

and the snake; and where our noisy, bustling city stands, the stillness of the desert was unbroken save by the chirp of the cricket, or the howl of a hungry wolf. What wonderful changes have been wrought. Behold now the glorious Utah. Her climate the best in the world, her burning sands moistened by the sweat of honest toil, and her sage-brush transformed into beautiful gardens. Utah stands in the front ranks of industry, loyalty and love for her fellow man. Utah now stands waiting for the business man. When he presents himself, she will give him a royal welcome, and for the use of his brains, she will pay him in millions. Vast treasures lie hidden within easy reach, as yet untouched, indeed almost unthought of. It is for us to harness the streams and to turn the music of the gurgling brook and the roar of the river torrent into the busy hum of industry, whose vibrations shall echo the praise of Him who giveth unto all, and the love of Him who brought peace on earth, good will to men!"

Mr. McRae's address was fluently rendered and elicited much praise.

The address of Francis Mortensen of the class '89, High school, was a scholarly effort. His subject was Success in Life, and he dwelt in the thought of man's moral, intellectual and physical being. Development of the entire man along the lines in which he can do the greatest amount of good to himself and society should be the aim of each person. "All must have courage to succeed, that courage to perform what we know to be right. Dewey was a hero and a true man, not because he necessarily captured a Spanish fleet and city, but because he had the courage of his convictions, and a knowledge of what was the right thing to do?"

Mr. Mortensen's speech bristled with excellent thought, and was intensely interesting.

Elder C. W. Penrose delivered the address to the graduates. He commenced by congratulating them, the College, the State and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the success which had attended their studies, and its recognition in the certificates and diplomas awarded, for all would be benefited by the training the students had received. Education, he said, was of little use without its application in the affairs of life. They were now entering on a new phase of their earthly existence. This life was a graduation from their first estate and was a preparation for higher advancement. There was "no excellence without labor," no perfection without struggles and trials and victories. The tiny seed in the ground struggled in darkness to burst its shell and push upward, coming forth as a tender blade, reaching up to the light and warmth of the sun and persevering till it came forth in bud and blossom to its perfection. The planet begun in nebulous existence "without form and void," and worked its way to its allotted orbit and then on through the ages until it reached its perfect sphere as a glorious orb shining in its own glory. So man must push his way, meeting the trials and sorrows of life which were designed for his development into the perfections of Deity. As the perfume of the flower and the radiance of the sun were not merely for their own benefit, so the influence obtained by education must be shed abroad for the welfare of mankind. The good of others must be considered. Selfishness was the bane of the world. It was that which led men and nations to engage in unjust strife. The war against Spain was opposite to this. It was a war for the liberty of others. We, in this country, rejoiced in the

possession of liberty—symbolized in the Stars and Stripes, which always aroused our enthusiasm and our patriotism—but that liberty must be extended to others, until every son and daughter of God on earth was free. So the war with Spain was not for aggrandizement but the good of others, and it was selfishness on the part of Spain that led to the cruelties and oppressions from which Cuba must be delivered. And if the modern Sampson would catch those Spanish foxes, tie their tails together and set them on fire, he would gain as much fame as his name-sake of old in his exploits against the Philistines.

The speaker was pleased that the college had remembered, in a fitting manner, the volunteer student who had gone to the front. We must all labor for country and defend it when necessary. But there were other ways to be patriotic than fighting for native land. Use the education obtained for the common welfare. God must be first, country next; our motto, "God and our native land." The speaker spoke of the foundation laid by President Brigham Young for our Church system of education, also the endowments to the Latter-day Saints' College by the late Horace S. Eldredge, Eliza R. Snow and Edward Stevenson. That he recognized as patriotism as well as the valor of the brave. He referred also to the work of Dr. Karl G. Maeser and the College faculty and other disinterested workers in the cause of education, as truly patriotic. He went on to encourage the students to continue gaining intelligence, which was "the glory of God" and would never perish, but be theirs in this world and throughout eternity, and if put to proper use would glorify them forever. He exhorted them to perseverance, punctuality, diligence and humility, and cautioned them against that insufferable pride which led some people who thought themselves learned to look down upon their less fortunate fellows. No one knew it all. True education opened the boundless fields of wisdom and knowledge and showed their immensity. Students in the L. D. S. College had the advantage, in addition to those in ordinary educational establishments, of a training in theology and should have a testimony of their own of the truth of the Gospel. If they remained steadfast, continued their efforts, labored for the good of mankind and the glory of God, they would graduate into the celestial kingdom, the diploma they would receive would be the right to the keys to all heights and depths of knowledge, wisdom and power throughout the universe, and instead of the flowers now bestowed in token of their triumph, a diadem would be placed upon their brow which would be a crown of eternal life that would never fade away.

President Angus M. Cannon, in a few chosen remarks, presented the certificates to the graduates, after which Dr. Karl G. Maeser conferred the degree of bachelor of didactics on Miss Bertha Wilcken, Jed F. Woolley, and Levi E. Young. The musical selections rendered by Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edwards, Geo. D. Pyper, Thomas Ashworth, John Robinson and Albert Pres were very fine, and made the exercises doubly impressive.

The faculty of the College is to be congratulated on the splendid program rendered, and the pleasing manner in which everything passed off. These exercises add another good name to the school and are the means of bringing a worthy institution before the eyes of the public. There are sixteen graduates this year. They are:

High School—John Louis Brown, Fera Y. Fox.
Normals—Francis I. Mortensen, Wm. A. Pehrson, Hyrum K. Porter.

Commercial Department—Charles Morris, Thomas A. Real, William Jones, Andrew J. Poulsen, George Earl Garrett, Alfred Nelson, James Howard Garrett, Harry G. Willis, Daniel J. McRae, Ada Bltner, Katie Hall.

Miss Bertha Wilcken, who received her degree of bachelor of didactics, has been connected with the College during the past two years. Previously she was an instructor in the Brigham Young College at Logan, where she met with great success as a teacher. She leaves the College this year to pursue special work in one of the State's leading institutions. Prof. Woolley is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and has charge of the department of history and pedagogy. Tomorrow the school goes to the Lagoon, and a large crowd is expected to join the professors and students in a rousing good time.

RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder Arthur Townsend of the Fifth ward, this city, was a caller on the "News" this week, having returned Saturday afternoon from England. He left home May 5, 1896, and labored while away in the Leeds conference where he reports the Gospel message fairly well received. Elder Townsend enjoyed his labors and in returning visited the larger cities of the East, accompanied by his wife. When at St. Thomas, between Niagara Falls and Detroit, the train on which Elder Townsend was traveling ran off the track at an open switch, but fortunately it regained its position on the rails just in time to avoid a frightful accident.

Elder Charles A. Thompson of Oasis, Millard county, returned Monday last, May 30, from a mission to Norway. He labored in the Christiania conference, where he says the mission is in good condition, and the Elders are well received. He had good health and enjoyed his labors very much.

Elder P. P. Siggard of Brigham City has returned from a mission to Denmark, whither he went March 28, 1896. Things generally, says he, are in good condition in that part of the country, and the Elders are fast removing prejudice and doing a good work. On the whole, Elder Siggard had good health, enjoyed his labors and is pleased to be at home again.

Elder George H. Birdno and wife of Thatcher, Arizona, were callers at the "News" this morning, having just returned from missions to Hawaii, whither they went October 3, 1894. They enjoyed their labors very much while on the islands. Sister Birdno gave her husband effective assistance. She is, by the way, a native of Hawaii, in that she was born there while her parents, Elder and Mrs. B. F. Cluff, were missionaries to that section. Brother and Sister Birdno also had a child born to them while on the island. Bela Alice, a bright little tot now two years old. Brother and Sister Birdno report good progress in missionary labor in Hawaii. After visiting Utah relatives for a time, they will return to their home in Arizona.

Elder George H. Meadows of Farmington was a caller at the "News" office this afternoon. He returned on May 30, from a mission to England, for which part of the world he left home in March, 1896. He labored in the Birmingham conference all of the time and found pleasure in his work among the people.

On last Saturday afternoon Elder Victor E. Candland, of Nephi, called at this office. He had reached this city the day previous on his return from