

leaf upon the brow, and every generous impulse they have felt is sweet incense to the soul.

My emotions on this occasion are those of reverence and awe. What must be your feelings? I fancy they are mingled pride and humility—pride when you think of the grand achievements of a long and useful life—humility when you remember the insignificance of man, as compared with the majesty of God and the vast creations of the universe.

What a satisfaction it must be for you to look back down the vista of departed years to the springtime of life; to recall the joyous days of youth when the world seemed full of beauty, with sunshine beaming everywhere, and not a cloud to darken the horizon of hope? What pleasure to remember the period of early manhood and womanhood, when the cares and responsibilities of life came thick and fast upon you, and when the great lesson was first learned that there is no joy without sorrow, no sweet without the bitter, no peace without turmoil and no excellence without labor. How you shrank at first from the trials of life, but finding new courage in every conquest, pressed onward in the path way of success.

When you reached the summer of life, how fearless and self-reliant you were, even amid the storm of opposition and under the cloud of adversity. The wonderful capabilities of the human soul were no longer a mystery, for experience had taught you what man could do. Whether, by brilliant exploits, you were carving niches in the temple of fame, or, by patient, modest toil were making pages of imperishable history it matters not. Each was equally important and posterity will do justice to you all. Well might the poet say:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;  
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Then the autumn came. The worry and bustle of life gave way to the calm serenity of age. You found time to pause on the mountain of human attainments and, with pitying love, look down upon the anxious souls who were struggling up its rugged heights in the hope of joining you at the top. What supreme satisfaction to realize that the battle of life has been won and that the great reward of eternal life has been secured.

In this vast assemblage I see representatives of nearly all the professions and useful occupations. Some of you have earned your laurels by the brain and others by the brawn. Some in the office, others in the work-shop—some at the anvil, others at the plow. Many of you are numbered with the honored founders of this commonwealth; pioneers of the great west, you chose to forsake the ease and comfort of home for the privations and hardships of the desert. Footsore and weary you traversed a thousand miles of dreary wilderness to plant the standard of liberty in the tops of the mountains. You have created homes in the desert and gardens in the wilderness. As

if by magic, the barren waste has been transformed into a fruitful field, and the seemingly insurmountable obstacles of nature melted before indomitable energy like snows before the summer sun. And so we have our beloved Utah—the pride and queen of the mountains.

You have met here on the platform of human equality, recognizing the sublime principle of universal brotherhood. For this day all individual interests and wishes are subordinated to the common weal, and each person vies with the others in trying to promote the happiness of all.

In conclusion let me express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the invitation to participate in these exercises and add my congratulations to the distinguished veterans who are permitted to wear the badge. We feel in our hearts the honor we would have our lips express. We shall try to emulate your good works and follow the illustrious example you have set, in the hope that when our race is run we may be counted worthy to join you in the eternal mansions of the just.

The speaker was several times interrupted by applause, and an enthusiastic outburst followed his speech.

Held's band played a selection, when Judge Orlando W. Powers read an eloquent address upon the glories and beauties of the evening of life, which our limited space prevents us from giving in full.

The Choir then rendered the chorus from "Beltshazzar," "O Give Thanks," after which Mr. George Goddard made a characteristic address, eliciting considerable merriment.

Next prizes consisting of dress patterns, hats, satchels, bonnets and other articles were given out. There were a number of special prizes distributed among the old folks from Weber County, and a large number of silver dollar coins were given to the badge bearers.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Judge L. W. Shurtliff, of Ogden, made a brief address in behalf of the old folks of Weber County.

The exercises concluded by the singing, by the Choir and audience, of the Doxology.

Only one circumstance marred the enjoyment of the day, and that was the heat, which no one could help. Notwithstanding this, however, the aged people appeared to experience the greatest pleasure and gratification, and a spirit of fraternity and conviviality was a notable feature of the day.

#### NOTES.

No intoxicating drinks of any kind were seen about the building or grounds.

It was estimated that about eleven hundred persons over seventy years of age were present.

Owing to the absence of Elder Lorenzo D. Young, Elder Edward Stevenson pronounced the invocation, shortly before the feasting began.

On the interior of the banquet hall was a large streamer bearing

the words "Old Folks' Day," and another reading "The Aged Fathers and Mothers of Ogden, Welcome to Salt Lake."

The great abundance of food provided was remarked. There was enough not only for the old folks, but for the spectators. All, both old and young, who desired to eat, had an opportunity to partake of the feast.

A prominent member of the Eleventh Ward seated himself at a table and began to eat. Some one asked him if he was over seventy. He replied, "I am over seventy." Later he was seen to take from his shoes some slips of paper marked "70." He was literally "over seventy," when standing with those slips in his shoes.

Mr. Savage offered a dollar to every old person present who had not had one of his own for a month. There was no response. The time was made two weeks. Still no response. Then it was reduced to one week, and still there were no takers. This does not indicate great poverty among the old folks of Utah, though a number were present from the poor houses of Weber and Salt Lake counties.

#### THE OFFICIAL RETURN.

The official returns for the board of education as canvassed by Secretary Sells July 16, are as follows:

FIRST MUNICIPAL WARD.				
For Two Years—				
115 Am Johnson, "Liberal".....	538			
Wm. Fuller, People.....	334			
Majority.....	204			
For One Year—				
George W. Snow, "Liberal".....	537			
W. W. Ritter, People.....	334			
Majority.....	203			
SECOND.				
For Two Years—				
William Nelson, "Liberal".....	919			
David McKenzie, People.....	471			
Majority.....	443			
For One Year—				
T. C. Armstrong, Jr., "Liberal".....	923			
Thos. Hull, People.....	467			
Majority.....	456			
THIRD.				
For two years—				
W. J. Newman, People.....	479			
S. F. Fenton, "Liberal".....	367			
Majority.....	112			
For one year—				
J. N. Pike, People.....	481			
L. C. Cono, "Liberal".....	364			
Majority.....	117			
FOURTH.				
For two years—				
P. L. Williams, "Liberal".....	341			
Richard Young, People.....	339			
Majority.....	2			
For one year—				
George D. Pyper, People.....	344			
Joseph Lippman, "Liberal".....	329			
Majority.....	15			
FIFTH.				
For two years—				
Lemuel Colbath, "Liberal".....	726			
Alonzo Young, People.....	230			
Majority.....	496			
For one year—				
Charles E. Mitchener, "Liberal".....	725			
Henry A. Tuckett, People.....	231			
Majority.....	494			
RECAPITULATION.				
Ward. "Liberal." People. Scattering. Total				
First.....	538	334	1	873
Second.....	919	471	3	1,393
Third.....	367	479	—	846
Fourth.....	341	339	—	680
Fifth.....	726	230	4	960
	2,891	1,763	8	4,752