OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

The Stars and Stripes Unfurled Over Thirty-five School Buildings.

SPEECHES OF PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE.

The Birthday of the Father of His Country Most Patriotically Celebrated.

Washington's birthday was most patriotically celebrated in this city yesterday. The stars and stripes were unfurled to the breeze over thirty-five school buildings amidst much enthusiasm. The flags were presented by the Franklin Corporation of Boston through the G. O. S. of A.

FORM OF CONGRATULATION.

The following letter which accompanied the flags was read in all the schools in connection with the exercises:

To the Pupils of Salt Lake City Schools:

It is commendable you, the scholars of Salt Lake City public schools, that you are celebrating the birthday of George Washington, the Father of our Country, one fitting a monarch, by raising your country's flag over all the schools.

It also commendable you because the people of your beautiful city are providing you and all our public schools, including school buildings, but one of the best school systems in the nation.

It gives us national pleasure to present your school, as well as to the other schools of your city our national emblem. We give it in the trust that beside its use you may grow to be useful, loyal, patriotic and patriotic citizens of the republic.

Cordially your friend,

"THE NEW ERA CONTRACTORS."

ADDRESS OF ACCEPTANCE.

Following is the address of acceptance given in all the schools:

The school assembly with pride the emblem of the Republic. It is our happiness to be the room in which it is love emotionally, but we believe it also for those who shall in the coming years assemble under its folds.

We shall love this flag by what it has meant to the pioneers who have gone before us.

In the young days of the nation's independence, as the farmers gathered to see the new banner for the first time rub up the pole on the village green, the Revolutionary army commanded to follow its fluttering folds in battle, it signified to them that liberty for which they were taking their desperate chance along an unknown way.

When liberty was won, the flag came to speak another message. Americans got conscious of the republic's organic unity, realized in the world's map come a country without old customs to bind the free citizenship of its manhood; to pack with force enough for all the waters and bound beyond measure a place for every energy, and for the unlimited working out of every public or humanity; and more than all, a full-blooded nation, one in origin, one in blood and in aim, one in faith and in destiny. Of all the opportunity and the national life the flag has been the signal and the sacred pledge a hundred years. The flag has been the language of the passion for America. The dying soldier has smiled towards it as to his mother's face. It was worth dying to see. It has been worth living to honor and serve it.

And we shall also cherish the flag for it will bear message for the generations to come.

It is possible for our flag to mean that the people who walk beneath it are bound together in mutual obligations. It is for it to signify that the nation is a family—where the strong are ambitious for the weak, where there is a true equality of opportunity, where fraternity is no real as liberty.

Moreover, it is the privilege of the man and woman to express a higher ideal of patriotism than the world has known. As the years roll on, the children of this land also be the sign of its unpolluted justice. As they march the republic's fights, they must likewise achieve better conditions. Transportation is the union communication that America shall be true to her kindred world. The flag will have been in vain if it does not remind Americans that it is in behalf of humanity that the principles it stands have been lent working towards their triumph; that this is the destiny of our great republic to be the world's leader in progress and teacher in peace.

But the public school holds the key of the future. It is the students of these years of the nineteenth century who will shape the America of the twentieth century. Whether the principles of the fathers of the republic are to be realized, whether the United States are to stand in fealty with the new democracies of the new age, whether patriotism shall be intelligent, and whether intelligence shall be patriotic—depends—all on the young Americans who are now in the public schools.

The flag we raised today is to be our emblem of intelligence. As we daily see it floating above our school we shall be proud we are Americans. The history of our nation will have a deeper meaning for us. We shall be grateful to be intelligent on the great issues of the present. We shall retain that patriotism as much as upon any economy of moderate in the land, rests the republic's future.

We accept this flag and pledge to it our allegiance and our love. The public school is the nation's institution, and we, with the flag above us, we begin our citizenship.

The following patriotic song, written expressly for the occasion by Lucklan Butterworth, was sung in every school:

CHEER, CHEER WE THE FLAG EVER TRUE.

Tune: "Red, White and Blue."

While the country to the nation's defend in,
The roots of prosperity grow,
We hail the emblem that ribbons
Our ever to Washington's work
Raise the flag that our fathers established
Our country's glory and pride
Protect that for the freedom they planted,
Let the star light rule over true.

CHORUS—Cheer, cheer we the flag ever true!
Cheer, cheer we the flag ever true!
The flag for liberty planted,
The star to the rules ever true!

When the last cross of Freedom commanded
With new axes of Liberty's light,
Our fathers arose and defended
For freedom by cannon of the fight,
Then forward to battle they go to victory,
For right on the foreign were to be true,
And treasured the star in glory
Their standard were never true.—Chorus.

The banners of tyranny faded,
The cross and Liberty's gold,
And the flag on Bunker hill shaded
And the dome of our city to unfold,
And they planted it in the mountain valleys,
To the dying's last breath to defend,
To the world's gift of man, over glorious,
And honor the star of the north.—Chorus.

Let the School, for American glory
The product of the fathers raise,
A banner years rolling the story,
A standard years rolling to view,
Which from on the mountain of valor
Will float on the breeze of the gale,
For Liberty, for our star and stripes,
For Congress, for union and for right.—Chorus.

FIRST SCHOOL.

In the First School the following programme was observed:

Music ..... Sidney Shakespear
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner" ..... School
Song, "Star spangled Spangle of Freedom" ..... Primary Class
Recitation, "The Flag" ..... Grace Cowan
Recitation, "Our Country's Flag" ..... Ella Cowan
Recitation, "This is the Flag for Me" ..... Minnie Rowe
Song, "Our Flag" ..... Primary Class
Recitation, "The Boy Washington" ..... Ida Rowe
Recitation, "Washington's Birthday" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "The Fourth of July" ..... Ella Rowe
Song, "America" ..... School and Audience

SECOND SCHOOL.

In the Second School the following programme was observed:

Song, "Star Spangled Banner" ..... School
Song, "Star spangled Spangle of Freedom" ..... Primary Class
Recitation, "Washington's Birthday" ..... Wyant Bunnell
Recitation, "Our Country's Flag" ..... Ella Cowan
Recitation, "Washington" ..... Fanny Cowan
Recitation, "Our Flag" ..... Ella Cowan
Recitation, "The Boy Washington" ..... Ida Rowe
Recitation, "Harlan's Farm" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "Washington's Birthday" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "The Fourth of July" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "The Fourth of July" ..... Ella Rowe
Song, "America" ..... School and Audience

THIRD SCHOOL.

The following programme was carried out in the Third district school:

Song—"Star Spangled Banner" ..... School
Presentation of Flag ..... Prof. Warren Hall
Acceptance of Flag ..... Hattie Adams
Address to the Flag ..... Hattie Bailey
Recitation, "Our Country's Flag" ..... Ella Cowan
Song—"Star spangled Spangle of Freedom" ..... Primary Class
Recitation, "Washington's Birthday" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "Our Flag" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "The Boy Washington" ..... Ida Rowe
Recitation, "Our Flag" ..... Fanny Pratt
Recitation, "The Star, Stripe and Blue" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "Washington" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "Our Flag" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "The Fourth of July" ..... Ella Rowe
Song—"America" ..... School and Audience

FOURTH SCHOOL.

In the Fourth school the flag was presented by Bishop Scott, and an appropriate programme was carried out:

FIFTH SCHOOL.

In the Fifth school a military salute was given with the words: "A salute to the flag, and will learn to honor it." The "Star Spangled Banner" was then sung by the school. Then followed the speeches of presentation and acceptance of the flag. Other exercises of an appropriate and patriotic character were also rendered.

SIXTH SCHOOL.

A splendid programme was rendered in the Sixth school. The presentation address was made by Bishop Walker.

SEVENTH SCHOOL.

The programme observed in the Seventh Ward was as follows:

Song ..... "America"
Recitation, "Washington's Birthday" ..... Hattie Bailey
Recitation, "Washington" ..... Ella Rowe
Recitation, "Washington Anecdote" ..... Fred Cowan Pratt
Song ..... "The Nation's Banner"
Recitation ..... The School
Recitation ..... Minnie Rowe
Song ..... Primary Class
Recitation ..... Ella Rowe
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