UTAH AT ANN ARBOR.

Distinguished Success of John J. McClellan in Music, Oratory, Etc.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 10th, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

If you can find room for the following, your readers, I think, will find it interesting. From the Washtenaw *Evening Times*:

"The music for the occasion (Easter Sunday) was furnished by a choir of select voices accompanied by an orchestra of sixteen pieces, including harp and organ, under the direction of Mr. J. J. McClellan. The music was composed by Mr. McClellan and reflects itself upon him as a composer, as the music is without doubt the greatest ever sung in this city."

In Ann Arbor Courier, speaking of Bro. McClellan's work, he is quoted to say: "The singers and instrumentalists, under the personal direction of the composer, were enabled to portray the feelings and paintings the thoughts with telling effect. It was a peculiar service. . . . Painters have covered the brightest canvases, sculptors have rolled their grandest symphonies, and choirs have lifted the most anthem and song, sculptors have cut Roman marble and composers have engraved their inspired writings upon the heart, and following in the pathway of musical genius, has former musician composer who have left an engraving upon our hearts. Mr. McClellan has left an impression upon the souls of my hearers. He was truly inspired. . . . The mass was far beyond expectation. It is the result of deep study combined with the genius which Mr. McClellan possesses. He has succeeded in producing a work of superior excellence; it will vie favorably with the works of some of our best composers. It displays peculiar tact in bringing out the solitude, the beautiful, the plaintive, in fact all the qualities of composition that tend to move an audience. It was his purpose to arouse the congregation yesterday, then he accomplished his aim. Scores of compliments and congratulations have poured in on every side. St. Thomas's church is to be congratulated on having such an accomplished musical director, and the Messiah should be proud of such an able exhibitor. This story speaks well for the teaching qualities of his instructor."

Of the Utah people attending the university, Brother McClellan is perhaps the most well and favorably known. He is a member as a child, and is a faithful Latter-day Saint. In July, 1891, he began his studies in East Saginaw, Michigan, under Prof. A. W. Fields, which he studied a year and a half, at which time he came to the university school of music, where he has been a student under Professors Stanley and Schoecke as well as the eminent pianist, Professor Jonas.

When our great concert was given by the Choral society and a select orchestra of some sixty pieces, our Utah boy in his modest but masterly way played the accompaniments on the large Countbaus organ which is now located in university hall. During the recent illness of Prof. Stanley, Brother McClellan has had charge of the music at vesper services and has conducted the classes in harmony.

Besides taking his regular work at the school Brother McClellan has given some private lessons on the piano, has played in one of Ann Arbor's best orchestras and is now about to be chosen for its leader; he has taken the place of absent professors in a great many cases, and each day at Mr. Lamson's rehearsals he plays accompaniments for that renowned vocalist. He has also had charge of the choir and orchestra at the St. Thomas church. He has gained popularity as a conductor ever since he accepted his position, and Easter Sunday, when the choir, accompanied by an orchestra of sixteen pieces, rendered a mass of Mr. McClellan's own composition, his popularity reached a magnificent climax. Congratulations and praises come to him on every hand. He is not yet twenty-one years of age, but if but a boy in years, is stilly and manlike he is a man. The choir and orchestra are proud of him, he is their conductor; the School of Music is proud of him, he is one of its students, and Utah should be doubly proud of him, he is her own boy. Brother McClellan has been honored with an invitation to teach in the School of Music next year, and it is not unlikely that he will accept it.

Our spring vacation began last Friday and will last until next Tuesday, ten days. So many students have gone home that Ann Arbor seems almost deserted. An effort is being made to have all the old leaves raked off the campus before college opens. Notwithstanding the fact that work is heavy at present, the seniors find some time to rejoice together now that the last spring term of their college life has come. They will "venture out" in their caps and gowns at "Commencement" the first Thursday after college opens. Prof. Stanley is preparing some special music for the occasion.

The number of Utah students at the university this year is smaller than it has been before for several years. There are but two in the law department, while last year there were ten, and the year before there were twenty-one. During the past year serious efforts have been made to remove the prejudice which existed against the Latter-day Saints that has ever been now before. The students were surprised and pleased when the authority before delivered in University Hall by Dr. Talmage, Bishop Hurst, Joseph Smith and others of "The Mormons" has received many compliments. It has been pronounced the best exposition of Christ ever presented by a student of the university. He was so carried away by enthusiasm or personal fear of it he wondered he failed for sympathy of a prejudiced audience. The effort will appear soon in a neat little volume published by the musical association, entitled "Five Orations." The day when friends at Ann Arbor in a spot the Mormons with hatred and derision has passed. They have come to wonder, they are now inclined upon the same as we other people.

RICHARD H. EGBERT.

MARCH WEATHER.

Observer Smith's Report Shows the Precipitation to be Below the Normal.

Observer J. H. Smith has issued the following report of the Utah weather service for the month of March, 1895:

Temperature—The mean temperature for the Territory was 37 degrees, which is 5 degrees below the March average. The highest monthly mean was 47.5, at St. George, and the lowest, 17.9, at Fort Duchesne; highest temperature, 72 degrees, at St. George; lowest temperature, 15 degrees below zero at Modena; greatest range of temperature for the Territory, 102 degrees; greatest monthly range of temperature at stations having six registering thermometers, 50 degrees at Fillmore; least monthly range, 34 degrees, at Paragonah. The warmest days were the 25th, 26th and 27th, and the coldest, 8th, 14th, 15th and 16th.

Precipitation—The average precipitation for the Territory was 1.37 inches, which is 0.71 of an inch less than the normal amount; greatest amount reported was 3.35 inches, at Levan, and the least amount reported was a trace at Milford. The average depth of the snowfall was 6.5 inches.

Weather—The average number of clear days was 10; partly cloudy, 7; cloudy, 14; days on which rain or snow fell of more than one inch, 4. At Salt Lake City there were 61 per cent of sunshine, and at Corinne, 79 per cent; average, 71 per cent (estimated).

Wind—Prevailing direction southwest. The total movement at Salt Lake City was 5,808 miles, and the highest velocity 40 miles per hour from the south on the 27th; average hourly velocity, 8 miles per hour.

MISCELLANEOUS PHENOMENA.

Thunderstorms—Grouse Creek, 25th; Vernal 27th.

Hail—Giles, 23d; St. George 12th, 29th.

Sleet—Grouse, 12th, 29th.

Fog Dense—Snowville, 21st; Heber, 23d; Giles, 21st, 22d, 26th, 27th, 28th, 31st.

Wild Geese—Giles, 16th, 19th; flying north.

Frost—Daily.

SEVERANCE OF SEVERITIES.

Heber—John Creek, blizzard from north 11th, 24 hours. Fremont blizzard during the night of 19th, drifting snowbadly; blowing all day from north on 20th. Snow is piled against fences up to the present time; no snow only in the cloves. Bright sun shine 21st, from 7 to 8 a.m.

Milford—John C. White. Wild geese migrating north, 12th, 20th. Sun rays 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st. Winter wheat planted November. Grass inches high on March 31; spring wheat sowed February 19th; inches high; spring is fall sown 20th; poplars in leaf 20th.

Snowville—J. Hawkins. Sun rays on the morning of the 21st. The snow on the 11th all gone except a little in sheltered places.

Vernal—H. Vollmer. Eclipse of 14th nearly visible on account of clouds. Thunder on the 27th.

Grouse—Henry Collins. First plowing March 6th; first stopped plowing 16th. A few days days warm; cold weather; spring generally backward; plowing commenced.

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LINE FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 25, 1895.

Notice is hereby given that suitable tablets to the monument to be erected in Salt Lake City in memory of Brigham Young and the pioneers will hereafter, and until further notice, be ready to receive the names of the Deseret News. It is requested that agencies for the collection of funds on this worthy purpose will be established in each ward in all the Stakes, and that each agency with the list of names of the contributors, will be forwarded as expeditiously as convenient to Hazel M. Wells, secretary of the Brigham Young Monument Association, Salt Lake City, who will see that some suitable property acknowledged in the manner stated. We earnestly hope that the people will respond promptly and promptly to this call so that it provide the monument may be completed, dedicated and opened to the public by the 6th day of next October.

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