

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Question of Corporal Punishment Discussed.

The city teachers held the first institute of the year at the high school building yesterday morning. The attendance was very large and the gathering thoroughly enthusiastic and successful.

The county teachers had intended holding an institute and organizing a separate institute and thirty-three teachers gathered for that purpose. It was decided to postpone the organization of the institute indefinitely, and the teachers went in a body over to the high school building to join with the city teachers and hold a joint session. It is quite probable that the arrangement will be made a permanent one, as the new plan of dividing the time of the institute so as to admit of benefit to all is a very pleasing feature to the teachers.

Superintendent Hanks had charge yesterday. The first hour was given up to miscellaneous business and matters of importance as called up by the teachers. Among other matters called up for discussion was that of corporal punishment. The sentiment seemed to be in favor of allowing that mode of punishment to be administered at home only in exceptional cases. It was the experience of the older teachers that suspensions were much more effective.

Following this discussion the various principals met the teachers of their grades and discussed matters pertaining to grade work. After which there was a general meeting for the discussion of American literature. The works of Washington Irving were discussed.

Before adjournment resolutions of condolence for Professor Pearson were passed and the sympathy of the teachers expressed in his sorrow over the death of his baby boy.

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