

Croxall has successfully discharged the multiple duties of Deputy Treasurer and Registrar; and Mrs. Cobb, our faithful Lady Superintendent, has been ever ready to attend to any duty pertaining to the welfare of the lady students.

CONCLUSION.

With the exercises of today close the scenes of another semester in the history of our beloved institution. In years the L. D. S. College is still a youth, though the visible results of its inspiring and restraining influences on the young people who assemble within its precincts entitle it to the respect usually paid to a sage. And evidences of such regard have not been lacking. The instructors have been cheered at every step in their course of work by assurance of support and encouragement on all sides, and no time has been wasted in useless complaining. Unwavering unity has marked the plans and labors of the Faculty at all times. Evidences of Divine assistance have been of daily manifestation, and we feel to reverently acknowledge the source of the uninterrupted success which has attended us, students and teachers alike, and we all join in returning thanks and ascribing praise to the Father of true wisdom.

Respectfully your brother.

J. E. TALMAGE,
Principal.

Elder Elias Morris, of the Stake Board, expressed his pleasure in listening to the exercises just completed. He spoke of the success which had attended the college in the past, the difficulties it will have to overcome in the future, and the important position it will take among the people. He expressed regret at the lack of facilities in the institution, and dwelt upon the necessity of an enlargement in the near future. He closed by testifying to the Spirit of God, the presence of which is felt so powerfully here.

Elder Wm. B. Dougall, of the Stake Board, followed in a brief address of encouragement. Dwelling upon the necessity of a religious instruction, he advised a continued fervor on the part of the students in their school duties, and an increased care to avoid the associations of the ungodly.

President A. M. Cannon felicitated the students and instructors upon the order and precision of the exercises, and testified of the esteem in which the instructors would be held by the students. He reported the death of Bishop James Watson, a faithful and efficient member of the Stake Board of Education, and the necessity of the place thus rendered vacant being filled. Closing his remarks, President Cannon invoked the blessing of God upon the future labors of the institution.

Sister Zina Young encouraged the young ladies especially, speaking of the wonderful influence for good which they can and should wield among the people of Zion.

Prest. Geo. Q. Cannon added his testimony to those already borne, regarding the influence manifest in

the Latter-day Saints' College. The vast number of children throughout Zion who attend Church schools is a source of great gratification to all true Latter-day Saints. The youth should be educated and trained for the great work before them, that they may be fully qualified therefor. The foundation of all knowledge is religious training, such as that given in this institution. The speaker commended the idea of all pupils being placed by the instructors in those grades and classes for which they are best qualified. All should strive for a good foundation in the primary branches first, and then the higher branches will be a natural and easy acquisition; while the absence of a knowledge of the lower branches will render all higher attainments imperfect. After speaking at some length on these and kindred topics, President Cannon closed by expressing the desire of the General Board of Education to advance the interests of the college, and by exhorting all to renewed diligence.

The choir sang the anthem, "Jerusalem," and the exercises were brought to a close, the benediction being pronounced by Elder D. M. Todd, instructor in the B. Y. College at Logan.

The next term of the college begins on Monday, Jan. 6, 1890, at 9 a.m. It is recommended that those intending to enter at that time procure their tickets on Saturday, January 4, on which day the treasurer will be at the Social Hall between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

F. H. DYER'S STATEMENT.

The following statement is furnished for publication by ex-United States Marshal Dyer:

The report of the grand jury of the Third District Court, published on the 15th instant, contains some criticisms on my conduct while United States Marshal of Utah, which are unjust to me because they are not based upon facts, and it is only fair to myself and my friends that I should correct these errors. It is, I am aware, an ungracious thing to assail a document which emanates from a body of selected citizens sworn to an impartial discharge of official duty; but as honest men are often misled, and may with the best motives err to the prejudice of others, a correction of their mistakes is no imputation upon them, and so without any wish to impugn the good faith of the grand jury, I wish to defend myself. While saying this I do not conceal from myself, nor wish to have the public understand, that influences were not at work to do me personal wrong. It is to those influences I attribute whatever of injustice to myself is found in that report.

It was my misfortune while United States marshal to incur the displeasure of some prominent persons in this community, and they continued since my retirement from office to pursue me. I do not care

to resort to personal vituperation for my defense. I shall dismiss that, leaving my statement to such weight as the public may give to my assertion. I come to the matter which I desire to correct.

I—THE POTATO MATTER.

When I was appointed marshal I found that the custom had been for the marshal to furnish the seed and team, and the prisoners to do the work, necessary to raise a crop of potatoes, and charge the government for the potatoes the market price. In accordance with this practice which had prevailed with my predecessors, and by the suggestion of my immediate predecessor, Mr. Ireland, I bought the necessary seed at a cost of about forty dollars, furnished the teams, and raised in 1886 about two hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes. For them the government was charged at the current rate. The net amount received did not pay for the use of the team. In 1887 I raised over one thousand and two hundred bushels of potatoes which were used, and no charge whatever was made, because, while I did not believe the sale of them to the government was improper, I knew that it might be objected to, and I desired to do nothing that could be open to any reasonable criticism, and, save for the first year of my marshalship, I never charged or received a single dollar for potatoes raised on the reservation, and then was not recompensed for the actual cash cost and use of team doing that work. The report states that the amount of "potato vouchers" was not known to them. The remark could not apply to my accounts, for my entire transaction in that respect was open to them. For my predecessors I could not be expected to answer.

II—THE MILK QUESTION.

I furnished milk, not from one or two cows, as stated in the report, but never less than three and as many as seven head. I instructed the warden to charge the regular market price, and if at any time that was exceeded, it was without my knowledge. Mr. Brown was the warden in charge and had entire control of this matter necessarily. I had no suspicion, at any time, that excessive charges were being made for milk, and while I cannot say that this milk account is correct to the drop, it always appeared so reasonable, that even now, making some allowances for unfaithfulness in my subordinate, which I afterwards discovered, and which induced me, with other things, to remove him from the position about the 1st of February, 1888. The grand jury evidently got their information from this man, as I understand he was before them. I still think the government received all on this account for which it ever paid, as all the other wardens who have been there do affirm.

III—FLOUR, CANDLES, HAM AND BEER.

As to flour, candles, beef and ham furnished I only say this in reply to the criticism, "that the prices were