reference for those who wish for information relative to the superiority of this practice over all others particularly in chronic diseases I beg "Leave to insert my true and solemn declaration, that neither myself or family have been cured of diseases considered incurable by eminent physicians of the faculty" neither have I "friends or neighbors who have been cured or who have been benefited" to my knowledge, by Dr. Hibbard's "cure" in medicine; and his statements to that effect was without my previous knowledge or consent. It is true that Dr. Hibbard called at my house three times and charged me \$12.50 but as I have stated above, without benefiting my family at all.

D. C. BAKER
Poultney, Feb. 17, 1845.

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