

citizens. With the enthusiasm characteristic of the genuine artist and poet—he possesses the genius of both—he has staked much upon the result of this enterprise. Every lover of the beautiful who can possibly do so should manifest appreciation of a work so creditable and a devotion so striking by patronizing this high-class production. There is nothing much more commendable in men of means than to encourage struggling genius, which is too often passed by without commensurate notice, especially of a substantial character. Every person with the least capacity to perceive the beautiful in art who has examined "Scenic Utah," has expressed unqualified delight in contemplating it. But something more than enunciations in words is needed in cases of this nature.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE.

At the Social Hall, beginning at 11 a. m., the commencement exercises of the fifth academic year of the Latter-day Saints' College were held May 21. There were present on the stand, President Wilford Woodruff, President George Q. Cannon, Bishop Elias Morris, Brothers W. B. Dougall, Willard Young and H. W. Naisbitt.

The proceedings opened with the anthem:

O, come let us sing.

by the students, conducted by Prof. Evan Stephens.

Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. B. Dougall.

The male Glee club rendered very beautifully the "Invocation to Harmony."

Brother Orlando Barrus delivered an address on "Our Intermediate Department." He said that a most harmonious feeling prevailed between students and teachers; that all branches of common education were taught; and that the intermediate department was the stepping-stone to higher studies. He spoke of the spirit of fraternity and equality which pervaded all classes in the school. There was no class, no caste, no feeling of superiority, all the students from the youngest to the oldest entertained feelings of love and respect for each other. The Spirit of God guided all the work of the school, and the result was that ties were formed within the school room that would last forever.

Brother Wilby Dougall of the academic department delivered an eloquent address on "Our Academic Graduates." He dwelt on the benefits and influences of education. It trains the mind and gives it harmony and symmetry. Besides this, the best educated persons invariably come to the front in all the walks of life. Careful and conscientious judgment should be exercised in the selection of studies. There was special delight to be found in every department of literature. History had its pleasure as well as its storehouses of knowledge, so had zoology, botany, geology and other branches. Good teachers and good schools help the student, but the best teacher is God, and through Him the road to knowledge lies.

Sister Mamie Woolley delivered a very instructive address in which she said that though they were met to conclude their studies, yet in reality they

were only at the commencement. Woman's mission was a great one, and her influence important. "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Provision was made for woman's development. There was in her own bosom a monitor which served as the rudder does to the ship. In the Latter-day Saints' College woman receives the respect of all. There is perfect equality, sex is no distinction. She is upheld and sustained and her sphere enlarged to the common limit of all. She would remember her school days to the end of her life, and she was pleased to say that she could forever look back to them as bright and sunny moments.

A solo, "Sweet Heather Bell," was exquisitely rendered by Sister Della Daynes.

This was followed by an address on "Theology in School" by Brother Jedediah Taylor. He said this was the science of all sciences. It was the science of God, and he hoped that the Church schools would be extensively established so that a proper training could be given to all young persons. Nations which ignored or discarded the theology invariably fell, while governments which practiced equity were founded on God's commandments. Theology need not be taught to the exclusion of all other branches, but it should be an essential part of the school course of studies. He said that a very small portion of time was devoted to it; however, the results were good. He concluded with an appropriate quotation from Charles McKay.

Sister Jennie Hubbard read an essay on "The Teacher's Calling," in which she dwelt forcibly on its usefulness and importance. The aim of the teacher is to prepare the young for the arduous struggles of life. The teacher in Zion had a most important mission as well as duty to perform. The truths of heaven should be taught side by side with the rules of grammar and the problems of mathematics.

A selection was next rendered by members of the German class.

Oscar Vance delivered a very able address on "Experimental Science." He dwelt considerably on the utility of domestic science, inasmuch as it comprehended the sanitary condition of homes and of their environments, and, as a matter of course, the health of the people.

Sister Zina Beunton delivered a very interesting address on "The Teacher's Reward." She said that the teacher's profession was not the road to wealth, yet it had its rewards, and they were more substantial than any that worldly pursuits could give.

A piano duet, "Lust-Spiel," was artistically rendered by Sisters Jenta Smith and Mamie Freeze.

The principal, Dr. Talmage, next presented those who had completed the course of studies prescribed by the Board of Education, with certificates of proficiency. In phonography, Brothers Angus Nicholson and David Richards; in the business course, Brothers George Wallace and John Woodhury, and in science, Brother Wilby Dougall.

Oscar Vance, and Sister Zina Beunton received certificates. In the Junior Normal Course the following received certificates: Zina Beunton, Frank H. Cutler, Jennie Hubbard,

Phillip S. Maycock, David L. Richards, Donnette Smith, Joseph A. Gill, Georgiana Webster, Hyrum Beckstrand, John A. Clark, Mary E. Lindsey, Lucy Maycock, Celie Raymond, Jennie Smith, Katie Thomas and Mamie Woolley.

Dr. Talmage, under authority from the General Board of Education, conferred the Degree of Bachelor of Didactics on Instructor Willard Done.

President Wilford Woodruff said he was thankful to again have the privilege of meeting with the teachers and students of the Latter-day Saints' college—with the sons and daughters of Zion raised in these mountains—on the occasion of their commencement exercises. He was a strong believer in the proverb that "Knowledge is power," and also in the fact, as he himself viewed it, that the character of a man or woman was formed between childhood and the age of eighteen years. We lived in an age when presidents, congressmen, governors and rulers sought to dissociate the Bible from the public schools. This was patent to the whole world in regard to our own nation. He was thankful, however, that he had lived long enough to see arrangements made, plans adopted, and schools established wherein the Bible, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the principles of life and salvation were taught to the rising generation. He looked upon geology as one of the most important branches that could be taught, whether in Utah or any other State or Territory. He regarded the young men and women before him as occupying a position different from those in any other part of the world. They were instructed in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in all its fulness, and those principles which were for the exaltation and glory of the children of men. But upon their shoulders a great responsibility rested, and it therefore behooved them to make good use of the advantages which they possessed. The speaker earnestly urged his hearers to improve their time as far as possible, and seek to qualify themselves for the duties which would hereafter devolve upon them. He felt a great anxiety for the welfare of the sons and daughters of Zion, and he thanked God that they had already begun to lay the foundation for a bright future. After speaking of the necessity for extending the facilities in the way of the students, President Woodruff expressed his great pleasure at seeing the progress which was being made here and throughout the valleys of these mountains in educational matters. He hoped and trusted that means would be granted for the establishing and increasing of those buildings in which the young among the Latter-day Saints were taught, both in this city and elsewhere in the Territory. In conclusion the speaker prayed that the blessing of God might rest upon all engaged in the good work.

President George Q. Cannon, in the course of a very interesting and forcible address, said he had for many years felt very deeply the importance of such academics as that of which the young people before him were students, and he was glad to have that opportunity