

our agricultural implements and the products of our manufactories; and she has to exchange for these, unlimited wealth in lead, silver, and gold, while her increasing production in coffee, cocoa, sugar, indigo and cochineal, from unfavorableness of climate, cannot be supplied in our own country in quantities at all approaching our needs. There is, however, good ground to anticipate, and one may further judge from the fruitless efforts of 1885, as well as from the negotiations now so long pending, that she does not see the greatest good to her commerce in reciprocity. But to whatever turns the multifarious considerations may lead, this one fact is clear, Mexico is a "coming" country. L. A. WILSON.

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### SOCIAL HALL FAREWELL PARTY.

For some time work has been in progress toward securing more suitable quarters for the Latter-day Saints' College, and the arrangements have finally been completed and the moving to 233 W. First North commenced. But it was thought wise not to abandon the old building in which five years of the school's existence have been so successfully passed, without showing some mark of appreciation for its services.

With this feeling, a committee, consisting of the following instructors and students, was appointed to make arrangements for a farewell party to be given on the occasion of the school's removal: Instructor J. J. Walton, Lady Superintendent Camilla Cobb, Philip Maycock, Zina Bennion, Sterling Williams, Donnette Smith, Fred Rossiter, Ella Snedaker, Joseph R. Smith, and Martha Washington. An entertainment, consisting of a musical and literary programme, refreshments, and a dancing party, was provided, admittance being confined to present and former members of the college.

At 8:30 last evening the assembly was called to order by Instructor Walton, and after the opening prayer the rendition of the programme was proceeded with. Miss Gwendolin Lewis performed the "Poet and Peasant" overture in excellent style, when an essay entitled "Recollections of Social Hall" was read by Miss Katie Thomas. In a very witty manner the essayist sketched the school's history, laying particular stress on the industrial characteristics of the teachers. The essay was indeed a credit to the writer.

"How de Norf Pole got lost," was related in plantation vernacular by Asa Judd.

Miss Katie Romney played the German "Triumphal March" in accomplished style.

Instructor Walton's reading, "The Tramp," was up to the usual standard, and the duet "O, Tell Us, Merry Birds," was prettily played by the Knowlton sisters.

The following poem, written by him for the occasion, was read by Instructor Richard Haag:

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE SOCIAL HALL.

Adieu, old friend, of precious trust,  
Remembrance of hours so dear;  
Although not sorry—part we must;  
Thy memory our hearts revere.

Within thy walls deep Christian love  
Has burned in many noble breasts,

The light of truth shone from above,  
Thy inmates young and old to bless.

In glorious strains the youthful voice  
Has entered oft the realms of song;  
And filled thy rooms, O, blessings choice!  
Each felt its peace and union strong.

When age has worn thy form away  
With other Mormon Pioneers,  
Thy history from the earliest day  
Thou still to all concerned endears.

Thanks for the kind, protecting shades,  
Spread o'er this happy, cheerful band;  
That blessed memory never fades;  
Forever its impressions stand.

But now, farewell, O house so blest,  
Continue useful; let there be  
Still many more who yet will test,  
As we, thy hospitality!

"Harp of a Thousand Strings," a hard shell sermon, was humorously delivered by Orlando Barrus. Following this was a duet, "Beyond the Shadows," by Mrs. Camilla Cobb and Miss Mamie Clark.

Dr. J. E. Talmage addressed the audience, dwelling upon many historic reminiscences connected with the Social Hall, and calling especial attention to the manner of its occupancy by the College. This he likened to the habit of the cuckoo, which deposits its egg in another bird's nest, and when the young birds are hatched encourages its own offspring in ejecting the other fledglings by tipping them over the side. In this way political gatherings, Sunday School Union and other meetings have been quietly thrown out of the Social Hall by the L. D. S. College, until complete possession has been taken by that institution.

Most happy have been the years spent in the old place, which has been truly a "Social" Hall to us. And now that we are about to depart to other quarters, said the speaker, may the spirit of unity and love, so sweetly felt in our former home, endear the new to us, as it has the old.

At the conclusion of the address the address the instructors took charge of their respective departments and all repaired to the basement, which was fitted up with some large tables, laden with an excellent collation.

While luncheon was in progress, in response to vociferous calls, Prof. Done, Instructor Walton and others entertained the company with humorous recitations.

During the feast, toasts were given and responses made.

Wiley Nebeker spoke of the "Trials of a Student."

The "Normal Students" was responded to by Miss Zina Bennion, who laid particular stress upon the exalted nature of the work of the future teachers.

Miss Nellie Wallace replied to the toast, "Youth and Beauty," depicting the eternal youth of spirit and beauty of disposition of those who serve God.

August Nicholson spoke to the toast "The Faculty," referring to the enmity of Dr. Talmage towards bugs, beetles and lizards; the welcome plaudits, "well done thou good and faithful servant," the Nelson who expects every student to do his duty; the genial Walton no doubt descended from the great Izaak of angling fame; the German Instructor Haag, who teaches students "die Deutsche sprache gut zu schreiben;" Instructor Chamberlain, who is an adept at teaching the "young idea how to shoot;" and Lady Superintendent Cobb, whose in-

fluence leads an atmosphere of love to the institution.

"The Social Hall" received a response from Prof. Done, who spoke humorously of its history, likening its occupancy by the college to the fable of the Arab and the camel; showing how the admission of a small portion of the camel's body leads to his occupancy of the tent, to the exclusion of its previous tenant.

Other toasts and sentiments were read, after which three rousing cheers were given the committee of arrangements. All then repaired to the dancing hall, where, to the music of Beesley's band and the prompting of Thomas Goodman, dancing was indulged in until 12 o'clock, when the benediction was pronounced and the assembly dispersed.

No one who was present on the occasion will soon forget it. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout; the joy of the students at having more commodious quarters provided was tempered with regret at leaving the old building where such happy times have been experienced. The Social Hall, endeared to the memory of thousands, has added one other to its many pleasant reminiscences.

### MORE ABOUT IRRIGATION.

Governor Thomas has received the following letter:

RENO, Nev., Sept. 30, 1891.

Hon. Arthur L. Thomas, Chairman  
National Executive Irrigation Committee,  
Salt Lake City, Utah:

Dear Sir—Your favor urging the calling of an irrigation convention in Nevada was duly received. I enclose you herewith a call which has been issued by the governor, calling an irrigation convention at Carson on the 9th of October:

"I am glad that you are taking energetic action with reference to carrying out the platform of the Salt Lake convention. You ask me for any suggestions with reference to conducting the campaign.

"My leading suggestion is this: That the people of the States and Territories represented in the Salt Lake convention should at every convenient opportunity be impressed by our committee with the importance of united action with reference to both men and measures in the National conventions and in the National Congress. This action should be urged with reference to both parties. The seventeen States and Territories represented in the Salt Lake convention should see to it that at each of the National conventions held next year a thoroughly Western candidate belonging to their own section is presented as their choice for the Presidency.

"If we assert ourselves our views will be respected. If we simply content ourselves with supporting some Eastern man, we will obtain no recognition with reference to Cabinet appointments or to the adoption of the measures that we have in view.

"It seems to me it would be well for the executive committee to obtain a list of the State committees of each party in every State represented at the Salt Lake convention, and also a list of the county committees of each party in each State and that a circular should be addressed to each individual on these committees, impressing them with the importance of united action on the part of the States comprising this section.

"In addition to this, when the State conventions are held next spring for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national conventions the names of the