

Mayflower Memories

As previously announced, the Rev. W. M. Puncheon, M. A., President of the Western Methodist Conference in Ontario, addressed his lecture on "Mayflower Memories," at the Wesleyan Church in this town, on Tuesday evening last. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather...

The lecture was a new one, having only been recently prepared from materials gathered during a visit to the spot indicated by the heading of the pilgrimage, a short time since. It was delivered for the first time at the Cooper Institute in New York, on the 30th of Feb., before 2000 people, and is considered by many to be Puncheon's most brilliant effort, though we do not consider it equal to his lectures on Macanlay.

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We carry the children of genius, the painter, the literary man, the statesman, these forms of eminence are above us unless we can exert our energies in the same way as they do. But there is a greatness higher than that of genius and which we can all imitate. For a man to be truly great, it is not necessary that he should be one of earth's princes, he may be dead in homelands and still be entitled to the appellation, though perhaps not in the sense in which the world uses the term.

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The average time of keeping the schools open, including the holidays, was eleven months and four days, in 1870. This means the attendance of nearly twice the average time of keeping open the public schools in the States of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and about three months more than the average time of keeping them open in the States of New York and Massachusetts—arising chiefly from our making the apportionment of the School Fund to school sections not according to population, but according to the average attendance and the time of keeping open such schools.

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charged with a great mission. On the 9th of November he was first sighted, and two days after, all having signed the constitution of the colony, he landed at Provincetown. That neighborhood being sandy and barren, 18 of them set out in the small boat to examine the coast for a more suitable place on which to establish themselves. Disaster after disaster met the boat, and at last being overtaken by a storm they were well-nigh lost, but succeeded in getting under the shadow of a rock where they rode it out in safety. After the storm was over they did not leave their shelter for 24 hours. Why was this? Were they not anxious to return to their companions? Yes, but it was the Sabbath. No car, no carriage, no market avenues, no houses, no streets, no signs of life except the sea. It was a scene of desolation and solitude.

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The amount paid for salaries to teachers was \$1,222,051, being an increase over the previous year of \$47,515. There was expended for maps, globes, books, stationery, &c. \$25,221. For repairs and building schoolhouses, \$24,300; for school books, stationery, fuel and other incidental expenses, \$106,127; showing a total expenditure for all Common School purposes of \$1,327,605; being an increase of \$87,184 over the previous year. The balance of the school moneys not paid at the end of the year when the returns were made was \$659,500.

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reported as not attending school, was 31,265, showing a decrease in the number for the previous year of 3,396. In the 4,566 schools reported, there were 5,155 teachers employed, of whom 2,763 were male teachers, and 2,392 were female. With reference to the religious professions of the teachers, they are: Church of England, 869; Church of Rome, 578; Presbyterians, 1,589; Methodists, 1,609; Baptists, 282; Congregationalists, 79; Lutherans, 21; Quakers, 14; Christians and Disciples, 49; reported as Protestants, 117; Unitarians, 4; other professions, 14; not reported, 31.

Of the 592 teachers of the Church of Rome, 366 are employed in the Public Common Schools, and 226 are teachers in the Separate Schools. With reference to the salaries of teachers we find that the highest salary paid to a male teacher in a county is \$600, and the lowest \$100; in a city the highest, \$1,000—the lowest, \$50; in a town, the highest, \$1,000—the lowest, \$25; in an incorporated village, the highest, \$1,000—the lowest, \$25. These figures show that in villages, where living is cheapest, the salaries of the teachers are the highest. The average salaries of male teachers in counties was only \$358, and a wretchedly mean pittance. The average salaries of female teachers in counties was \$187. In cities the salaries of male teachers averaged \$607; of female teachers, \$321; in towns, male teachers, \$458—females, \$236; in incorporated villages, male teachers, \$422—females, \$190.

The Superintendent makes the following judicious and pertinent remarks with regard to the employment of teachers, with which we most cordially concur, believing that teachers in our Common Schools are most meanly and wretchedly remunerated for their labors. "Amongst the worst enemies to the efficiency of Public School education, are those trustees and parents who sink in ignorance what they may term good salaries, and who seek to haggle down the teacher's remuneration as near starvation point as possible, though, in reality they are intellectually starving their own children and wasting their time by employing an inferior teacher. Business men find it to their interest to employ good clerks, as one good clerk is worth two poor ones, and in order to obtain and retain good clerks they pay them good salaries. Experience has long shown the soundness of this business rule and practice in the employment of teachers; yet how many trustees and parents, in school matters, abandon a rule on which not only the merchants but the farmer acts in employing laborers, preferring to give high wages for good laborers, than to give lower wages to poor laborers."

We have always contended that the salaries of teachers should be fixed at a sufficiently high rate to invite men of the highest ability and most cultivated minds to make teaching a life profession instead of a mere temporary employment till they can attain to something for which their talents and education fit them, which will prove more remunerative.

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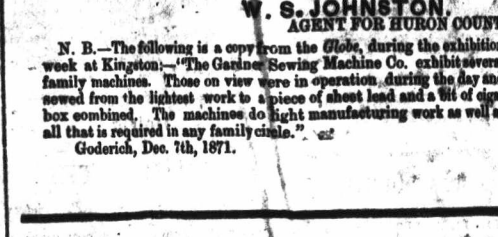
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