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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

PROVIDENCE, August 18, 1840.

THE Institute was called to order at 10 o'clock, A. M., by MR. THAYER, of Boston, the President being absent, and then adjourned for a few minutes to give place to an adjourned meeting of the Directors.

Having come to order again, the Institute appointed a Committee to seat ladies and strangers; viz. Messrs. Rodman, Metcalf and Robinson.

It having been moved to appoint a Committee to nominate a Committee of Arrangements, the Chairman asked to be excused from making the nomination at present, and the business was postponed till afternoon.

Messrs. Kingsbury, Bishop, and Rodman, of Providence, were appointed a Committee to report for the papers.

An invitation was given to all gentlemen to become members, and to all members to pay their annual assessment.

Mr. Pettes, of Boston, moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a List of Honorary Members and of Past Officers.

On motion of Mr. F. Emerson, it was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. F. Emerson, the vote postponing the

appointing of a Committee to nominate a List of Officers, was reconsidered, and it was voted that it be attended to at the present time.

Messrs. Kingsbury, Metcalf, F. Emerson, Bishop, Mann, Rodman, and Robinson, were appointed.

The Chairman then read a letter from the Directors of the Providence Athenæum, inviting members of the Institute to visit their rooms and use their library.

On motion of Mr. William Russell, of Boston, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Institute be given to the Directors of the Athenæum for their polite offer, and that it be accepted.

After which, the Institute adjourned to the First Baptist Meeting House, to hear the Introductory Lecture, from the **HON. HORACE MANN**.

Afternoon.

At 3 o'clock, a lecture was delivered at the First Baptist Meeting House, by Mr. **WILLIAM RUSSELL**, of Boston, on "The Teaching of Reading."

The Institute then adjourned to Franklin Hall for the transaction of business.

Several questions for discussion were proposed, after which the Institute adjourned.

At half past 7 o'clock, a lecture was delivered by Mr. **JOHN N. BELLOWES**, of Newport, R. I., on "The Duty of American Teachers."

The following subject, proposed by the Chairman and accepted by the meeting, was then discussed; *viz.* "Can Corporal Punishment be dispensed with, and a School be well governed."

Remarks were made by Messrs. Hall, F. Emerson, Jacob Abbott, Thayer, Newman, of Barre, Dorr, of Providence, Dr. Ferris, Professor Caswell, and Bishop, of Providence.

It was

Voted, That the question be resumed at some future time ; and the Institute adjourned.

Wednesday, August 19.

The Institute met at Franklin Hall, at 9 o'clock, and adjourned to Rev. Mr. Hall's church, where a lecture was delivered by T. CUSHING, ~~Esq.~~, of Boston, on "The Objects to be aimed at in School Instruction and Discipline."

At 11 o'clock, a lecture was delivered by Mr. G. F. TRAYER, of Boston, on "Courtesy."

At 3, P. M., a lecture was delivered by Rev. A. B. MUZZEY, of Cambridgeport, on "The Objects and Means of School Instruction."

At 5 o'clock, a lecture was delivered by Rev. JACOB ABBOTT, on "The Common Complaints made against Teachers."

Evening.

The Institute met at 8 o'clock, and the discussion was resumed on the subject of Corporal Punishment. Remarks were made by Messrs. Pierce, of Lexington, Stone, of Andover, Hall, of Providence, Greene and Emerson, of New Bedford, Mann, of Boston, Tucker and Fillmore, of Providence, and Rev. Dr. Bates.

Adjourned.

Thursday, August 20.

At 8 o'clock, the Institute came to order, and proceeded to the choice of Officers. The Committee of Nomination reported the following list, who were all unanimously chosen, viz.

PRESIDENT.

JAMES G. CARTER, Lancaster, Mass.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

John Pierpont, Boston, Mass.

George B. Emerson, " "