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CALL
FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
FRIENDS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

THE undersigned, deeming that the great cause of **POPULAR EDUCATION** in the United States, may be advanced, and the exertions of its friends strengthened and systematized, by mutual consultation and deliberation, respectfully request the *friends of Common Schools* and of *universal education* throughout the Union, to meet in Convention, at the city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 17th day of October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the promotion of this paramount interest of our Republican Institutions.

ALONZO POTTER, Philadelphia.

GEORGE M. WHARTON, President of Board of Controllers of Public Schools, county of Philadelphia.

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PHILIP LINDSEY, President of University of Nashville.

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JOSIAH HURTY, Sparta, Ohio.

R. MORRIS, Jackson, Mississippi.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

The Convention assembled in the Chamber of the Controllers of Public Schools in the City of Philadelphia, October seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, at ten o'clock, A. M., pursuant to the foregoing call, and effected a temporary organization by calling to the Chair,

The Honorable JOSEPH R. CHANDLER,

And Appointing

P. PEMBERTON MORRIS, Esq., *Secretary*.

On motion of Mr. E. R. Potter, of Rhode Island, the Chair appointed Messrs. E. R. Potter, of Rhode Island, Edward C. Biddle, of Philadelphia, James Briggs, of Ohio, G. F. Thayer, of Massachusetts, and J. B. Burlingame, of Maryland, a Committee to nominate officers.

It was stated, by the Chair, in answer to an inquiry from the floor, that this was a convention of the friends of education, generally, and that all persons interested in the cause, and who desired to take part in the deliberations of the body, were cordially invited to seats in the convention, and requested to place their names on its register.

At the suggestion of Bishop Potter, the Chairman, in the absence of the nominating Committee, made an informal but highly interesting statement of the present condition and progress of the pupils in the Girard College.