

THE CHOIR.

During the early part of the term the choir and singing class were conducted under the leadership of Instructor F. Beesley, but after the resignation of that gentleman on Nov. 1, the choir was taken in charge by Elder Edwin Cutler, a reliable and experienced student of the academic department. To him, as also to Bro. Clare W. Reid, who has so efficiently acted as organist during the latter part of the term, to Elder Richard Haag for his assistance at the organ during the former part of the term, and to all the members of the choir who have so faithfully attended the appointed practices and have added so much to the fervor of our devotional exercises, our acknowledgment and sincerest thanks are rendered.

LADIES' CLASSES.

The lady students have been arranged according to their ages in two classes, each of which assembled once per week. Mrs. Camilla Cobb, our efficient lady superintendent, has had charge of these classes, and has given at each session appropriate instruction on topics of special interest and importance to the members. Appropriate calisthenic drills have formed a part of the work of each meeting. In all 39 sessions have been held during the term.

THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

This organization has been under the presidency of Instructor Done, who was aided by Brother Frank Cutler and Miss Anna Erickson as secretaries. Evening meetings have been convened once per week, and have been marked by the attendance of students in great numbers, and by the presence of many visitors. The exercises have consisted of lectures, addresses, essays, readings, recitations and varied musical renditions, and an unflagging interest has been shown in the meetings. On Nov. 15, a students' party was successfully conducted under the auspices of the society.

CLASSES AND EXAMINATIONS.

Regular class recitations have been uniformly of thirty minutes' duration. The programme of daily exercises is on record for your inspection. Written reviews have been held in each class at intervals of five weeks, and a final examination lasting one week was conducted toward the close of the term. As a result of careful examinations, the instructors feel fully confident that every student has had all needed opportunity to demonstrate his degree of ability. We are convinced also of the necessity of compulsory entrance examinations in both departments. A distinctive feature of these final examinations is that they closed some days before the end of the term, so that in each class the instructor has been able to meet his students after the examination work was over, and thus talk with them on the propositions submitted. These propositions are recorded for reference.

RECORDS.

The record books in use during preceding terms have been con-

tinued. They are all placed before you, and your attention to them is respectfully invited. You will find:—Attendance Register, Term Record, Theological Record, Laboratory Record, Record of Studies, Faculty Record and Library Catalogue.

APPARATUS, ETC.

The illustrative apparatus and material provided by the board have been in constant use, much to the advantage of all concerned. I sincerely trust, however, that you will find it possible to add to our equipment in this respect at an early date. There are a number of items with which we should be supplied during the first part of the coming term. The large and valuable cabinet of mineralogical, lithological and paleontological specimens provided by one of the instructors has continued in servicable employ. It is also my great pleasure to report that I have received assurances from President Woodruff and others in authority that they will use their personal influence in securing to us the valuable collections in the Deseret Museum. This will be to us of inestimable service; though under existing circumstances the Museum has been open to us at convenient times, through the courtesy of the officers in charge.

THE LIBRARY.

The acquisition of the books and other property formerly belonging to the Stake Library Association was fully explained in my last report. Until a few weeks ago the library was conducted in practically the same manner as during the former academic year, and, through the kindness of Supt. Weber of the Z. C. M. I. a convenient room was kept at our disposal. The library has recently been removed to the Social Hall, however, where the books are kept, and from which they are issued to students and members of the old Library Association under proper restrictions.

Since my last report was rendered we have acquired, through the efforts of the executive committee, a copy of the "Encyclopedia Britannica" and other valuable works, the need of which was formerly greatly felt, and the use of which is now correspondingly appreciated. The officers of the Students' Society, having received some voluntary offerings from among the members, have applied the same to the purchase of an unabridged dictionary with a convenient stand for each class room.

According to the librarian's report, there are at present 1005 catalogued volumes. Our thanks are due the proprietors of the following periodicals for regular copies of their publications:

DESERET EVENING NEWS; Salt Lake Daily Herald; Ogden Standard, (daily); Utah Enquirer (semi-weekly); Richfield Advocate; Southern Idaho Independent; Utah Journal; Woman's Exponent; Juvenile Instructor; Young Woman's Journal. Also to Margetts Bros. for current copies of Puck. Besides these we have access to a number of magazines which have been procured through

subscriptions, and I respectfully ask of the Board a renewal of such subscriptions without delay for the coming year. Through the continued kindness of Hon. John T. Caine our library has been enriched by a great number of valuable publications from the government offices. Instructors Nelson and Noyes have operated as librarian and assistant librarian respectively to the satisfaction of the Faculty.

RAILWAY PRIVILEGES.

Our students have continued to enjoy the advantages of reduced rates so courteously extended by the railway companies whose lines approach the city. These are, of course, allowed only to students who do not reside permanently in Salt Lake City. The Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern, the Denver & Rio Grande, and the Salt Lake & Fort. Douglass Railway Companies have so favored us in all cases, and the City Street Railway Company has granted half fare transportation to all students in travelling between their residences and the college.

THE BUILDINGS.

The improvements made in the buildings and surroundings during the last summer vacation, are fully appreciated. The students working laboratory has proved of lasting benefit; though it was filled to its utmost capacity soon after the opening of the year. We are still inconvenienced, however, by lack of room in the several departments. A number of applicants have been refused admission through this cause, and if it is deemed impracticable to increase the capacity for another year, I respectfully suggest for your consideration the advisability of dispensing with the lower divisions of the intermediate grade after the present academic year. Either such a course, or the increasing of facilities with the engagement of an additional instructor, would enable the Faculty to devote more adequate attention to the growing pressure of the higher grades.

THE FACULTY.

The members hereof, have convened in regular weekly meetings, besides holding a number of special sessions upon the call of the principal. At these sessions, systematic reports have been made of statistics and progress in all departments and classes and matters of scholastic and disciplinary importance have been freely and profitably discussed. Full minutes of all such proceedings are before you. The class labor of each instructor is represented as follows:

Principal J. E. Talmage	28	weekly sessions.
Instructor Willard Done	42	" "
" Jos. Nelson	37	" "
" Newton Noyes	36	" "
" W. Croxall	26	" "
" Mrs. C. Cobb	2	" "

In addition to these formal duties, Instructor Done has officiated as Secretary of the Faculty and as President of the Students' Society; Instructor Nelson has proved an efficient Librarian and has rendered valuable assistance in taking special charge of the theological organization; Instructor Noyes has acted as Assistant Librarian; Instructor