

denied or abridged on account of sex. Both male and female citizens of the State shall enjoy equally all civil, political and religious rights and privileges."

In behalf of the male electors of the State, I now extend the hand of greeting to the qualified female voters and welcome them to the full rights and privileges of citizenship. It seems to me they are to be especially congratulated because there is no abridgment of their rights; but on the contrary, they enter upon the domain of the citizen under Statehood as free and independent sovereigns. Their waiting has been long and patient. Their triumph is all the more complete. May the pure, ennobling influence which they impart to the hearts and homes of Utah be felt in the exercise of their new duties, and may their future use of the ballot vindicate the wisdom and enlightenment of our law-givers.

We have been received into the great sisterhood of states. We now possess the privileges that many of the states have enjoyed for more than a century. Our representatives will sit in the councils of the nation. We are given a voice in the selection of the President of the United States. In national, as well as international questions, we take part. We are now endowed with self-government in state and local affairs. With a deep sense of gratitude we cherish these great privileges. Our patriotism must never falter. Our allegiance to the national government will ever remain supreme. Teach our sons and daughters that patriotic love of country perpetuates liberty. Through the vicissitudes of time our strength for good must, and will be felt. If ever clouds of war hover over the land, Utah's sons will be found in the vanguard defending national rights and honor.

The paucity of a citizen of this Republic, in the system of political science, shines like a planet. The halo of an American subject is the crown of a free and independent country. Whether on land or sea, if necessary, the citizen of the United States is protected by seventy millions of people.

Let us advance the standard of intelligence, enlightenment and humanity. Let the glories of our liberty penetrate every latitude and all peoples of this earth until this country shall become the model of government for mankind. In the great firmament of nations, the United States is the constellation most beautiful, most sublime. Down the stream of time, through all ages and ages, may Utah be one of the brightest stars in that glorious constellation.

The delivery of the address was received with cheers and applause. It was also the rendition of America by the great patriotic chorus, after which Dr. Hill pronounced the benediction in the following words:

Almighty God, we present unto Thee the profound gratitude of our hearts for the occasion which has assembled us here at this hour, and all glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. May the unclouded sky of this high noon be a fitting symbol of the increasing luster that shall shine upon our new State forever, and may the purity of all hearts enter a

glad acclaim today by the sure benediction that will rest upon us and our children in all the future. And now, may the peace be a glorious peace which has come to Utah, and after long years all conflict be undisturbed by the passion or prejudice of brother man, forever more. May no one ever have reason to regret that the Forty-fifth Star was placed in our country's flag, the stars and stripes. May all the people purpose and determine to make Utah the brightest star of the whole nation.

O God, our Father, by whose hand Thy people still are blessed, be with us through our pilgrimage, conduct us to the end, and all honor be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

As the mighty audience broke up and marched from the building and around the combined hands struck up the stirring and familiar strains, "Hail Columbia" and "Star Spangled Banner," respectively. Instantly shouts of patriotic delight and thanksgiving rent the air and the people departed for their homes pleased beyond expression at the privileges of assuming the responsible duties now imposed upon them.

#### TELEGRAPHIC GREETINGS.

Governor Wells was during the early part of the day recipient of the following congratulatory telegraphic messages:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4, 1896.

Heber M. Wells:

Citizen of the republic, I salute you. For this absent one, lift your eyes to the mountains and kiss the valleys of our dear Mother Utah and thank God for Freedom. FRANK J. CANNON.

OGDEN, 4th.

Governor Heber M. Wells:

Flag at Reform school floated at 9:40 in the interest of Statehood, believing that the President was then signing the proclamation of Statehood for Utah. Congratulations. J. D. HAINES, President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.

Governor Heber M. Wells:

Proclamation signed admitting Utah 10 o'clock 3 minutes. All hail Utah! J. F. WELLS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.

Governor Heber M. Wells:

I congratulate Utah and her chief executive. CLARENCE E. ALLEN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.

H. M. Wells, State Bank:

While on the summit how looketh the Promised land? SPENCER CLAWSON. [CLEVELAND, Ohio.

Governor Heber M. Wells:

I congratulate the people of Utah in their Statehood, firmly believing she will be one of the brightest stars on the flag, and ever a loyal State in the Union. L. E. HOLDEN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6th.

Governor Wells:

Accept my cordial and hearty congratulations on the final act that confers upon the people of Utah the highest citizenship in the Republic. SPENCER CLAWSON.

JEFFERSON, Iowa.

Heber M. Wells, Governor of Utah:

As we have been liberated so may we help liberate the world. FRANK J. CANNON.

HELENA, Mont.

Hon. Heber M. Wells:

Accept my congratulations on the admission of Utah to the Union of States and your accession to the office of Governor. ALEX C. BOTKIN, Acting Governor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6, 1896.

Hon. Chap. C. Richards:

Please convey to Governor Wells my warmest congratulations—most earnest and sincere wishes for the success of his administration, and the advancement and prosperity of the State. CALKB W. WEST.

#### REJOICINGS WITH THE WOMEN.

Mrs. E. B. Wells received the following letter, resolution and telegram:

PHOENIX, Arizona, December 28, 1895.

Emmeline B. Wells:

Dear Madam—I enclose you copy of resolutions passed by the first Territorial Equal Suffrage Association, held at Phoenix, Ariz., December 6, 1895. Mrs. Laura M. Johns, of Kansas, in the chair.

We take pleasure in informing you of an association that we are now organizing and in line with, and auxiliary to the National association. Yours Truly, MRS. LILLIAN FRY COLLINS, Rec. Sec. Territorial Association.

Whereas, The women of Colorado and of Utah have recently been admitted to full enfranchisement, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we extend to them our hearty congratulations upon their promotion to full citizenship; and also that we hereby endeavor to express our gratitude to the men of those states for that justice done woman, and our admiration for the manliness and courage of their action.

PENNSYLVANIA, Jan. 4.—Mrs. E. B. Wells, President E. S. A.—We rejoice with Utah's women in today's historic triumph. ANNA H. SHAW.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Emmeline B. Wells.—All rejoice with you and welcome Utah into suffrage union as well as Statehood. SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

#### PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of the State of Utah: Whereas, the Constitution of this State does not fix the time for the commencement of the first regular session of the Legislature of the State of Utah, by reason of which an extraordinary occasion exists;

Therefore, I, Heber M. Wells, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, do hereby convene the Legislature of this State in special session to commence on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1896, at three o'clock p.m. of that day, at the joint city and county building in the city and county of Salt Lake for the purpose of fixing a time certain by legislative enactment for the commencement of the first regular session of the Legislature of this State.

Done at Salt Lake City, at 1:15 o'clock, afternoon, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth and in the first year of the State of Utah.

HEBER M. WELLS.

By the Governor.

JAMES T. HAMMOND,

[SEAL.]

Secretary of State.