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What the Church Schools

Hyrum Manwaring of Vernal, Utah, Mr. Manwaring took for his subject "What the Church Schools Have Done for Me." His paper is reproduced in full:

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tutions. I do this, however, with no desire, on my part, to make public my past life; or to show my present stand-ing among my fellow men; but to show clearly the revolution in my conduct and life-brought about by the splen-did influences which were thrown around me by the Church schools. While I believe firmly that a man's rarentage and birth have much to do with his character and manhood. I also believe that he is largely a creature of his environment; and that what a man is, depends, in a measure, upon his as-sociates and the good and bad in-fluences which surround him I say

MONG the many features of the Church school convention which was in session this week was the reading of a paper by m Manwaring of Vernal, Utah, Mr, and rugged, and took pride in the and burned and chapped. I was hardy and rugged, and took pride in the fact that I could whip any lad that didn't tip the scales with greater force. As I passed to the sheep herd and then to the brick yard, there was but little change in my general cul-tioned that I might make plain the Church schools have done for twill be necessary for me to give ef review of my life before and my acquaintance with these insti-tis. I do this, however, with no to, on my part, to make public my ffc; or to show my present stand-mong my fellow mear; but to show y the revolution in my conduct dve.

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I had instantly and thoroughly de-I had instantly and thoroughly de-cided to remodel, and make anew, a man, but where to begin and what to do were the vexing problems. I thought, I wept, I prayed, and I be-lieve was inspired. My plan of at-tending a Church school was heartlly approved by my parents and friends. So, bashful, ashamed and ignorant. I entered the B. Y. U. office. The genial smile, and cordial handshake of the president seemed to quiet my varied and impulsive emotions, and I drank in his words of counsel and encourage-sment. The president soon found that I was hardly prepared for the prepara-tory department, to say nothing of the high school. He, however, assigned

CNING NEWS SATURD: **Problem before me, I was at times sorely stung. I got but little inspiration or encouragement from intellectual achievements at first, but was carried along wholly by the sentimental and emotional part of the school. It was the theology that burned into my soul, and kept alive the sacred power of determination, which has done so much for me. And, had it not been for that power and influence, I feel that I could never have conquored in the severe and rigid fight I had begun. No! I must attribute all that I have and all that I are to the God-given spirit so abundantly poured out in our Church schools. The school touched my soul, and enlarged my love and sympathles for my fellowmen; cleansed my body and soul of its obnoxious and filthy habits; fortified and strengthened my intellect, and made me more appreciative of the beauties and activities of mature; increased my abilities as a wage earner; and, in fact, made me a bettor and stronger man in every respect. In short I may say this: the Church schools found me a withered and blighted plant, sprung from goodly seed, but smothered and strangled by the matted weeds of a lowly field. They reached forth a pure and cleanly hand, lifted me from my poisonous enemies, and transplanted me into a new and well fertilized field. With brighter sinn and richer soll. I began to put forth a new and healthy growth, and I feel that through the kindness and painstaking of my school and many of the bighting plagues and wintry blasts, which may sweep over the land.**

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My heart swells with joy, and my soul gives thanks to God, when I review the past, enjoy the present, and con-template the future.

My reflections of the past would My reflections of the parts of pain, were it not for the fond thought of my being so suddenly and thoroughly reformed. My soul burned with fond-est pleasure, when I saw my parents, tears of sorrow changed to tears of

joy: and the world of drudgery and gloom transformed into a world of pleasant hope and glowing opportun-ity. Truly, in my case, God had made the blind to see and the lame to walk. And, my eyes and limbs being touched by the fluger of God, I became, al-most instantly, a new creature born into another and a more splendid world of opportunity and progress. I have no pleasure in the fact that I have acquired fame, renown, or dis-tinction; for it would be almost im-possible for any school or any power to lift me instantly from my lowly station to so lofty heights. No, I only reiolee to think that my face has been turned from the low toward the lofty; and that I can be of some little service to my fellow men, in leading those of less experience, to life ever-lasting. Another of the things, which makes me happy today, is the fact that I am permitted to be a teacher in the same schools that have done so much to shape and mould my own life; and that my associates and friends are among the good and noble men and women of the earth. I feel that the flowers and fruits of my manhood have not yet come forth.

Triends are among the good and noble men and women of the earth. I feel that the flowers and fruits of my manhood have not yet come forth, and I yet look to the Church schools for much nourishiment and food. It was there that I received my ideals, aspirations and determinations; and in them, God being my helper, I in-tend to expend and replenish the pow-ers and capabilities within me. It will be my pleasure to repay the debt I owe; and to work with all my pow-er and ability to assist to make the lives of others nobler and better. With my experience in the Church schools as teacher and student, I am free to say that I believe that there isn't a better place on earth for our children; for there the teachers are ever acting as parents and guardians of the tender youths entrusted to their care. And beside teaching the tech-nicaltics of the arts and sciences, they are increasing the faith and stimulating the character of our boys and girls. And with a thankful heart and a

and girls. And with a thankful heart and a prayer for progress I feel to say, "God bless and prosper the Church schools."

TIME'S CHANGES.





