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Schiller.

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## The Indiana Teachers' Reading Circle

At a meeting of the Indiana Teachers' Association, held at Indianapolis, beginning December 26, 1883, the following resolutions, introduced by W. A. Bell, were adopted:

RESOLVED, I. That the Association proceed at once to inaugurate an organization among the teachers of Indiana, for reading and study, to be known as the "Indiana Teachers' Reading Circle."

II. That this Circle be under the care and direction of the Indiana State Teachers' Association.

III. That this association proceed to choose a Board of Directors, to which shall be intrusted the selection of a course of professional and literary reading, the issuing of certificates of progress and the granting of diplomas as evidence of its completion.

IV. The Board of Directors of the Indiana Reading Circle shall consist of eight members, selected by the Association from its own members, two of whom shall serve for one year, two for two years, two for three years, and two for four years, and hereafter two members shall be elected annually to serve for four years. The Board shall elect its officers, arrange its meetings and record and publish its proceedings.

In accordance with the above resolutions the President, Supt. John S. Irwin, of Fort Wayne, appointed a committee consisting of W. A. Bell, H. S. Tarbell, and W. W. Grant, to select the Board of Directors.

This committee, before the adjournment of the Association, announced the following persons to constitute the Board of Directors:

Geo. P. Brown,  
Hubert M. Skinner,  
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The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the State Building in Indianapolis on February 9, 1884. At this meeting a very full discussion of ways and means to be employed resulted in the appointment of a committee on plans of organization. A month later this committee reported the following plan:

## The Plan of Organization

(See "Present Plan of Organization," page 29.)

1. Any teacher or other person in the State of Indiana may become a member of this circle by forwarding his name to the manager of his county, together with a pledge to faithfully pursue the prescribed course of study, and paying a fee of twenty-five cents for the present year, and for future years, such fees as may be decided upon at the beginning of the year.

2. In case there is no manager within a county, any teacher may become a member of the State Circle and receive all the benefits of the same by applying to the manager of an adjoining county. The members of the State Circle resident in any town, township or neighborhood, may form a local circle, which shall meet once every week or fortnight, as they may elect, for the purpose of reading and discussion.

3. Each local Circle shall elect a secretary, whose name shall be reported to the County Manager, and who shall act as the medium of communication between the local circle and the county manager; but this provision shall not preclude the possibility of individuals who are not members of a local circle reporting directly to the county manager.

4. The general direction of the work in each county shall be placed in charge of the County Superintendent or other person to be appointed by the State Board of Directors, who shall be called the County Manager.

5. It shall be the duty of the county manager to transmit to the teachers of his county all circulars, books, examination questions, etc., issued by the Board of Directors; to solicit and transmit to the Board of Directors names of members and membership fees, and all examination papers, etc., that shall be called for, and to discharge all duties that may devolve upon him as the medium of communication between the local circle and the Board of Directors.

6. The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain at the capital of the State a bureau, under the charge of the Secretary of the Board, to whom all communications from county managers shall be addressed. Said bureau shall, for the present, be located at the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

7. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Directors to arrange and prescribe two or more courses of readings, along which the reading of the

local circle and individual members shall be pursued; but the amount of reading to be done within any given time and other details of the work not herein provided for shall be arranged by the county manager in conjunction with the secretaries of the local circles of the county.

8. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Directors to make provisions for all requisite examinations of the issuance of certificates and diplomas."

On pursuance of the thought of the resolutions that the Board should select reading for the teachers along professional and literary lines, the following books were chosen for the first year's reading: Brook's "Mental Science," Parker's "Talks on Teaching," and Barne's "General History." There was recommended, in addition to the above, a professional course consisting of Fitch's "Lectures on Teaching" and Hickok's "Mental Science." This advanced course was discontinued after the first year.

The results of the first four years of the history of the Circle very fully justified the efforts made to improve the professional spirit among the teachers of the State. It had been proved beyond a doubt that the teachers were growing, were becoming more and more interested, more skillful, more intelligent in their work. However much progress had been made, there was an important step taken in 1888 in the adoption, as a part of the reading for the next year, of Hawthorne's "Marble Faun" and Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero Worship." The work done in the study of real literature, rather than a study about literature, was an epoch-making experience among the rank and file of the teachers of the State. When they had completed the year's work, helped by a suggestive plan of study for the "Marble Faun," for instance, they had learned something about how to get real culture from the poet, the novelist. In short, this year's work marked a period of greatest growth in character, in insight, that the Circle had yet known. Many teachers had been reached and helped who had not had opportunities in Normal Schools and Colleges. Many were so inspired by their entrance into the fields of true art as to be impelled to push on to still more enchanting fields of truth. It has been felt by many that this pursuit of general culture contributes more to the equipment of the teacher than does the study of purely professional lines of thought.

The State Board of Education has recognized the importance of the Teachers' Reading Circle to the

profession by offering credits on examination for county and State licenses. At the October meeting, 1885, the following order was passed by the Board:

“Ordered, that the Reading Circle examinations in the Science of Teaching (Science of Education or Theory) be accepted by the County Superintendents in place of the county examinations on that subject, and that the average of their four successive yearly examinations in the Science of Teaching be accepted by the State Board of Education in the examinations for State Certificates.”

Again, at the May meeting, 1896, the following order was unanimously adopted: “Ordered, that the Reading Circle examinations in the General Culture book be accepted by the County Superintendents in place of the county examinations in literature, and that the average of their four successive yearly examinations in the General Culture books be accepted by the State Board of Education in the examinations for State Certificates.”

The growth of interest has been most gratifying. It is not an unusual thing for a new venture to meet with success in the beginning, and then gradually lose its hold and pass into neglect, leaving little but a remembered failure. But the Indiana Teachers' Reading Circle has steadily grown, each year fully justifying its existence by the improvement in the work done in the schools as a direct result of the fostering of higher educational standards, and of encouraging a finer professional spirit.

The membership for 1887-88 was, in round numbers, seven thousand, every county in the State, and in thirty counties almost every district, being represented in this membership.

## Teachers' Reading Circle, 1902-03

COUNTIES	No. Teachers Employed	No. of Members of Teachers' Read- ing Circle
1 Adams .....	132	110
2 Allen .....	356	300
3 Bartholomew .....	166	125
4 Benton .....	125	99
5 Blackford .....	103	79
6 Boone .....	176	183

COUNTIES	No. Teachers Employed	No. of Members of Teachers' Read- ing Circle
7 Brown	76	76
8 Carroll	155	140
9 Cass	200	160
10 Clark	184	184
11 Clay	186	160
12 Clinton	191	196
13 Crawford	96	96
14 Daviess	181	135
15 Dearborn	143	120
16 Decatur	144	120
17 DeKalb	158	95
18 Delaware	286	180
19 Dubois	150	150
20 Elkhart	280	295
21 Fayette	78	52
22 Floyd	123	90
23 Fountain	168	124
24 Franklin	103	108
25 Fulton	137	123
26 Gibson	211	165
27 Grant	303	290
28 Greene	208	160
29 Hamilton	199	195
30 Hancock	149	123
31 Harrison	155	150
32 Hendricks	145	147
33 Henry	169	178
34 Howard	171	170
35 Huntington	187	190
36 Jackson	171	171
37 Jasper	139	127
38 Jay	170	176
39 Jefferson	157	150
40 Jennings	113	112
41 Johnson	149	125
42 Knox	207	204
43 Kosciusko	200	175
44 Lagrange	120	102
45 Lake	244	230
46 Laporte	220	126
47 Lawrence	166	165
48 Madison	371	250
49 Marion	82	152
50 Marshall	175	158

COUNTIES	No. Teachers Employed	No. of Members of Teachers' Read- ing Circle
51 Martin .....	110	112
52 Miami .....	201	144
53 Monroe .....	149	77
54 Montgomery .....	200	210
55 Morgan .....	159	142
56 Newton .....	92	80
57 Noble .....	147	107
58 Ohio .....	36	36
59 Orange .....	114	110
60 Owen .....	118	102
61 Parke .....	172	140
62 Perry .....	131	112
63 Pike .....	136	127
64 Porter .....	147	170
65 Posey .....	151	149
66 Pulaski .....	126	126
67 Putnam .....	170	173
68 Randolph .....	190	196
69 Ripley .....	131	131
70 Rush .....	135	103
71 Scott .....	62	55
72 Shelby .....	200	200
73 Spencer .....	172	150
74 Starke .....	91	83
75 St. Joseph .....	297	264
76 Steuben .....	116	118
77 Sullivan .....	169	174
78 Switzerland .....	92	27
79 Tippecanoe .....	253	200
80 Tipton .....	118	115
81 Union .....	57	56
82 Vanderburgh .....	332	90
83 Vermillion .....	115	78
84 Vigo .....	361	225
85 Wabash .....	223	224
86 Warren .....	105	104
87 Warrick .....	162	127
88 Washington .....	160	160
89 Wayne .....	221	218
90 Wells .....	149	124
91 White .....	158	116
92 Whitley .....	123	125
Grand Total .....	16,041	13,274

## Courses of Reading from the Beginning

- 1884-85. Mental Science .....Brooks  
The Penn Publishing Company.  
General History .....Barnes  
The American Book Company.  
Talks on Teaching .....Parker  
E. L. Kellogg.
- 1885 -86. Mental Science .....Brooks  
The Penn Publishing Co.  
English Literature .....Smith  
The American Book Company.  
Pedagogy .....Hewitt  
Longmans, Green & Company.
- 1886-87. Lectures on Education.....Hailman  
The American Book Company.  
History of the English People.....Green  
The American Book Company.  
Watts on the Mind.....  
The American Book Company.
- 1887-88. Lights of Two Centuries.....Hale  
The American Book Company.  
Handbook of Psychology .....Sully  
D. Appleton & Company.
- 1888-89. History of Education.....Compayre  
D. C. Heath & Company.  
Popular Zoology .....Steele  
The American Book Company.
- 1889-90. Lectures on Teaching.....Compayre  
D. C. Heath & Company.  
The Marble Faun.....Hawthorne  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.  
Heroes and Hero Worship.....Carlyle
- 1890-91. How to Study Plants.....Wood  
The American Book Company.  
Education in the United States.....Boone  
D. Appleton & Company.
- 1891-92. Theory and Practice of Teaching.....Page  
The American Book Company.  
Studies in American Literature..Hawthorne  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- 1892-93. Civil Government in the U. S.....Fiske  
The American Book Company.



- Autocrat of the Breakfast Table....Holmes  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- 1893-94. Essentials of Method.....De Garmo  
D. C. Heath & Company.  
Orations of Burke and Webster.  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- 1894-95. Philosophy of Teaching.....Tompkins  
Ginn & Company.  
Select Letters and Essays from Ruskin.  
..... Hufford  
Ginn & Company.
- 1895-96. General Method .....McMurray  
Public School Publishing Company.  
Studies in Shakespeare.....  
Ginn & Company.
- 1896-97. History of Civilization.....Guizot  
D. Appleton & Company.  
Literary Interpretations .....Tompkins  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- 1897-98. Plato, the Teacher .....Bryan  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.  
Teaching the Language Arts.....Hinsdale  
D. Appleton & Company.
- 1898-99. Social Elements .....Henderson  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.  
Plato's Republic .....Bryan  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- 1899-00. How to Teach Reading.....Clark  
Scott, Foresman & Company.  
Organic Education .....Scott  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- 1900-01. Talks to Teachers on Life's Ideals...James  
Henry Holt & Company.  
The Study of Literature.....Bates  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- 1901-02. Europe in the Nineteenth Century..Judson  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.  
Sanitation and Decoration.....  
.....Burrage and Baily  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- 1902-03. Systematic Methodology .....Smith  
Silver, Burdett & Company.  
Dickens as an Educator.....Hughes  
D. Appleton & Company.

- 1903-04. Abraham Lincoln .....Nicolay  
 The Century Company.  
 Ivanhoe .....Scott  
 Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- 1904-05. School Management .....Dutton  
 Chas. Scribner's Sons.  
 Social Spirit in America.....Henderson  
 Scott, Foresman & Company.

## The Young People's Reading Circle

In the summer of 1887, at a meeting of the State Association of County Superintendents, a report of the very satisfactory progress made by the Teachers' Reading Circle in the four years then passed was presented. After this report was made it was suggested by Superintendent W. E. Baily, of Marshall County, that the work should begin with the children. Following this suggestion, at a meeting of the State Teachers' Association, at Indianapolis, December 30, 1887, a member of the Association urged the necessity of some organized effort to direct the general reading of the school children of the State. A committee appointed to consider the feasibility of such a movement, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted by the Association.

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of organizing a Children's Reading Circle, beg leave to report as follows:

"We regard the subject one of the highest importance. To place the general reading of the half million of children of the public schools under competent guidance and control, even to a limited extent, would, in our judgment, be productive of most beneficial results. To substitute for the trashy and often vicious reading matter which finds its way into the hands of children and youth a grade of literature at once sound in its contents, chaste in its language and imagery, and pure in its moral tone, is an end which may properly command the best and most earnest efforts of this Association, and of the teachers of Indiana. To your committee the enterprise proposed seems a means for accomplishing, in a measure, this highly desirable end.

"W. W. PARSONS, Pres. State Normal School,

"C. W. HODGIN, Prof. of History, Earlham College,

"W. B. OWEN, Superintendent Edinburg Schools,

"Committee."

By vote of the Association the organization and management of a Young People's Reading Circle was referred to the Board of Directors of the Teachers' Reading Circle. Accordingly, the work was at once undertaken. The guiding thought from the beginning has been to avoid making the reading in any sense a task. There has been done everything to avoid the routine of schoolwork, for it has been felt that the purpose of the reading would be largely defeated if the children should come to look upon it as an additional task to be performed under compulsion. There have been no examinations given, no set ways of reading suggested. The purpose of introducing the children to the best in books suited to their needs has been felt to be the highest service that could be performed in this connection. Of course, much good has been done by tactful teachers in making the children desirous of looking into those books for themselves.

It has been the aim to place no book upon these children's lists from year to year which was not worthy as literature. Whatever quality it might possess of value, however interesting, however full of information, the book has been subjected to scrutiny as to whether it were an artistic production, worthy as literature, whether a beautiful expression of truth. Books have been selected appealing to a wide variety of tastes and interests. Books of fiction, travel, biography, science, nature study, poetry, history have been included.

Under the plan of organization the reading of one book in the year's list is sufficient to constitute membership in the Circle. A card of membership has been awarded to each member.

The wisdom of separating the reading of these books from the regular school work has impressed itself more and more upon those who have observed the progress of the work. There has been, all over the State, a very noticeable elevation of the taste. A very strong current of influence has set in against the trashy, vicious stuff, so much of which is waiting to corrupt the taste and vitiate the morals of the youth of many communities. These books selected for the young people have done their good work not only for the children, but they have gone into the homes and have interested the older members of the family. So they have created a demand for more of the best books.

From sixteen to twenty books are selected for each year, distributed into five groups: 1. Those for

Second Grade; 2. Those for Third Grade; 3. Those for Fourth and Fifth Grades; 4. Those for Sixth and Seventh Grades; 5. Those for the Eighth and Advanced Grades.

## Young People's Reading Circle 1902-1903

COUNTIES	Total Enrollment in Schools	No. Members Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books belonging to Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books added to Y. P. R. C. Libraries
1 Adams .....	5,290	2,984	6,529	657
2 Allen .....	12,177	1,909	4,629	1,084
3 Bartholomew .....	5,151	469	2,297	331
4 Benton .....	3,248	1,515	6,770	1,082
5 Blackford .....	4,130	1,442	3,199	628
6 Boone .....	6,442	1,226	876	609
7 Brown .....	2,522	60	51	12
8 Carroll .....	4,635	1,099	4,239	726
9 Cass .....	7,297	935	3,295	445
10 Clark .....	6,955	1,675	4,030	483
11 Clay .....	8,281	4,321	4,179	1,395
12 Clinton .....	6,830	2,656	2,846	957
13 Crawford .....	3,800	2,259	1,892	609
14 Daviess .....	7,076	317	248	292
15 Dearborn .....	4,376	1,494	1,743	499
16 Decatur .....	4,074	2,038	8,685	876
17 DeKalb .....	5,781	986	2,264	691
18 Delaware .....	10,566	1,817	3,412	639
19 Dubois .....	4,429	1,642	1,053	902
20 Elkhart .....	9,732	960	2,765	133
21 Fayette .....	2,504	1,114	2,644	415
22 Floyd .....	5,171	944	3,702	299
23 Fountain .....	5,145	415	1,500	333
24 Franklin .....	2,940	2,185	8,244	1,023
25 Fulton .....	4,501	400	1,900	98
26 Gibson .....	7,638	3,614	6,759	897
27 Grant .....	13,315	1,557	6,746	502
28 Greene .....	7,970	2,580	4,419	1,540
29 Hamilton .....	7,266	2,216	4,483	495
30 Hancock .....	4,534	1,948	4,630	1,285
31 Harrison .....	5,185	1,510	3,358	784
32 Hendricks .....	4,489	1,280	1,487	636
33 Henry .....	2,421	2,032	7,910	500
34 Howard .....	6,922	2,162	5,349	550
35 Huntington .....	6,419	1,596	13,513	442
36 Jackson .....	5,741	2,012	2,130	853

COUNTIES	Total Enrollment in Schools	No. Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books belonging to Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books added to Y. P. R. C. Libraries
37 Jasper . . . . .	3,931	1,270	7,566	1,179
38 Jay . . . . .	5,868	816	2,271	559
39 Jefferson . . . . .	486	1,804	4,063	676
40 Jennings . . . . .	3,528	2,253	6,985	779
41 Johnson . . . . .	4,578	582	1,421	257
42 Knox . . . . .	7,522	1,065	3,480	541
43 Kosciusko . . . . .	6,848	838	3,321	239
44 Lagrange . . . . .	3,778	919	3,384	579
45 Lake . . . . .	8,047	2,307	8,755	847
46 Laporte . . . . .	7,094	2,079	13,759	1,530
47 Lawrence . . . . .	6,430	884	1,259	588
48 Madison . . . . .	15,247	1,674	8,844	900
49 Marion . . . . .	34,109	3,640	4,350	2,663
50 Marshall . . . . .	6,506	1,847	2,559	503
51 Martin . . . . .	3,912	621	120	207
52 Miami . . . . .	6,635	626	2,204	227
53 Monroe . . . . .	5,328	361	248	189
54 Montgomery . . . . .	6,659	395	1,902	378
55 Morgan . . . . .	4,970	747	3,445	159
56 Newton . . . . .	2,734	1,332	1,322	474
57 Noble . . . . .	4,923	1,220	620	440
58 Ohio . . . . .	1,050	336	410	112
59 Orange . . . . .	3,930	1,280	1,070	401
60 Owen . . . . .	3,679	1,440	670	734
61 Parke . . . . .	5,521	1,865	8,222	1,390
62 Perry . . . . .	4,126	3,415	10,125	437
63 Pike . . . . .	5,587	1,276	970	553
64 Porter . . . . .	4,688	2,600	1,476	1,012
65 Posey . . . . .	4,964	3,260	6,205	1,175
66 Pulaski . . . . .	3,650	1,019	4,714	749
67 Putnam . . . . .	4,860	496	365	495
68 Randolph . . . . .	6,470	3,895	2,539	769
69 Ripley . . . . .	3,858	1,824	6,098	943
70 Rush . . . . .	3,476	1,038	555	728
71 Scott . . . . .	2,052	732	48	244
72 Shelby . . . . .	5,911	2,422	761	870
73 Spencer . . . . .	5,687	1,279	1,137	423
74 Starke . . . . .	3,001	2,010	4,274	274
75 St. Joseph . . . . .	9,483	1,206	1,600	603
76 Steuben . . . . .	3,353	2,033	3,808	902
77 Sullivan . . . . .	7,060	4,105	5,077	1,291
78 Switzerland . . . . .	2,751	190	640	156
79 Tippecanoe . . . . .	7,541	1,809	10,078	972

COUNTIES	Total Enrollment in Schools	No. Members Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books belonging to Young People's Reading Circle	No. Books added to Y. P. R. C. Libraries
80 Tipton .....	4,402	782	2,770	722
81 Union.....	1,274	949	2,526	332
82 Vanderburgh	11,300	1,550	1,377	856
83 Vermillion ..	1,925	750	1,483	195
84 Vigo .....	14,220	1,760	7,093	666
85 Wabash .....	6,732	445	12,675	136
86 Warren .....	2,729	696	3,819	205
87 Warrick .....	5,618	1,503	1,900	830
88 Washington.	5,216	1,032	732	344
89 Wayne.....	6,851	2,432	11,133	635
90 Wells .....	5,679	1,158	3,499	764
91 White.....	4,964	597	1,530	525
92 Whitney ....	4,210	1,954	4,448	565
Grand Total....	560,523	141,787	352,481	59,624

## Books Selected for the Young People's Reading Circle from 1887-88 to 1904-05

### Second Grade

- Cats and Dogs .....Johonnot  
The American Book Company.
- Grandfather's Stories .....Johonnot  
The American Book Company.
- Easy Steps for Little Feet....Swinton and Cathcart  
The American Book Company.
- Aesop's Fables, I, II.....  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Some of Our Friends.....Welsh  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Stories of Birdland .....Chase  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Turner's Stories for Young Children.....  
Ginn & Company.
- Wiltse's Stories for Kindergarten and Primary Schools .....  
Ginn & Company.
- Seed Babies .....Morley  
Ginn & Company.

- The Plant Baby and Its Friends.....Brown  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Nature Stories, Plant Life .....Bass  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Nature Stories, Animal Life .....Bass  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- From September to June .....Warren  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Around the World, I.....Carrolls  
The Morse Publishing Company.
- The Hiawatha Primer .....Holbrook  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Fable and Folk Stories.....Scudder  
. Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Little Folks of Other Lands.....Humphrey  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Classic Studies for Children.....McMurry  
Public School Publishing Company.
- Stories of Indian Children.....Armsted  
Public School Publishing Company.
- Twilight Stories .....Foulke  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- King's Picturesque Geographical Reader...  
Lee & Shephard Publishing Company.
- Child Life (Second Book).....Blaisdell  
The MacMillan Company.
- Verse and Prose for Beginners.....Selected  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Tales for Little Readers.....Burke  
A. Lovell & Company.
- When I Was a Little Girl.....Humphrey  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Marjorie's Doings .....Paul  
Geo. W. Jacobs & Company.
- Six Nursery Classics .....O'Shea  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Mother Goose Melodies .....Welsh  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Story of Live Dolls.....Gates  
The Bobbs-Merrill Company.
- Little Golden Hood and other Stories.....Heller  
Longmans, Green & Company.
- Adventures of a Brownie.....Mulock  
Harper & Brothers.

- The Roggie, Reggie Stories .....Smith  
Harper & Brothers.
- Eskimo Stories .....Smith  
Rand, McNally & Company.
- The Snow Man.....Andrew Lang  
Longmans, Green & Company.
- Stories of Mother Goose village.....Bingham  
Rand, McNally & Company.

### Third Grade

- Friend in Feathers and Fur.....Johonnot  
D. Appleton & Company.
- Little Jarvis .....Seawell  
D. Appleton & Company.
- American History Stories, Vols. I, II, III IV....Pratt  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Stories of Colonial Children.....Pratt  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Nature Myths .....Cooke  
A. Flannagan & Company.
- Seven Little Sisters .....Andrews  
Ginn & Company.
- Stories Mother Nature Told .....Andrews  
Ginn & Company.
- Each and All .....Andrews  
Ginn & Company.
- King of the Golden River.....Ruskin  
Ginn & Company.
- Brooks and Brook Basins.....Fyre  
Ginn & Company.
- Those Dreadful Mouse Boys.....Ariel  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- All the Year Round.....Strong  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Seaside and Wayside, I, II, III.....Wright  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Stories of Old Greece.....Wright  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Bird's Christmas Carol.....Wright  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Discovery and Explorations of America.....Gilman  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Jackanapes .....Ewing  
L. C. Page & Company.



- Big Brother.....Annie Fellows Johnson  
L. C. Page & Company.
- Robinson Crusoe .....Burnett  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Child's Garden of Verses .....Stevenson  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Eugene Field Book.....Burt and Cabke  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- World and Its People, III, Our Own Country...Smith  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Braided Straws .....Foulke  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Stories of Greek Gods, Heroes and Men.....Harding  
Scott, Foresman & Company.
- King's Picturesque Geographical Reader, II.  
Lee & Shephard Publishing Company.
- Four Great Americans .....Baldwin  
The American Book Company.
- Buz .....Noel  
Henry Holt & Company.
- Signal Boys of '75.....Otis  
Dana, Estes & Company.
- Crusoe's Island .....Ober  
D. Appleton & Company.
- The First Book of Birds.....Olive Thorn Miller  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Through the Year (Books I, II)...Clyde and Wallace  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Treetop and Meadow.....Murry and Cook  
Public School Publishing Company.
- Two Little Knights of Kentucky.....Johnston  
L. C. Page & Company.
- Stories of Pioneer Life.....Bass  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Farmer Brown and the Birds.....Fox  
L. C. Page & Company.
- The Story of Dago.....Johnston  
L. C. Page & Company.
- Four Great American Pioneers.....Perry  
The American Book Company.
- Wilderness Ways .....Long  
Ginn & Company.
- Worth His While.....Blanchard  
Geo. W. Jacobs & Company.

- The Rabbit's Ransom .....Vawter  
 The Bobbs-Merrill Company.
- Miss Muffett's Christmas Party.....Crothers  
 Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Viking Tales .....Hall  
 Rand, McNally & Company.
- Polly Prentiss .....Gould  
 The Penn Publishing Company.
- His Lordship's Puppy .....Elmslie  
 The Penn Publishing Company.
- Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales.....  
 Ginn & Company.

### Fourth and Fifth Grades

- Stories of Heroic Deeds.....Johonnot  
 The American Book Company.
- Stories of Our Country.....Johonnot  
 The American Book Company.
- Ten Great Events in History.....Johonnot  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- Neighbors with Claws and Hoofs.....Johonnot  
 The American Book Company.
- Neighbors with Wings and Fins.....Johonnot  
 The American Book Company.
- Flyers, Creepers and Swimmers.....Johonnot  
 The American Book Company.
- History of the United States.....Eggleston  
 The American Book Company.
- Animal Memoirs, I, II.....Lockwood  
 The American Book Company.
- Familiar Animals .....McGuffey  
 The American Book Company.
- Paul Jones .....Seawell  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- Stories of Columbia .....Glascock  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- Decatur and Somers .....Seawell  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- Little Smoke .....Stoddard  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- Patriot School Master .....Butterworth  
 D. Appleton & Company.
- The Pilot of the Mayflower.....Butterworth  
 D. Appleton & Company.

- King's Geographical Reader, III.....  
Lee & Shephard Publishing Company.
- Captain January .....Richards  
Dana, Estes & Company.
- Cuore of Italian School Boy's Journal.....De Amicis  
T. Y. Crowell & Company.
- Stories of Old Germany .....Pratt  
Educational Publishing Company.
- Odd Little Lass .....Wright  
The Penn Publishing Company.
- Robinson Crusoe .....Lambert  
Ginn & Company.
- Peasant and Prince .....Martineau  
Ginn & Company.
- Ten Little Boys .....Andrews  
Ginn & Company.
- Swiss Family Robison .....Stickney  
Ginn & Company.
- From Colony to Commonwealth.....Tiffany  
Ginn & Company.
- Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales, II.....  
Ginn & Company.
- Gods and Heroes.....Francillion  
Ginn & Company.
- Birds and Bees .....Burroughs  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Little Brothers of the Air.....Miller  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Polly Oliver's Problems .....Wiggin  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Colonization of America.....Gilman  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Making of the American Nation.....Gilman  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- William Henry Letters .....Diaz  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- How Success Is Won .....Bolton  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Lucy's Wonderful Globe.....Youge  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Look About Club .....Bamford  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Some Successful Women .....Bolton  
Lothrop Publishing Company.

- A Boy with an Idea.....Lukin  
G. P. Putnam's Sons.
- Hoosier School Boy .....Eggleston  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Little People and Their Homes.....  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- The Making of the Ohio Valley States.....Drake  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Things Will Take a Turn .....Harraden  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Pilgrims and Puritans.....Tiffany  
Ginn & Company.
- Fanciful Tales .....Stockton  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Three Colonial Boys .....Tomlinson  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- Three Young Continentals.....Tomlinson  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- Washington's Young Aids.....Tomlinson  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- The Young Reporter .....Drysdale  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- The Fast Mail .....Drysdale  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- Stories of Long Ago.....Kupfer  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Lobo, Rag and Vixon .....Thompson  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Around the World, II.....Carrolls  
The Morse Publishing Company.
- American Indiana .....Starr  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- The Land of the Long Night.....Chaillu  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Little King Davie.....Hellis  
L. C. Page & Company.
- The Story of Indiana.....Glasscock  
Scott, Foresman & Company.
- Ways of the Wood Folks.....Long  
Ginn & Company.
- Uncrowning a King.....Ellis  
The Penn Publishing Company.
- The Little Colonel .....Johnston  
L. C. Page & Company.

- Bimbi.....de la Ramee  
Ginn & Company.
- Krag and Johnny Bear.....Thompson-Seton  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- The Story of the Middle Ages.....Harding  
Scott, Foresman & Company.
- The Young Supercargo .....Drysdale  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- The Spectacle Man .....Leonard  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- Robin Hood .....Pyle  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Flamingo Feather .....Munroe  
. Harper & Brothers.
- Heroine of 1812.....Blanchard  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- The Bears of Blue River.....Major  
The MacMillan Company.
- Stories of Star Land .....Proctor  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- A Red Man of Quality .....Billings  
Saalfield Publishing Company.
- The Little Colonel's Holidays.....Johnston  
L. C. Page & Company.

### Sixth and Seventh Grades

- Animal Life in the Sea and on the Land...  
The American Book Company.
- Glimpses of the Animate World.....Johonnot  
D. Appleton & Company.
- Stories of other Lands.....Johonnot  
The American Book Company.
- Fairy Land of Science.....Buckley  
D. Appleton & Company.
- In the Boyhood of Lincoln.....Butterworth  
D. Appleton & Company.
- The Knight of Liberty.....Butterworth  
D. Appleton & Company.
- Crowded out o' Crowfield.....Stoddard  
D. Appleton & Company.
- Midshipman Farragut .....Barnes  
D. Appleton & Company.
- True to His Home.....Butterworth  
D. Appleton & Company.

- The Log School House on the Columbia..Butterworth  
D. Appleton & Company.
- Heroes of the Seven Hills.....Laing  
H. T. Coates & Company.
- Girls Who Became Famous.....Bolton  
T. Y. Crowell & Company.
- Washington and His Country.....Irving-Fiske  
Ginn & Company.
- Tales from Shakespeare .....Lamb  
Ginn & Company.
- Plutarch's Lives .....Ginn  
Ginn & Company.
- The Story of Our Continent.....Shaler  
Ginn & Company.
- Stories from English History.....Blaisdell  
Ginn & Company.
- Seaside and Wayside, IV.....Wright  
D. C. Heath & Company.
- Whittier Leaflets .....  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Longfellow Leaflets .....  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Fiske's War for Independence.....  
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
- Magna Charta Stories .....Gilman  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- American Authors for Young Folks.....Harris  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Stories from the Dictionary.....Gilman  
Lothrop Publishing Company.
- Civics for Young Americans.....Giffin  
A. Lovell & Company.
- Story of the Iliad .....Church  
The MacMillan Company.
- Story of the Odessey .....Church  
The MacMillan Company.
- Tommy-Anne and the Three Hearts.....Wright  
The MacMillan Company.
- Big Brother (Sam Hardwicke).....Eggleston  
G. P. Putnam's Sons.
- The Story of Roland .....Baldwin  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Hans Brinker .....Dodge  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.

- The Making of the Great West.....Drake  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Tropical Africa .....Drummond  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- Children Stories in American Literature, I,  
.....II, Wright  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- The Boys of Fairport .....Brooks  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- The World and Its People—
- IV. American Neighbors ....733919 Coe
- V. Modern Europe .....Coe
- VII. Views in Africa .....Badlam
- VIII. Australia .....Kellogg  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- Fishin' Jimmie .....Slosson  
Chas. Scribner's Sons.
- A Girl of '76 .....Blanchard  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- The City of Seven Hills.....Harding  
Scott, Foresman & Company.
- Young People's History of Indiana.....Conklin
- Two Young Patriots .....Tomlinson  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- A Revolutionary Maid .....Blanchard  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- Life in Asia.....Smith  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- In the Days of Washington.....Graydon  
The Penn Publishing Company.
- Cadet Standish .....Drysdale  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- At the Siege of Quebec.....Otis  
The Penn Publishing Company.
- The Beach Patrol .....Drysdale  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- A Daughter of Freedom.....Blanchard  
W. A. Wilde & Company.
- American Inventors and Inventions.....Mowry  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- A Maid of King Alfred's Court.....Madison  
Silver, Burdett & Company.
- A Reader in Physical Geography.....Dodge  
Longmans, Green & Company.

Lincoln in Story .....	Praff
D. Appleton & Company.	
Dorothy Day .....	Lippman
The Penn Publishing Company.	
Stories from English History.....	Warren
D. C. Heath & Company.	
Heroine of 1812 .....	Blanchard
W. A. Wilde & Company.	
The Bale Marked Circle X.....	Eggleston
Lothrop Publishing Company.	
St. Clair on the Frontier.....	Wood
W. A. Wilde & Company.	
The Thrall of Lief the Lucky.....	Liljencrantz
A. C. McClurg & Company.	
Miss Lochinvar .....	Taggart
D. Appleton & Company.	
Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.....	
Ginn & Company.	

### **Eighth and Advanced Grades**

The Attic Philosopher in Paris.....	Souvester
D. Appleton & Company.	
Home Pictures of English Poets.....	
D. Appleton & Company.	
Picciola .....	Santine
D. Appleton & Company.	
Boys and Girls in Biology.....	Stevenson
D. Appleton & Company.	
The Story of the Indian.....	Grinnell
D. Appleton & Company.	
The Story of Collette .....	Claude
D. Appleton & Company.	
Webster's Speeches .....	
H. T. Coates & Company.	
Sketch Book .....	Irving
T. Y. Crowell & Company.	
Mill on the Floss.....	Geo. Eliot
T. Y. Crowell & Company.	
Julius Caesar .....	Shakespeare
Ginn & Company.	
Lady of the Lake .....	Scott
Ginn & Company.	
In Star Land.....	Ball
Ginn & Company.	



Ethics for Young People.....	Everett
Ginn & Company.	
Selections from Ruskin .....	
Ginn & Company.	
The Tale of Two Cities.....	Dickens
Ginn & Company.	
Cadet Days .....	King
Harper & Brothers.	
Being a Boy .....	Warner
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
History of Indiana.....	Dunn
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
Twice Told Tales .....	Hawthorne
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
American Poems .....	Scudder
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
Wonder Book .....	Hawthorne
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
Japan in History .....	Griffis
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.	
The Story of the Hills.....	Hutchinson
The MacMillan Company.	
In Birdland .....	Keyser
A. C. McClurg & Company.	
National Epics .....	Rabb
A. C. McClurg & Company.	
Feates on the Fiords .....	Martineau
L. C. Page & Company.	
This Country of Ours.....	Harrison
Chas. Scribner's Sons.	
Among the Law Makers .....	Alton
Chas. Scribner's Sons.	
Butterfly Hunters .....	Murray-Aaron
Chas. Scribner's Sons.	
At War with Pontiac .....	Munroe
Chas. Scribner's Sons.	
Shakespeare, the Boy.....	Rolfe
Harper & Brothers.	
Boy Travelers in China and Japan.....	Knox
Harper & Brothers.	
Mythology .....	Scull
The American Book Company.	
Getting on in the World.....	Matthews
Scott, Foresman & Company.	

Bird Neighbors .....	Blanchan Doubleday & McClure Company.
Side Lights on American History, I, II.....	Elson The MacMillan Company.
The Treasure Ship .....	Butterworth D. Appleton & Company.
Heroes of the Middle West.....	Catherwood D. Appleton & Company.
Romance of Discovery .....	Griffis W. A. Wilde & Company.
Success .....	Marden W. A. Wilde & Company.
For Love of Country .....	Brady Chas. Scribner's Sons.
Indiana Poets and Poetry.....	Parker and Heiney Silver, Burdett & Company.
The Story of the Nineteenth Century.....	Brooks W. A. Wilde & Company.
James B. Eads .....	Howe Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
Greek Sculpture .....	Hurll Houghton, Mifflin & Company.
Hero Tales from American History.....	Roosevelt Century Publishing Company.
Seven Great American Poets.....	Hart Silver, Burdett & Company.
Nehe—Times of Artaxerxes.....	Siviter W. A. Wilde & Company.
For Honor of the School.....	Barbour D. Appleton & Company.
The Horse Fair .....	Baldwin Century Publishing Company.

Within the twenty years that this work has been carried on, experience has suggested various changes in the organization and management of affairs. At first, when the work was new, there were many difficulties, which have gradually been overcome. One of the most gratifying results observed has been the fact that such a market for the best books has been created that the very best publishers have come to think it worth while to supply books at very much lower rates than had before been possible.

In 1886, by action of the State Teachers' Association, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction

was made *ex officio* a member of the Board of Directors of the Reading Circle.

Another change was made in the abolition of both membership and examination fees from members. During the first three years of the Circle there was charged a fee of twenty-five cents for membership, and an additional twenty-five cents for examination, the former going to the Board of Directors and constituting a fund for running expenses, the latter to county managers as remuneration for the examinations. The returns from both were so small as to meet but a fraction of the expenses. So no remuneration was furnished for time spent or services rendered by either local or State Directors. In 1887, with the prospect of larger sales, somewhat lower rates were secured from publishers, with the provision, also, that the discount usually allowed the trade should be paid to the Board. This arrangement proved a double gain in that it secured to teachers a lower rate on the books and gave a definite income for the management in proportion to the membership.

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## Present Plan of Organization

In December, 1897, the following constitution, rules and regulations for the government of the Board of Directors were authorized by the State Teachers' Association:

1. The Indiana State Teachers' Association hereby constitutes the Board of Directors for the Indiana Teachers' and Young People's Reading Circles, and adopts the following rules and regulations for its government.

2. The aforesaid Board of Directors shall be composed of seven members, including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board. Of the remaining six members, at least one shall be a County Superintendent, at least one a City Superintendent, and the remainder shall be chosen from the teaching profession at large.

3. No member of a publishing firm, or agent of such firm, shall be eligible to membership on this Board. Should any member of this Board become a member of a publishing firm, or agent of such firm, within the term for which he was appointed to this

Board, his membership herein shall immediately cease, and the State Teachers' Association shall, at its next meeting, fill the vacancy thus arising from the unexpired portion of said term.

4. The members of this Board, except the State Superintendent, whose membership shall be concurrent with his incumbency in the State Superintendency, shall be appointed by the State Teachers' Association in annual convention for a term of three years, or until their successors are appointed.

5. Should any member of the Board of Directors leave the teaching profession or quit active school work, his membership shall immediately cease. At each annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, the Association shall fill all vacancies for the unexpired portions of such terms.

6. The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice President and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from the membership of the Board, and a Secretary, who shall not be a member of this Board, and shall be chosen annually.

On the last day of each annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, the members of the Reading Circle Board of Directors shall meet and organize for the ensuing year.

7. The members of this Board shall receive a per diem of four dollars and actual expenses, for all time employed in discharging the duties devolving upon them as members of said Board; but no member shall receive any additional per diem or salary as an officer of the Board. The Board shall allow and pay the Secretary such reasonable salary as will be a fair compensation for the duties performed.

8. It shall be the duty of this Board to plan a course of reading, from year to year, to be pursued by the public school teachers of Indiana, to provide for examination on the said course and to prepare questions for the same; to issue certificates to such teachers as pass the examination satisfactorily, and to issue diplomas to such teachers as pass the examinations in four successive years satisfactorily.

It shall be the duty of this Board to plan a course of reading, from year to year, to be pursued by the pupils in the public schools of Indiana, and to make such rules and regulations as to examinations, certificates and diplomas, in the Young People's Reading Circle, as the Board may deem desirable and practicable.

It shall be the further duty of this Board to select

the books to be read in such Teachers' and Young People's courses; to make the most favorable terms with the publishers as to prices of such books to members of the two Reading Circles, and to provide a plan for a convenient and inexpensive distribution of the books to the teachers and pupils.

9. At each annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, this Board shall make a report of the receipts and disbursements for the year just closing, and of such other items as in its judgment shall be of interest to the Association, or as the Association from time to time requests. At each annual meeting of the Association, an Auditing Committee shall be appointed for the coming year to audit the books and accounts of the Reading Circle Board. At each meeting of the Association, the report of this Auditing Committee shall be appended to the report of the Board of Directors and shall be a part of the report of that Board to the State Teachers' Association.

10. This constitution, rules and regulations may be amended, revised, or annulled by a majority vote at any annual meeting of the Indiana State Teachers' Association.

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