

many of them in the past had been found to be mistakes. Some of them had been founded upon error, and it would not do to say all there was of morality—that the only standard of right and wrong—was the written law. He believed that the only system of ethics which should govern mankind was found in the Bible; but then we did not all understand it alike. It was not a system of morals so much as a system of religion, faith or worship. The speaker referred to the human conscience which, he said, like the mind, needed training, and also to another standard of morals which he termed the "utilitarian." One branch of this was narrow, and judged everything from a selfish standpoint. That system would not do at all. Turning to the graduates the Chief Justice said they were now about to start out in the world on their own account, but their professors and teachers would not follow them. They would henceforward have a great teacher that had overwhelmed many a man with disappointment and disaster—human experience; and in order that they might shape their lives aright, it was necessary that they should proceed cautiously, so as to avoid failure. There were various fields of human action, and fortunate would they be if they could rightly determine the one in which they were best fitted to labor; for a great many young people on starting out in life here made a mistake. Let them go to work with earnestness and determination, and though in the beginning their position might be a humble one, yet if they discharged the duties resting upon them faithfully, they would eventually reach a higher plane. The young men and women before him would go forth with the good wishes of all. He trusted that they would be successful in all they undertook, and that when their life here below was ended they would hear the words "Well done, good and faithful servant; go up higher." (Applause).

Chancellor Robert Harkness then came forward and proceeded with the pleasurable task of conferring degrees upon the graduates. The list is here reproduced:

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Adda Norton, Salt Lake City, Utah.

LITERARY COURSE.

Lyman Sk-en, Jr., Plain City, Weber Co., Utah.

NORMAL COURSE.

Nora Bennion, Taylorville, Salt Lake Co., Utah.

Edward L. Burton, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Alfred Thomas Bond, Heber City, Wasatch Co., Utah.

Newell Harris Bullock, Pleasant Grove, Utah Co., Utah.

Samuel Walstein Hendricks, Richmond, Cache Co., Utah.

Olara Herman, Tooele City, Tooele Co., Utah.

George Forstner Harding, Willard City, Box Elder Co., Utah.

Lillian Hamlin, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Maye Kimball, Scofield, Emery Co., Utah.

John Gustavo Lind, Heber City, Wasatch Co., Utah.

Willard Samuel Langton, Smithfield, Cache Co., Utah.

Walter William Morrison, Richfield, Sevier Co., Utah.

Adda Norton, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Josie Seaman, View, Weber Co., Utah.

George Alexander Seaman, View, Weber Co., Utah.

Lyman Skeen, Jr., Plain City, Weber Co., Utah.

Ray Van Cott, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Anna Woolf, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Annie Weggeland, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The recipients were warmly applauded, and at the conclusion of the

distribution magnificent bouquets and baskets of flowers were presented to each of the graduates by their fellow-students.

The orchestra next played a pretty selection.

Miss Lillian Hamlin read a skillfully written address on "The Progress of our Century." in which she showed that the country's educational progress had been even greater than our material advancement during the century which had passed. Miss Hamlin's valedictory remarks were given without reference to manuscript, were really eloquent and went to the hearts of all who heard them. To her fellow students her words were full of kindly advice, sympathy and encouragement, and to the professors and teachers of the University she expressed heartfelt thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the graduates, for past labors in their behalf.

Miss Hamlin's effort was rewarded with prolonged plaudits.

Mrs. Bessie Dean-Allison gave the delightful song, "Oh, come to me, my love," which was splendidly rendered.

Governor A. L. Thomas delivered the closing address. He said they had been informed that the past year had been one of progress at the University of Deseret. The attendance had been constantly increasing, and all would agree that the exercises this morning were an eloquent testimony to the quality of the training which this university was capable of imparting. The University of Deseret was taking a forward step. Every good citizen knew, and thoroughly appreciated the fact, that the future welfare of the people of this Territory would depend upon the education of its children. Every child who went out into the battle of life educated was as well equipped for that contest as was the trained soldier for the contest of arms. Danger would be found lurking behind the cloak of ignorance, and if it were averted it would be because of the surviving influences flowing from an intelligent and well-educated people, who were always patriotic. The prosperity and preservation of our country, indeed, would depend upon the intelligence and virtue of its people. In conclusion, Governor Thomas said we might well congratulate ourselves upon having in our midst such an excellent institution of learning as the University of Deseret, which stood as a monument to the genius of its founders.

The orchestra played another selection, and Professor Park having thanked the audience for their attendance on this extremely interesting occasion, the proceedings terminated, having lasted nearly two hours.

COMMENDABLE PHILANTHROPY.

Editor Deseret News:

In honor of Miss Jennie Cassidy of Louisville, Ky., an invalid lady who has devoted a large fortune in bestowing gifts to prisoners throughout the United States as also hospitable and other charitable institutions, the 9th of June is observed in commemoration of the good lady's birthday. The Reverends F. W. Norris and F. A. Arnold accompanied by several ladies, young maidens and children visited the

penitentiary yesterday, bringing baskets of flowers wrought into bouquets, which were passed around to each prisoner. The inmates were assembled in the large dining room.

The hymn "Rock of Ages" was announced by Elder Norris, and vigorously sung by the assembly.

Prayer by Rev. Norris.

Short reading from the Scriptures and address by Mr. Norris, after which Mrs. Norris rendered in a pleasing manner, "Basket of Flowers," "The Leaper," "A man is a man for a' that," "The New Church Organ."

Mrs. Norris expressed a wish to shake hands with all the prisoners. Warden Vandercook assenting, the good lady made the rounds to the great joy of the unfortunates.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. F. A. Arnold.

Mrs. Marshal Parsons and aids were very energetic in procuring flowers, and in many ways helped to make the feast enjoyable.

Mrs. Girsy came forward at the conclusion of the ceremonies, and in a fitting little speech said she would return for the "boys" the gift, when she presented Mrs. Norris a finely wrought cross of flowers, amidst a burst of applause by the prisoners. Mrs. Norris is a general favorite with the inmates of the "Pen.," having on several occasions treated them to her songs and readings.

Mrs. Vandercook, aided by Mr. Haight and the boys in the kitchen, got up a superb luncheon to the visitors, dishing up strawberries and country cream, to the great delight of those present. The guests returned home about 5 p. m. showering loving benedictions upon the heads of Warden Vandercook and his estimable wife.

Flower day of 1891 will long be remembered by the prisoners at the Utah penitentiary. God bless the noble woman who originated the custom of bestowing flowers upon the unfortunate convicts, and those who carry out the same. Respectfully,

B. W. DRIGGS.

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THEIR USUAL WAY.

IN ANOTHER part of this paper we insert a letter received on Tuesday from "A Stranger." He is much surprised at the inconsistency and self-contradiction of the "Liberal" organ. That is evidence that he is indeed "a stranger" to the ways of the persons whose course he deprecates. It is a common thing to find in one part of their sheet, narratives of facts which give the direct lie to their editorial utterances. The trouble is they write for a purpose, without regard to the truth or to the public knowledge of the situation. They are as rash as they are mendacious. And the wonder is that any decent and reflecting men remain under their tutelage and submit to their dictation. However, they are rapidly losing their hold upon any but the tag-rag-and-bobtail elements, and as their utter lack of reliability becomes more and more apparent, their ravings will gradually cease to have any effect upon the public but a sense of deep disgust.