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A short discussion upon industrial education followed the reading of the paper, participated in by DRs. POWELL, FISH, and ROGERS. A table covered with various styles of brushes from the Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded was exhibited in connection with this discussion.

Verbal reports from the States were then made as follows :

Iowa, DR. F. M. POWELL.

Illinois, DR. W. B. FISH.

Kansas, DR. C. K. WILES.

Massachusetts, DR. W. E. FERNALD.

Minnesota, DR. A. C. ROGERS.

Nebraska, DR. J. T. ARMSTRONG.

New York, DR. J. C. CARSON.

DR. A. E. OSBORNE reported by letter from California.

Remarks were made by HON. S. C. SMITH and others, of Beatrice.

An announcement was made that some of the citizens of Beatrice had tendered their carriages for a drive about the city the next day.

DR. W. B. FISH presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to DR. ARMSTRONG and his able corps of assistants for the hospitable reception and entertainment given the members of the Association at this session, and to the citizens of Beatrice who have generously afforded the means for a delightful ride about their picturesque city, and otherwise contributed to the pleasure of the visit to Nebraska.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at Faribault, Minnesota, at the call of the Executive Committee.

A. C. ROGERS, *Secretary pro tem.*

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA, *October 18th, 1889.*

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA, 1890.

THE fourteenth annual session of the Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Persons was held at Faribault, Minnesota, commencing Thursday, July 3d, 1890.

MINUTES.

Thursday, July 3d, 1890.

The Association was called to order at 8.30 P.M. by DR. ROGERS.

In the absence of the Secretary, DR. ISAAC N. KERLIN, DR. A. W. WILMARTH was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion of DR. J. Q. A. STEWART, a committee of three was appointed by the Chair to determine the time and place of the next meeting, also to nominate officers for the coming year; to report on the last day of the meeting. DRS. STEWART, BEATON, and POWELL were named as the committee.

Letters were read from DRS. KERLIN, DOREN, BROWN, CARSON, FISH, KNIGHT, WILES, FERNALD, O'REILLY, TALBOT, FORT, MR. JAS. WATSON, MR. GARRISON, MRS. SEGUIN, and MISS GUNDRY, expressing regrets at their enforced absence and interest in the success of the meeting.

An invitation from the Tepee Tonka Boat Club to visit their grounds the following day and witness a boat race was, on the motion of DR. STEWART, accepted.

Friday, July 4th, 1890.

The 4th was spent in boating on Cannon Lake, and in a picnic on the grounds of the Tepee Tonka Boat Club. An inspection was made, also, of the beautiful dairy farm of ~~Mr. James W. Gordon~~ *Hon. Gordon E. Cole*

The Association reassembled at 4 P.M.

A cordial invitation from DR. I. N. KERLIN, of Elwyn, was read, to hold our next meeting at Elwyn.

Referred to the committee on nominations.

The Treasurer's report was read, and DRS. WILMARTH and STEWART appointed a committee to audit the account.

The committee appointed last year to present to this meeting such plans and suggestions for buildings and equipments for institutions for the idiotic and feeble-minded as might be of value to the Association, asked for extension of time, which was granted.

DR. ARCHIBALD read a paper on "Care of the Feeble-Minded in North Dakota."

Discussed by DR. STEWART.

An inspection of the premises followed: commodious quarters have been erected for a colony of boys. A trout pool, well stocked with beautiful fish, is one of the features of the establishment.

This evening the members of the Association and at least five hundred citizens of Faribault assembled in the Calisthenium of the Institute to witness an operetta given by pupils of the school. The operetta, entitled "Babes in the Woods," was in three acts, arranged and adapted by MISSES LAURA BAKER, JENNIE PINCH, and JOSEPHINE MARCY, under whose management, with the assistance of MRS. ELLA REQUIER and MISS ESTELLA ANDERSON, all teachers of the school, it was presented. The stage is a roomy one, and the scenery not only appropriate, but

artistic. Directly above the stage is a fine portrait of the late DR. H. M. KNIGHT, of Lakeville, Connecticut, under whose counsel the directors organized the Minnesota Institute, and upon the right a portrait of DR. SEGUIN, of France, the originator of the physiological system of training, and on the left a portrait of DR. H. B. WILBUR, the American pioneer in this work.

Previous to the first act, DR. A. C. ROGERS, Superintendent of the Minnesota Institute, spoke briefly of the proposed entertainment, and hoped that the audience would remember some of the difficulties in the way of a perfect rendition. He also spoke of the eminent services of the gentlemen whose portraits are mentioned above, and their labors, which proved that the dormant mind may be induced to act under proper treatment.

The presentation of the operetta required thirty-five characters, all of whom were pupils of the school, and the subject-matter of the libretto covered seven large pages. The characters were all prettily costumed, and the singing and recitations would have been delightful, rendered under any circumstances, while the acting was astonishingly natural and gave evidence of a full appreciation of each situation.

Following the first act a number of the younger children, boys and girls, with tambourines and fans, gave "La Petite Manœuvre," consisting of dancing, posing, drilling, etc., in a most charming manner. Another feature of the evening was the appearance on the platform of the cornet band, ten pieces, composed entirely of pupils of the school, who rendered two pieces in excellent style, playing their parts from written music. The boys were dressed in neat blue uniforms, and seemed to appreciate that a great deal depended upon their efforts. The band has been taught by PROFESSOR HOLDEN, and its success reflects honor upon his patience and skill. Later, one of the boys appeared before the curtain and rendered a cornet solo very creditably. Another pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was a violin solo rendered most charmingly by JOHN LINEHAN, of the School for the Blind.

It was a great triumph for the teachers of the Institution, and afforded a most encouraging view of the noble work that the school is doing.

At the close of the entertainment BISHOP WHIPPLE was called upon to express to the Superintendent and teachers the gratification of the audience, and he responded eloquently and forcibly, and among other things said that he had been reminded of the words of the Indian chief who, thirty years ago, visited Washington and upon his return was asked what was the greatest thing he saw, and his response was, "The care bestowed upon those unable to care for themselves, and who, among my

people, would die of neglect." The Bishop commended the work as the highest evidence of Christian civilization.

Saturday, July 5th, 1890.

The meeting was called to order at 8.45 A.M.

The President's address, by DR. ROGERS, defined the present status and future mode of our work.

A paper by DR. KERLIN followed, entitled "Notes on a Visit among Various Foreign Institutions in 1889." Read by DR. STEWART.

HON. R. A. MOTT, of the Board of Directors, spoke on the duties of Institution directors.

An earnest address from RIGHT REV. BISHOP GEO. B. WHIPPLE followed.

Reports from States were then called :

Ontario, DR. BEATON.

Iowa, DR. POWELL.

Minnesota, DR. ROGERS.

Nebraska, DR. ARMSTRONG.

Pennsylvania, DR. KERLIN.

On motion of DR. STEWART, the Treasurer was instructed to call in the assessment of last year, and to have the Proceedings of this and the previous session printed.

The Committee on Place and Time of Next Meeting reported,—

That the next meeting of the Association be held in Frankfort, Kentucky, some time in the month of May, a few days preceding the meeting of the Conference of Charities which meets in Indianapolis.

Also, the following nominations for officers :

President.—DR. ARMSTRONG.

Vice-President.—DR. FERNALD.

Secretary and Treasurer.—DR. KERLIN.

The report was adopted and officers elected.

Remarks by REV. MR. PEET, of St. Mary's School, introducing the subject of compulsory education of defectives.

The subject was discussed briefly by DRS. BEATON, STEWART, POWELL, ROGERS, ARMSTRONG, and WILMARTH.

PROFESSOR NOYES followed with an interesting account of the founding of the Minnesota school for defective children.

HON. H. E. BARRON spoke on the same subject.

HON. T. H. BOYLE, of North Dakota, expressed the need of provision for feeble-minded in North Dakota, and MRS. ARMSTRONG spoke of the mutual help derived from the meetings of the Association.

At 5 P.M. a carriage drive about Faribault included a view of the

beautiful church, school, and the institutions for the blind and deaf. At six o'clock a banquet and reception took place at the house of HON. H. E. BARRON.

The Association assembled at the Institution at 9.30 P.M.

A paper by DR. FORT, of Maryland, was read by DR. ARMSTRONG, entitled "The Modern Teacher."

DR. WILMARTH, of Pennsylvania, followed with a paper entitled "Report of an Examination of One Hundred Brains of Feeble-Minded Children."

The following resolutions were offered by DR. STEWART, and were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to DR. A. C. ROGERS and his estimable wife for their very hospitable entertainment of the members, and for the attention, courtesy, and kindness shown during the session at Faribault; also that we extend the same to the associate officers and teachers for their earnest efforts in rendering our visit instructive and agreeable.

Resolved, That we bear the same testimony to the Board of Directors of the institution for the courtesy and privileges extended to them.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to HON. MR. BARRON and wife, and that we also express our thanks to the Teepee Tonka Boat Club for a most enjoyable day at Lake Cannon.

Resolved, That we shall always recall with pleasure the drive in and around Faribault, and the courtesy and attention shown by its citizens.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Frankfort, Kentucky, May, 1891.

A. W. WILMARTH,

Secretary pro tem.

FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA, July 5th, 1890.