EXCELSIOR.

Dr. Maeser's Instructive Lecture on That Subject at the Students' Society Last Night.

At the Students' Society last evening, Dr. Karl G. Maeser delivered a highly instructive lecture which was listened to with wrapt attention. His subject was "Excelsior," which was a word his father gave him, he said, when he was a boy, and told him to take it for his motto.

Previous to the lecture, however, Brother Kara Robinson recited Anthony's speech at the funeral of Julius Cæsar, and was warmly applauded at the close.

Miss Glendolin Lewis favored the audience with a musical selection which was much appreciated.

Dr. Maeser continued his address by saying (maybe we's excelsior as a motto is to be meant in the literal sense, truth, virtue, honor, integrity, power, skill, knowledge and intelligence, and to attach these things to their purity and nobleness should be our aim and goal. We may not completely arrive at the desired end in this world, but we can progress and continue in that line hereafter, in an onward march to perfection. He dwelt on these things, he said, because he wished to encourage the young people standing as they were, many of them, upon the threshold of life and responsibility, to strive for the good and beautiful and all that goes to make up a perfect, well spent successful life. He wished to impress upon the minds of all the importance of doing everything well. Never be a scrub. What is a scrub? One that stands for nothing because he cannot be depended on, whose course is downward and not upward. He knows not what the word excelsior means. You will find him on the street smoking, or in the saloon drinking, carousing and wasting away his life, and in places generally where only scrubs loiter and congregate, and such are they who usually break the Sabbath and esteem lightly holy and sacred things. Do not be a scrub; avoid reading trashy novels and literature. Never spend your time in spinning filthy yarns and stories, this is what scrubs do.

The lecturer said he might go on mentioning many things of this nature but the subject was not a pleasant one to contemplate. He would turn to the opposite again. He a monitor wishes to whatever you do. Never be content to take the rear rank in what vocation you have chosen, large sheet and leave infertility behind you. No matter whether you are a farmer, a mechanic, or a professional man, or whatever job are well proper persons are necessary in the great household of humanity. Do not be a scrub in your line of work. You cannot afford to be. Become a pattern in whatever you are, be you a husband or a wife, father or a mother, son or daughter, sister or brother, citizen—in any capacity you may be called to act. Be the best.

What a glorious work of an educational and moral character we are engaged in in these latter days! What opportunities you have, young people that are born and raised here among the advantages that surround us! Here the speaker enumerated the many advantages for advancement and development to be obtained in the various improvement associations, Sunday schools, day schools, Church schools, etc. The young people and others that could were advised to make the best of these opportunities. If they allowed privileges that they could make use of to slip by carelessly and unheeded, sooner or later in their lives they would regret it. These wasted opportunities would become death of fire on their heads and their deep curses in old age would cause much pain and suffering. Make the most of every chance that you have.

The speaker remembered chances he had showed to waste in his early days; he felt that had he made use of them they would have been of great advantage to him many times in his life since, but they were gone forever; no matter how hard he longed for them, they were gone forever.

Look around you, read the history of the past, path by means before you. We read of heroes, martyrs to science, art, religion and to the higher qualities that man possesses. Men and women who have been the standard-bearers of truth and righteousness. These are before you to profit by their example and labors.

Be an artist in your work. Have an ideal as the artist does, and a goal to aim at. The man who has no ideal does not know what excelsior is. Every man and woman should, like the artist, have in their mind's eye a beautiful ideal to work to, that your course may be towards the highest excelsior motto continually.

God has revealed laws that if we will live in accordance with them will insure to us health, longevity and strength that our bodies may be a fit abode for the Godlike and eternal spirit that dwells in them.

How about those that corrupt their bodies by smoking, drinking and moving in an atmosphere that is polluted morally and physically? What is their part? You cannot see it for tobacco smoke.

Dr. Maeser spoke of the Israelites. How they were freed from their Egyptian bondage by the power of God through the instrumentality of Moses, the servant of God, how God guided, led and instructed His people for many years that He might instruct them, but that they were not worthy of this great and glorious privilege, and when they came to Mount Sinai and the Lord told them to come up to the mount that He might speak to them, they were afraid and said Moses will go up and we will make a fence around the mount and whosoever shall go inside of that, be it man or beast, save it be thee, we will stay. "Not there is no fence around Mount Sinai now. It has been removed and we can climb to the top of the mountain if we will and there commune with Jehovah. This is our destiny as the people of God. Dr. Maeser hoped that we would live up to our privileges. Keep the word excelsior constantly in view as a motto. He closed by invoking the blessings of God upon those present.

The benediction was pronounced by Elias Morris, after which meeting adjourned for one week.

UTAH'S TRUE CONDITION.

Some Reasons for Its Present Dull Time.

Editor Deseret News:

Please allow me a little space in the News to present a few of my views in regard to our present time and situation.

Our beloved Territory was many years ago called by the honored pioneer "Deseret," and President Brigham Young desired in his heart that the people should work unitedly like the honey bee, with as few drones as possible in their hive. He was indeed endowed with great wisdom and power to instruct and organize the people, so that they should be independent. But we have not carried out his wise counsels, nor followed his example. If we had, Utah would today have within her boundaries hundreds of factories, employing many thousands of people, and with many millions of dollars in circulation. Now while that is not the case today, it is of great importance for us to find out the reason, and what there is to do for every one of us to bring this our country up to a high standard in every respect, that it may shine as a light for the world.

Nature has here provided for us in a great measure, and let it for us to use our intelligence, each in his place. There are a great many things for every class of people in our community to observe and in earnest take hold of before we can raise our country to that desired standard. We have for many years raised good crops, and our precious minerals, and our real estate have given us many millions of dollars income. Why is it that there is no more money in general circulation? I believe it is because it is piled up too much in the banks, where it does not serve the public as well as if it were invested in different industries or manufacturing business. Wherefore I will first appeal to our capitalists and ask them to take these matters into consideration. Thousands of articles are imported by us, that ought to be manufactured or produced here; and if there is not something done in the near future to change this state of affairs, we will be in a very poor condition, financially. I heartily endorse this great labor, performed of late, in regard to the establishing of a copper smelting and refining plant, and I am hope that this step will lead to another still greater, and so there is a great field open for our capitalists.

There is also a great labor for our merchants to perform. They should do their duty in again bringing the Deseret Woolen Mill and many other mills to running with full speed, by putting to the front in their windows and showcases home production and by ceasing to import so much of the foreign goods. I think of late of our worsted and Scotchdale line, and every day going to odd, and by that breaking the merchants up in business, the latter on the other hand will protect the working classes and themselves, and save the money from that destructive condition we of late have witnessed: "Business bankrupt."

Now for the farmers. Many and great are the blessings that are in store for them, by learning a few solid facts in regard to their temporal salvation. I know of a surety that a great number of our farmers are in debt for all their farm and it should implements; pay very heavy interests, and have but a poor show to ever get out of that bondage. Many times I have tried to get you to try to be without these articles until you can pay cash for them. Take the interest money you pay for these machines and give to your brother and friend, thereby paying him to cut your grain, feed of grain and hay and helping him, save yourself from debt, also keeping the money at home.

We want to buy a wagon, the agent tells us, that if we can pay cash, we can get for $75, but if we get it at a time, we pay $100. We buy it on time, sign a note for $100 with eighteen per cent interest and ten per cent additional as a lawyer's fee for collection, which in these close times very often takes place. In consequence that there are many that do not comprehend that they, in such cases, are paying thirty-eight per cent interest per annum, and in some instances even more than that; and how many are times after they have made such a great sacrifice to come in possession of those forts, only work them a few days in each year, and leave them the balance of the time to the field to be rolled by the weather. I am satisfied that one-third of the farming implements now in existence here would be sufficient to farm all the land now in cultivation. Let us study to keep the best breeds of stock and in good, warm stables. Many of our farmers through this Territory have many times as much stock as they can take proper care of, and the consequence is that their labor is in vain, and instead of income there is great loss in feed. We will get more work out of two powerful work horses than four ponies and save a man's wages and expenses in harness and tools. We will also get more milk and butter from four good cows than from eight or ten poor ones that are set in an open corral every day in the year.

We ought to unite ourselves in establishing dairies in every settlement, by that system we will be able to provide a much better quality and a great quantity of the same amount of milk; save labor and trouble; and by forcing such a good article on the market we will thereby bring our merchants to try of us instead of importing from the east and west for many thousand dollars worth every year, and put the money in our own hive. There is also many thousands of dollars going out every year for eggs and poultry that ought not to go. Let us raise plenty of chickens, keep them in good, warm, clean and dry coops, feed them regular and three times a day with different kinds of food, and we will find that this will be a profitable business. Let us raise more hogs, and if it is not a very paying business, it will anyhow stop that great importation from the east and keep the money in circulation at home. Our fruit trees are, many of them, too old and of a common sort; it is our duty to plant a variety of the best fruit for our own use, as we ship to the market, and thereby stop the great importation of all kinds of fruit from California.

Let us co-operate and build canning factories in our settlements, give employment to our own people and bring a wholesome and healthy food to the market, much better for the people to partake of than that which is raised in a warmer climate than ours.

There is still another important item to be forward to study, and that is immense tannery. There were many thousands of dollars thrown out of our Territory the last two years worldwent east and west. The law of the country provides for the establishment of corporations, banking, insurance, manufacturing and other enterprises for the benefit of all people, and we certainly ought to take advantage thereof.

Therefore, to one and all, let us take these few things in consideration that I, in a very imperfect manner, have herein pointed out; and I am satisfied that if every one will work earnestly in his right place, and also do his duty even in getting rid of some of the "drones," the "hive will soon be filled with sweet honey, and the queen will unitedly and expand her wings over all the south." And Utah will then become long means of a brighter state in this great Utah.

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