

part professional information, (2) to inspire in the students a love for the literature of the profession, and (3) to teach the best methods of acquiring and imparting knowledge.

The members of the class in theory of teaching have written essays on educational subjects, to which I take pleasure in calling your attention.

Languages.—Professors Whitely and Neslen, in their courses, have done excellent work. Rhetoric, philology and the ancient classics have been especially emphasized. A two years' course in Greek is now offered, with special attention paid to New Testament Greek.

I take pleasure in calling your attention to a little pamphlet called "Specimen Compositions," written by the rhetoric and grammar classes. It contains a collection of extracts from prize compositions sent to the World's Fair, and does credit both to the classes and the academy. Prof. Nelson, in addition to his class duties, has acted as secretary of the faculty and registrar.

French has been taught by Prof. Phillips and grammar by Brother Emil Maeser and Sister Young.

Sciences.—Through the liberal appropriation for apparatus made by you early in the year the classes in physical and chemical sciences have progressed even beyond our expectations.

The additional appropriation already made for next year will sufficiently equip our laboratory for all elementary work. Dr. Phillips has done excellent work in all branches of the sciences taught by him, and it is with feelings of regret that I announce his resignation. He accepts a position in the Church University in Salt Lake City.

The natural sciences under Professor Wolfe enjoy an importance now in our class exercises they have never had before. Zoology and botany have been made full semester studies, and a course in biology has been added. Professor Wolfe has also taught general history, and has labored as critic teacher in the training school.

Music—The students in music have been under the direction of Professor Giles for vocal music, assisted by Ottile Maeser in instrumental music. Miss Beck, Miss Lilly Roberts and Dr. Huff as special instructors, have taught in this department.

Though the growth of this department has been rapid, as is attested by the excellent concerts given by the Choral Society in the Tabernacle at Provo and at Salt Lake City, yet the instructors are not satisfied, and arrangements are being made looking to a more complete organization and more efficient work. The Academy Band needs special mention, both because it is a new feature and because of the high point of excellence reached by the players. As soon as we feel able financially, I would recommend that we purchase a full set of silver and brass instruments.

Mathematics—The students in mathematics have been in charge of Prof. Cluff, assisted by Instructor McKendrick. We are greatly in need of instruments for the teaching of surveying, also models for the practical illustration of conic sections.

Shopwork—I am pleased to record the successful introduction of shopwork in the Academy. Several attempts have been made heretofore, but

with little success, owing to lack of room for work-benches. We have, however, during the last semester successfully carried on an elementary course in wood-work under the tuition of Instructor Emil Maeser. Provisions are already made to increase the capacity of the department by the addition of several more work-benches and the engagement of another instructor.

Physical culture and gymnastics—Under the efficient labors of Miss Babcock the classes in physical culture have made rapid progress, and it is noticeable that those students who exercise regularly, as a rule, do better work in their other studies. Physical culture is no longer an experiment; its use as a school exercise is established.

I would recommend that as soon as possible a room be fitted up as a gymnasium, and that apparatus be purchased for more professional work in this line. Connected with this gymnasium should be a bath or set of baths sufficient to accommodate all the pupils. A small fee could be charged for their use, and thus materially decrease the running expense.

M. I. A. Normal—Under the tuition of Dr. Hardy, assisted by other teachers, this course has done much to aid young men in carrying on the meetings of their associations and in making those meetings highly educational. The students have, as a rule, been earnest and energetic in their work, and have made excellent progress for the short time the course continues. Additional studies are offered for next year and the time of attendance increased to ten weeks, the object being to prepare young men as teachers of members, or normal teachers.

A class in the Young Ladies' Guide was organized at the beginning of last semester. It has been successfully conducted by Prof. Brimhall. The aim in this is to instruct the young ladies in methods of conducting meetings according to the direction of the guide.

Sunday School Normal Course—The Normal Sunday School work, begun experimentally at the close of last semester, and organized more thoroughly at the beginning of this, has been under the tuition of Professors Cluff, Brimhall and Giles. As in the M. I. class, so in this, students have come from all parts of the Territory and adjoining states and territories. Instructions have been theoretical and practical. For one hour each day the class resolves itself into a regularly organized Sunday school for practice work, and on the Sabbath, through the kindness of the Fourth Ward Sunday school, which joined us, regular exercises have been conducted.

Beginning with next year the course will be increased from five weeks to twenty weeks, the object being to prepare normal teachers instead of class teachers. The course is under the special direction of the board of the Deseret Sunday School Union.

Training School—In charge of Prof. Brimhall, and all the regular teachers of the preparatory school as critic teachers, aims to give to the normals practical instruction in the principles and methods of teaching. Already the wisdom of this school is seen in the excellent work done by our

graduates; and I recommend that its efficiency be increased by the purchase of needed apparatus and the extension of the time required for training purposes.

The preparatory school, which is the training school during the hours of the latter's session, is conducted as follows: The first and second grades by Miss Amy Brown, the third and fourth grades by Miss Irene Meendenhall, the fifth and sixth grades by Miss Mary Woodruff, the seventh grade by Orestus Bean, and the eighth grade by Miss Rachel Edwards for section A, and W. E. Rydahl for section B. Without exception these teachers have labored diligently, both as department teachers and critic teachers in the training school.

The Commercial College—This department of the academy is fast becoming popular, inasmuch as it meets a want long felt in Utah by offering opportunities to the young for thorough preparation in business transactions, commercial law, phonography and type-writing.

Instructions are given by Prof. Keeler, a graduate of the Eastman Business college, Ypsilanti, Michigan, Prof. Hinckley, Eastman college, Dr. M. H. Hardy and Instructor E. H. Holt.

Both theoretical and practical work is done, banks and offices are fitted up for the latter. Students of this department are permitted to take any of the studies offered in the normal courses without extra charge.

To accommodate those who cannot take a winter's course, a short summer course is now offered, complete in itself, beginning at the close of school and closing before the opening of next year.

The prospects of attendance next year indicates that additional rooms will have to be fitted up for theoretical work. One hundred and one students have been enrolled this year; perhaps double this number will attend next.

Graduates of this department are entitled to a diploma at your hands.

Art—The art department has been in charge of Prof. Hafen and Sister Christina Young. During the second semester we were deprived of Brother Hafen's services through a call made upon him to work in the Temple at Salt Lake City. He will continue his labors, however, at the opening of next year. Sister Young has devoted most of her time to ladies' work, sewing, etc. Classes in cutting and fitting have also been organized. I believe that with a little encouragement by the proper arrangement of rooms, the art courses, especially drawing and painting, can be made as popular as their importance demands.

Societies and Associations—The Polysophical society, in charge of Professors Brimhall and Eggertsen, has offered the students profitable recreation, as well as giving opportunities for acquiring general information and practice in public speaking. Several noted men, among whom was Frank G. Carpenter, have lectured in this society.

The Pedagogium, a society conducted by the normal students, deals especially on those subjects relating to the professional work of the teacher. Its meetings have been well attended and much good has resulted therefrom.

Among the Commercial students,