

whole both in earnestness of purpose and in mental ability, there is a marked in all the grades over any previous year.

The commercial college, in charge of Prof. J. B. Keeler, as head, assisted by Asst. Prof. L. E. Eggerston, Asst. Prof. B. S. Hinckley, Instructor, Edward D. Holt, and Prof. J. L. Townshend, reports an enrollment of 58 pupils. Besides these 65 from other departments have taken special studies, making in all 123, who have been instructed in this department during the year. On the whole excellent progress has been made by all of the students. Of the number in attendance 8 were prepared today to receive their diplomas, they having completed the prescribed work; 3 will receive certificates in special courses.

Above all else the academy is a normal training school. Students may pursue academic courses, but for these no degree is offered. To obtain the degree (Bachelor of Pedagogy) they must indicate their intention to teach, and must pursue successfully the courses in pedagogy and psychology, as well as the practice offered in the training school. The degree is offered at the completion of four years' successful work. The work done in this department during the year has in the whole been satisfactory. The students, with few exceptions, and these exceptions have been notified of their partial failures, have been earnest, hard workers. Their success is attested by the fact that few have failed to pass the final examination. It has been the policy of the school to admit none but earnest students, and after admittance to continue only those who by aptitude and application retain the required standard. This is done with the desire of producing a better class of teachers, better professionally and academically. Seven applicants for the highest honors of the academy are before you today. These have completed the four years' course, including practice in the training school.

The M. I. normal class, in charge of Dr. M. H. Hardy, assisted by other teachers, is under the immediate control of the general superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A. Brother Hardy reports an attendance during the year of 135, of whom all were called on a mission by the First Presidency to attend this class, others coming by special request of the ward authorities. Instructions were given in the M. I. Manual in method of study, psychology, parliamentary law, vocal music, civil government, natural science, physiology and hygiene, and in law. Besides these, students are permitted to choose from the courses offered in the normal department others sufficient to make up twenty hours recitation per week. Members of this class have the same privileges and are subject to the rules and regulations as regular normals. Excellent work has been done in all the branches. There has been some falling off during the year, but this little, like in the Sunday school class, is due mostly to the urgent requirements of home duties. In the case of missionaries leaving, honorable releases were obtained from the First Presidency. It is intended, I believe, that this course

shall continue, and if possible its efficiency increased.

The Sunday school normal class.—The aim in this class is to prepare teachers of teachers, the idea being to establish in all the Stakes or in all the wards of the Stakes normal classes for Sunday school teachers. This of course will take some time, but an excellent beginning has been made this year. There has been an enrollment during the year of 156 students, 50 of whom attended during the first semester and 106 during the second semester. These were called by the First Presidency to this special mission. The class is under the immediate superintendence of the Deseret Sunday School Union. Instructions have been given during the year in science of education, in elementary psychology as applied to teaching, in the methods of teaching, in the organization and management of schools, in the end and aim of Sunday school teaching and in the proper qualifications of the Sunday school teacher. There has been conducted every Sabbath in connection with this class a Sabbath school in which the principles taught theoretically during the week have been subjected to the tests of practice. On the whole, excellent results have so far been attained, the students being universally energetic, hard working young men and women.

In the mechanic art department, drawing and wood-work, in charge of Prof. J. L. Townshend, has during this the first year of its existence produced excellent results. One hundred and forty from all the grades, as well as from the higher departments, have received instructions in the use of tools and light machinery and in the principles and practice of construction. Besides the regular work, much work has been done by making useful and necessary articles in the academy, such as desks, tables, bulletin boards, etc. This is the most nearly self-supporting department in the academy. In needlework, under the tuition of Sister Young, instructions have been given in plain and artistic sewing, in fancy work and in dress making—cutting and fitting. Sister Young reports that classes have been conducted every day from 12 o'clock to 5 o'clock p.m., the hours of recitation being arranged with the students that other studies may not be interfered with. The cutting and fitting classes are each twenty weeks, taking up in order measurement rules, drafting patterns, fitting, and, lastly, making complete dresses. The skill attained by the majority of the students has been satisfactory and all have been able to complete the required work.

The art department is in charge of Brothers John Hafen, John A. Fairbanks, and E. Evans, all graduates of the art school at Paris, France. Instructions have been given in artistic drawing and in landscape and portrait painting in oil and water colors.

The music department, in charge of Prof. H. E. Giles, assisted by Miss Otilie Maeser and Miss Edith Beck, has given instructions in vocal and instrumental music and in voice culture. Upon the whole the work has been satisfactory. In some cases exceptional progress has been made by the students. The good teaching in vocal music and voice culture is shown at

devotional exercises by the excellent congregational singing.

Dr. M. H. Hardy, librarian, reports on hand up to date 1,310 bound volumes, 1,806 pamphlets, 43 charts. During the year there has been received, as shown by the accession book, 139 bound volumes, and 147 pamphlets. Of these the Women's club of Provo kindly presented 54 volumes, besides the valuable set of furniture, carpets, and fixtures for the library room. Thanks are due Hon. Joseph L. Rawlins, our representative in Congress, for valuable books and pamphlets sent from Washington. We desire also to thank the following publishing houses for newspapers sent to our table: DESERET EVENING NEWS, Salt Lake Herald, Utah Enquirer, Ogden Standard, Evening Dispatch, Logan Nation, Montpelier Post, Woman's Exponent, Logan Journal, Beaver Usonian, Wasatch Wave, Mt. Pleasant Pyramid, Millard Progress, Vernal Express, Central Press, Brigham Bugler, Lehi Banner, Manti Messenger, Richfield Advocate, Contributor, Juvenile Instructor, and Young Women's Journal.

The military department was in charge of Brother Emil Maeser up to the time of his departure for his new field of labor in Germany, when it was taken by Brother Arthur Dalley. The physical culture has been conducted by Miss Amy Brown for the young ladies and by Brother O. W. Andelin for the young men. The exercises have in every respect produced the desired results. In the military drill 50 have been enrolled. In the physical culture 58 young men and 52 young women.

Summer Session.—Arrangements have been made to continue the instructions in the commercial college during the whole vacation, and in all other departments of the academy for five weeks, beginning July 9th. Dr. Hinsdale, professor of pedagogy in the University of Michigan, and professional training teachers have been engaged to give instructions in the science and art of education. This summer session enables the teachers who are busy during the regular school year to pursue their studies, and thus improve academically and professionally. It enables young men, also, who occupy offices during the winter to receive needed instructions in the commercial branches.

In conclusion I will say that today closes one of the most successful years the academy has ever had, and that the prospects for the future prosperity and advancement were never brighter. In all things we feel to acknowledge the hand of God and to testify that His Spirit has been with the school guiding and directing it in its course.

The residence of Thomas L. O'bray Jr., at Paradise, was totally destroyed by fire at about 1 o'clock on Monday morning. Mrs. O'bray was awakened at about that time by her baby, and found the house completely filled with smoke. There was no time for the family to obtain their clothing, and but just time for them to escape with life. Two of the children were so nearly suffocated as to be unconscious, and remained in that condition for nearly two hours. The loss is estimated at between \$800 and \$900. The house was insured for \$500.