

Centennial Celebration

BY THE

Public Schools of Rochester, N. Y.



1795.



1895.

OF THE

Organization of the Public Schools

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

April 9th,

PROGRAMME.

APRIL 10, 1895,—2 O'CLOCK.

1. SONG—"America."
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
3. READING OF THE ACT.
4. REMARKS BY THE PRINCIPAL.
5. DECLAMATION—"Change in the Educational Attitude."

6. RECITATION—"The Old School Clock."

7. SONG—"Speed Our Republic."
8. DECLAMATION—"The Public School in a Republic."

9. RECITATION—"Good Books."

10. HOLMES LAST PUBLIC READING.

11. RECITATION—"The Old School Books."

12. READING—"The Conjugating Dutchman."

13. DECLAMATION—"The Schools, American "

14. SONG—"Flag of the Free."

15. RECITATION—"Johnny on Time."

16. RECITATION—"Like a Book."

17. RECITATION—"Easy Writing."

18. RECITATION—"In School Days."

19. RECITATION—"At School Close."

20. SONG—"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

21. DISMISSAL.

AN ACT FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

Passed ye 9th day of April, 1795.

Be it enacted by the people of the state of New-York, represented in senate and assembly, That out of the annual revenue arising to this state, from its stock and other funds, excepting so much thereof as shall be necessary for the support of government, the sum of twenty thousand pounds shall be annually appropriated for the term of five years, for the purpose of encouraging and maintaining schools in the several cities and towns in this state, in which the children of the inhabitants residing in the state, shall be instructed in the English language or be taught English grammar, arithmetic, mathematics, and such other branches of knowledge as are most useful and necessary to complete a good English education; which sum shall be distributed among the several counties in the manner following until a new apportionment of the representation of the legislature of this state shall be made.

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The County of Ontario shall receive the sum of three hundred pounds.

The foregoing is an extract from the first general school law passed in this State. The Act was approved by Governor George Clinton. It provides that there should be in each town not less than three, nor more than seven School Commissioners, and in each district two or more Trustees. Each town was to raise a sum of money equal to one-half of the sum allotted by the State for the same purpose—all to be apportioned on the basis of taxable inhabitants. These amounts were for the support of common schools only.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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