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ANN ARBOR ITEMS.

Believing that a few items from the "Western Athens" may prove interesting to your readers, I pen these lines. The "colony" is very well and favored in every way. At the University the Utah boys are making excellent records, and several bright graduates will leave here for the mountains inside of the next month.

Mr. Richard R. Lyman, who has had honors conferred upon him in profusion ever since entering the University, is Utah's brilliant student and graduate (soon to be) of civil engineering. Mathematics is a great forte with this gentleman. At present Mr. Lyman is president of the Senior ('95) literary class, and a most popular man in that most popular office. When a "sophomore" he was the president of his class, and I believe he has the honor of being the only man who has twice been the president of his classes during any course offered at the school. He has also been the "making" of the "Alpha Nu" literary society, of which he has been president several times. His class are soon to "unveil" the bust of President August (of the U. of M.) in University hall and present the same to the school as a gift and token of appreciation. It is a very commendable enterprise and will cause each member of the class much satisfaction now and in coming years to know that such a worthy and costly memorial has been left behind.

Presiding Elder, Josiah E. Hickman, and a '95 literary graduate, is another man who has done a good work for Utah in the East. His oration in the contest held some months ago, opened the eyes of many people in regard to our "Utah and Her People." Preceded by Dr. Talmage, he was enabled to make more profound and impressive the "Mormon" belief, upon his audience. His effort was masterly, and by one of the judges on "thought and composition" he was alone complimented in very flattering way. A thorough student, fervent and earnest in his religion, he is also a pleasing orator and a man worthy of love and honor. He returns home with his degree of B. S. about June 28th. Sunday last he took a pulpit instead of a pastor who was unable to meet his duty, and with such marked success that the people were very anxious for him to return again. He spoke on "Mormonism" and gave them the first principles of our religion—as he understood them—in a broad, earnest way. He received a most cordial reception and would be welcomed should he return.

Mr. Edwin Smith Hinckley is another Utah son of whom all that have the privilege of knowing are proud. He is a '95 literary student and has made geology his chief study. According to report he will be connected with the B. Y. Academy this coming year, and we heartily congratulate that school upon securing such a able professor. Richard R. Lyman is to be associated with the Provo school. Mr. Hinckley is a humble and kind man, as well as a thorough scholar. He intends leaving

Ann Arbor about June 28th and will seek rest from his labors during vacation to prepare for the serious labors of school. He has been an active member of "Alpha Mu" literary society.

Mr. John J. McClellan, the musical representative of Utah in the East, has just had a great triumph over the reputation of his "Easter Maes" (forty pages) at St. Thomas church last Sunday. He intends giving the "Maes" and some other of his works, in Salt Lake before his return to take the professorship of harmony, pipe organ and piano in the University school of music next October. Several applications have been made to secure copies of the "Maes," but as it is yet in manuscript copies are not yet obtainable. Speaking of the splendid orchestra which Mr. McClellan has trained for past year the *Courier* says:—"The finest local orchestra ever gotten together in Ann Arbor was heard under Conductor McClellan's baton Sunday, at St. Thomas'. The choir was greatly enlarged for the occasion and the music is receiving warm praises on all sides." Mr. McClellan will take a few pupils during the summer on piano and harmony in Provo and his home, Payson. He is sole professor of harmony, the organist of the choral union (on the great Columbian organ) and director of the St. Thomas choir and orchestra, which is becoming famed all over the state. He will return to Utah about June 12th to take a vacation. The other Utah students who do not finish this year are James E. Brown, Arthur Dolley and Frank Wightman. They are all indefatigable and gifted workers and a credit to Utah. May they be very successful, as well as those whose "courses are run!"

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SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Sevier Stake of Zion convened in Monroe Saturday and Sunday, May 22, and 23; all the meetings were held on the lawn in front of Brother H. O. Magleby's residence where a spacious platform for the Priesthood had been erected, and a large seating capacity for the congregation had also been provided. On the stand were the Stake presidency, members of the high council, Bishops and counselors, presidents of quorums, home missionaries and other leading brethren from the various parts of the Stake. President Wm. H. Seegmiller presided.

Conference was opened with singing by the Moroni choir; prayer by H. O. Magleby.

After the opening exercises Counselor Joseph S. Horne of the Stake presidency gave a short and concise as well as favorable report of the condition of the people in the Stake.

Elder Victor E. Bean was the first speaker. He called the attention of the Saints to the many covenants and promises we make and give to the Lord from time to time, and urged upon all to remember and keep them.

Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn, of the Wayne Stake, said the Lord had told us through His Prophet Joseph Smith that he would change the times and seasons; referred to many of the changes which had taken place as well in these valleys as among the nations of the earth.

Meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. by singing, and benediction by Elder Andrew Heppler.

2 o'clock p. m.—After the opening exercises Counselor Wm. H. Clark made reference to many of the duties which devolve upon us as Saints and said the more we strive to perform these duties the better we feel and the more the Lord will bless and prosper us. The speaker urged upon the people to pay their allotment to the Pioneer monument fund.

Elder Morten Jensen said there is no coercion in this Church; the Saints have taken upon them the obligation to serve God of their own volition.

Elder William H. Seegmiller spoke with considerable force relative to the law of tithing; the person who strictly and honestly conforms to this law has the greatest peace and contentment of mind and if we ever expect to attain to the glory and exaltation promised to the Saint we must conform to every law laid down in the Gospel. The Lord never requires His people to perform any duty but what He provides them with means with which they are able to fully comply with His requirements. The speaker alluded to the condition of the Indians in Grass Valley and said that in a recent visit he had made to them they had been instructed to till the soil and labor to become self-sustaining and henceforth quit their begging.

Conference adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m. by singing and benediction by Elder Adelbert Nebeker.

Sunday morning a large congregation was in attendance. Meeting opened by the choir singing the hymn on page 376; prayer by Elder Simon Christensen; singing by the choir.

Elder Hyrum S. Harris spoke of the purpose which the Lord had in creating this world and placing mankind upon it; elucidated very forcibly the plan of redemption wrought out by the Savior doing for us that which we could not do for ourselves.

Elder Simon Christensen presented the general and Stake authorities all of which were unanimously sustained.

Elder Seegmiller presented the resignation of Brother George W. Bean as Stake clerk and historian and member of the Stake board of education which was accepted. He then presented the name of Simon Christensen as Stake clerk and historian and he was sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Willard W. Bean, lately returned from a mission to the Southern States, spoke on the subject of new and continued revelation as being absolutely necessary for the guidance of the human family in order for them to obtain eternal life.

Elder Seegmiller referred with words of praise to the labor performed by Brother G. W. Bean in getting up a valuable history of this Stake, and proposed that we extend a vote of thanks to him for his faithful and efficient services, which met with a hearty response from the congregation.

Meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock. Benediction by Elder Peter Christensen.

2 o'clock p. m. Meeting opened as usual; the sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of Monroe ward.

Elder Joseph Ogden, who recently returned from a mission to Great Brit-