

# Movement for Industrial Institute for the Blind in Utah

UTAH will probably have an industrial institute for the blind—at least energetic efforts are being made for that purpose. One meeting has been held for consideration of the subject, and on Jan. 6 another will take place at the governor's office, when the project will be fully discussed. It is the hope of those now moving in the interests of the enterprise, to have the subject brought up before the big convention which is to meet in the city on Jan. 15 for the agitation of good roads, and also to bring the matter before the next legislature. The movement has been taken up by the Western Association of the Blind and the Auxiliary Reading Room association, and so widespread has public interest become in the condition of this rapidly growing portion of the community that the time seems ripe for furnishing an institution where they may be taught the arts and crafts that will help to make them independently self-supporting rather than pauperized.

The initial step in organizing for the interests of the blind was taken last spring in April when the Western Association for the Blind was organized at a meeting held at the L. D. S. University. Its object being "to encourage reading and industrial activities for the blind and also to promote their highest social development through any avenue of study and work that may be suited to them." Officers were elected and plans discussed for the future of the movement, among them the establishment of permanent headquarters, and to encourage the establishments of shops where the adult blind may be taught some useful trades thus enabling them to become, at least, partially self-supporting.

## HUMBLE BEGINNING.

The narrative of how this Western association began with eight blind, no money on hand or place to meet is deeply touching, and there is great rejoicing that from that humble beginning of organized effort have blossomed the fair hopes that now brighten at the horizon.

These had a wonderful impetus in the establishment of an auxiliary reading room for the blind. This important aid was effected through the efforts of Mrs. Andrew S. Rowan of Fort Douglas, who early last fall took initial steps for establishing the reading room where the blind may come at stated times and listen to readings from entertaining and useful books. This is an adjunct to the Packard free library a room in the building being tendered for the purpose by the president of the board of directors John D. Spencer. With the room secured, active

work was at once commenced. Mrs. Rowan and several other ladies volunteered their service for the readings, and three days were set apart when the blind might meet together and hear that they might choose from the collection of books at hand. Among those who alternate with these readings were Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. A. C. Griffiths, Miss Margaret Dooley, Miss Zorbaugh, Miss Van Cott, Miss Mary Williams, and in charge in the class work on Saturday are Miss Baer, Miss Niles and Miss Evans.

In the meantime new measures were quietly carried on for securing appropriate additions to the library, and also the raised alphabets and

other things which might aid the convenience and advancement of the blind. A class was formed for the study of the typewriter and the various systems of reading from raised letters, this class meeting in the reading room on Saturday morning.

## TYPEWRITER DONATED.

Through the help of generous donations a typewriter was secured, and the work put well under way through the important aid of Miss Combs, whose services have been secured for teaching the typewriter, and that of Miss Marie Hansen, who teaches the raised type.

Through Mrs. Rowan's efforts a number of representative people of the city became members of the auxiliary association and have helped materially in its cause. A notable event was launched for furthering its interests in the way of a large public reception, held at the Kenyon parlors on Dec. 5, when a great throng, comprising a number of state officers and many other prominent people, were present to lend encouragement to the effort for the blind. Since then the officers of the two associations have worked constantly, keeping the important matter in public interest till now, with the meeting scheduled to take place on Jan. 6, most important plans will in all probability be outlined for the help of the blind.

## FLASHLIGHT PICTURE OF BLIND TAKEN AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

There are various things the blind can do in the way of self-support. They need only the aid and prestige of professional training to make them independent in the otherwise helpless condition to which an unhappy fate has consigned them. It is to the credit of Utah that she is giving willing ear to these pleas for assistance, thus taking her place among the progressive and humane commonwealths of the nation. For this measure of success, thanks are due the earnest, active workers who have instituted and aided the cause.

## PROMINENT PROMOTER.

Albert M. Talmage, one of the principal promoters of the "Society for the Aid of the Sightless," and the "Western Association of the Blind," in Utah, and a brother of Dr. James E. Talmage of this city, was born in England. He lost his sight through an accident just previous to his sixth birthday, and shortly after came to this country with his parents. There was no school for the blind in Utah, and his parents decided not to send him to any of the outside institutions, as they feared to have him far away from home. But books and appliances were secured for him and with slight aid he taught himself to read and use the various appliances.

At last Utah established a school and he entered in 1897, shortly after the opening. There he met Miss Whalen, who is now his wife, and who had charge of the department for the blind. He continued his studies there for a short time, and then entered the B. Y. university at Provo. While pursuing his work, he learned the various systems of reading in use by the blind, the manipulation of the Braille and New York point writers, as well as the different industries pursued by them, especially hammock-making, reed-weaving, basket-making, chair-caning, and so forth. He also became an expert in the use of the typewriter. He was the first to introduce a checker board for the blind in Utah, and he designed and manufactured a complete set of chess men for the use of the blind, which set is the only one in the west.

Having been impressed for a long time with the need of literature prepared for the use of the adult blind, Mr. Talmage, after leaving school, took up the work of printing, which led to the organization of the "Society for the Aid of the Sightless," which society is incorporated under the laws of the state with a charter, and its special work is the charge of the printing and assisting in whatever way it can for the advancement of the adult blind. It has been collecting data and in-

vestigating their needs, so that it can work to better advantage for them and it stands ever ready, as far as it is able, to assist other organizations founded for the welfare of the blind.

Always Mr. Talmage's heart went out in sympathy for the class of afflicted ones like himself, and with his wife he traveled throughout the state visiting and encouraging those sightless ones and teaching them in their homes. Sometimes, while on these errands of mercy, the blind who had been neglected would look upon him as an angel of light come to deliver them from their cells of darkness. It was during these travels that it appeared to him necessary to establish a bond of union among them, and the most feasible plan seemed to be to arrange small societies or clubs in different sections of the intermountain region, where a few blind were collected together. The primary object was to organize for social purposes, and then to pursue some line of work which might prove beneficial to the whole class. Salt Lake City offered a splendid field since so many blind, comparatively speaking, were assembled here, and thus the "Western Association of the Blind" was instituted, having as its original officers S. W. Jenkinson, president; Mrs. J. J. Snyder, treasurer; Albert M. Talmage, secretary and manager, and Ralph Clark, Marie Hansen and N. C. Hanks, the board of directors.

## WORK OF WESTERN ASSN.

The design is that the Western association shall take charge of the work and organize branch associations in every center where a few blind dwell, thus keeping in touch with all the blind in the intermountain region, encouraging them on their journey through life, leading them from their dismal darkness into light, so that they may feel that they are a vital part of the great active world around them.

## ONLY SEEING MEMBER.

Mrs. J. J. Snyder, who was chosen treasurer of the association, was the only seeing member, and was deeply interested in the cause, being the mother of a little blind daughter. She opened the doors of her house, where meetings were held till Mrs. Rowan of Fort Douglas established an auxiliary to the reading room at the Packard library. Great credit is due her also for her untiring effort in looking up the blind in the city and visiting them in their homes. At the annual meeting, she resigned and was chosen librarian of the auxiliary.

W. A. Hodges the present secretary

is a most inspiring example to all workers of the blind. Having lost his sight at the age of 63, he has learned all the systems in use. The American and English Braille, New York Point, and Union type besides the use of a Braille type-writer. He took up these studies at home having never attended a blind school.

Miss Marie Hansen the present treasurer is an exceedingly bright young girl. After graduating from the B. Y. University at Provo, this year she is a student at the L. D. S. University. She takes piano instruction, besides teaching a class at the auxiliary of the reading room for the blind at the public library.

## EMINENTLY EQUIPPED.

Mrs. Andrew S. Rowan, founder of the auxiliary library for the blind came eminently equipped for successfully launching the enterprise, having organized a similar adjunct to the public library in San Francisco, which is still in a flourishing condition, and having been for long in touch with the institutions for the blind throughout two continents, as well as their officers and patrons. Among the latter is the queen of Roumania, who is herself devoted to the cause of the blind, and from whom Mrs. Rowan has a letter expressing her interest in Mrs. Rowan's endeavor for bettering the condition of the unfortunate ones. Mrs. Rowan, while connected with such practical philanthropies, finds time to express her inspirations in charming verse, and a number of her poems have had acceptance in well-known journals. The following from the New Thought magazine is chosen as a very fitting expression of her ideals both as cherished and matured.

## GIVE.

What we give, we keep;  
Where we plant, we reap.  
Naught but tolling hand  
Washes out the sand;  
We must delve to find,  
Friends we seek, we bind.

Nothing worth, unwrought  
To our hands is brought.  
To our hands is brought,  
This is Love's refrain;  
Each must share, to know  
Blessings' overflow.

We must give to save,  
Be he king or slave.  
Action, generous deed,  
Not the broken bread,  
Is our life's demand.  
Give! 'tis God's command.  
Josephine Morris Rowan.



S. W. JENKINSON,

Sightless President of Western Association of the Blind.

Mr. S. W. Jenkinson, the president of the Western Association of the Blind, is one of the leading spirits in an ever active interest and effort for bettering the condition of the blind, his hope being to aid in the establishment of measures and material that shall result in their progress and happiness. He is energetic, well read, and constant in his activity for the advancement of himself and others who know the enforced limitations of this saddest of afflictions.



M. A. TALMAGE.

MRS. J. J. SNYDER.



MRS. ANDREW S. ROWAN.

## NEXT WEEK IN HISTORY.

DECEMBER 27.  
1371—Johann Kepler, famous astronomer, born, died 1630.  
1396—General John Meredith Reed, American diplomat, died, born 1837.  
1538—The Dreyfus secret dossier communicated to the court of cassation.

DECEMBER 28.  
1325—General James Wilkinson, American soldier, died, born 1757.  
1868—Thomas Babington Macaulay, celebrated English historian, died, born 1800.  
1870—Marshal Juan Prim, virtually the ruler of Spain, assassinated, born 1814.  
1899—Lord George William Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun, died, born 1810.

DECEMBER 29.  
1170—Archbishop Thomas a Becket assassinated, born about 1117.  
1808—Andrew Johnson, seventeenth president, born, died 1875.

1809—William Ewart Gladstone, British statesman, born, died 1898.  
1874—Joachim Balvinero Espartaco, Spanish statesman, died, born about 1792.

DECEMBER 30.  
40—Titus, Roman emperor, born, died 81.  
1604—Queen Isabella of Spain, patron of Columbus, died, born 1481.  
1871—John A. Kotzebue, explorer, born, died 1846.  
1891—The banks in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston suspended specie payment.  
1903—The Troquois theater burned in Chicago; 555 lives lost.

DECEMBER 31.  
1494—Jacques Cartier, first to sail up the St. Lawrence, born, died 1555.  
1729—John Edward (Leake) Peck, an English peer, who claimed the throne of the Stuarts, born, died 1793.  
1882—Leon Gambetta, prime minister of France, leader of the Republicans in

1870, died; born 1838.  
1905—Revolt in Moscow suppressed.

JANUARY 1.  
1776—American flag first used by Washington.  
1874—Resumption of specie payments in the United States.  
1891—Ignatius Donnelly, noted American scholar and orator, died; born 1831.

JANUARY 2.  
18—Titus Livius, Roman historian, died.  
1878—Caleb Cushing, jurist and statesman, died; born 1800.  
1905—Port Arthur capitulated.

## COULDN'T HAPPEN IN UTAH.

In the good old days when speed in railroading was not quite so strenuously insisted on as it is at present, Jones and Smith, as we will designate them, were, strange to relate, riding on the "accommodation train" of a certain southern railroad and discussing biblical question at the same time.

Cow after cow had been overtaken and passed, and the train was still wheezing and rattling along at the giddy speed of 10 miles an hour over the two rust streaks that answered the purpose of rails, when Smith spoke up and said:

"Jones, you say you can prove by

the scriptures that the Lord made everything. Do you imagine He had anything to do with making this slow coach road that we are riding on?"

"Certainly," He did," responded Smith. "Doesn't it say in the first chapter of Genesis that on the sixth day he made all creeping and crawling things?"

## WAR WITH JAPAN.

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SUCCEEDS GENERAL GRANT.

General Leonard Wood, who had a meteoric career in the United States army, which he entered just prior to the Spanish-American war, is now in command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, which command he has just assumed after long and arduous service in the Philippine Islands. Gen. Grant upon being relieved of his command was transferred to the Department of the Lakes, with headquarters near Chicago.

## ONE TYPE OF STATESMAN.

"The late Cooper Hewitt," said a New York lawyer, "had a keen gift of tongue."

One night of a rather dubious senator. "A model," said I. "Why do you call him a model?"

"Because," was the reply, "he is always posing before the public."

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I know woman's sufferings.  
I have found the cure.  
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