

# THOMAS ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY

Well Known Worker in Educational Circles President of Teachers' Association.

## CONVENTION ENDS ITS WORK

Place of Next Gathering Is Left to Executive Committee for Selection—Yesterday's Proceedings.

After three days of heavy campaigning, in which Mathonihah Thomas once positively refused to permit his name to be used in connection with the presidency of the State Teachers' association, on account of the candidacy of his friend Dr. Merrill of the university of Utah, the supporters of Mr. Thomas organized and pulled off a "coup" in the final session of the teachers' association Wednesday afternoon and elected him by unanimous choice.

The contest had narrowed down to two names, those of John S. Welch, supervisor of English in the Salt Lake City schools, and Dr. Joseph F. Merrill, director of the school of mines at the university. It was then that Mr. Welch determined upon a little piece of politics, and when the order was reached for nominating candidates for president of the association for the coming year, Mr. Welch arose and in a highly eulogistic speech placed in nomination for the position the name of Mathonihah Thomas, a well known attorney of this city, a member of the Salt Lake City board of education, a member of the board of trustees of the Utah Agricultural college, and an acknowledged friend of the teachers and educational work in general.

The friends of Dr. Merrill were surprised. However, the program was carried out and Parker E. Pratt, of Granite district, placed Dr. Merrill in nomination in a brief and complimentary speech. The vote was taken, and seemed much in favor of Mr. Thomas. Upon division, about two-thirds of the members stood for Mr. Thomas, and one-third for Dr. Merrill. Mr. Thomas was, on motion of one of Dr. Merrill's supporters, made the unanimous choice of the convention.

There was no contest for any of the other offices, the nominations being made by acclamation. For first vice-president, John M. Mills, superintendent of Ogden city schools, was chosen; for second vice-president, James E. Moss, Granite high school, Salt Lake county, for director, Orson Ryan, superintendent of Wasatch county schools.

When the afternoon session convened, President Briggs introduced Prof. Milton E. Horton of the university who offered the invocation. This was followed by two violin solos by Morris Andrews of Salt Lake, accompanied by Miss Margaret Andrews.

DR. BALLIET HEARD.

Dr. Balliet addressed the gathering on "The Function of Play in Education." Dr. Balliet said there was much prejudice against play on the part of teachers, but said that the young had a right to play, and that physical energy that must find vent in activity. "If the energy a young man puts into a game of football he could put into business pursuits, he could not fail of success."

Following Dr. Balliet's masterful talk, Miss Ada Van Stone Harris, who has taken a prominent part before the convention, made a short speech of farewell, in which she thanked the Utah teachers' association for the kind treatment which had been accorded her, and expressing regret that she could not live here always.

Mrs. Walter G. Tuttle favored the audience with a beautiful solo, after which the election of officers followed. Before adjourning the convention adopted the following resolutions:

"That the Utah Teachers' association is to be congratulated upon the continued excellence of its sessions, its widening influence and the high professional standards which it has set."

"That the sixteenth annual convention has been characterized by a universal degree of harmonious activity for which the thanks of the association are due to the retiring president and his associate officers."

"That the hospitality of the citizens of Salt Lake City in entertaining the delegates within their gates has not been dulled by our repeated visits; that Supt. D. H. Christensen and the principals and teachers of the Salt Lake schools be voted our heartfelt thanks not only for their courtesy and cordial welcome, but also for the charming reception at Ogden hall—an affair unanimously pronounced an effective device for teaching the greater lesson of human brotherhood."

"That we express sincere gratitude to the Salt Lake board of education, the church of Latter-day Saints and the presidency of the Deseret stake for the free use of buildings and grounds so generously tendered."

"To the press of the state in general and that of Salt Lake and Ogden in particular, we extend our thanks for the announcements made in advance of the convention and the lucid reports of the meetings, both general and departmental."

"To Dr. Henry Suzzalo, educator and musician; to Ada Van Stone Harris, practical school executive; to Dr. Thomas M. Balliet, scholar, humorist and idealist, we acknowledge a deep professional obligation for their ringing messages of lofty truth, their helpful inspiration toward greater optimism and nobler ideals."

"The thanks of the association are due to the music committee, and to the talented musicians who by their divine gifts, have added a lighter and more artistic touch to our sober conferences."

"That we express our sympathy to the family of Julius C. Schmidt, former secretary of the music section, upon his untimely death, which removed from our association a faithful and conscientious teacher of great promise; one who has left an indelible mark upon the educational life of Utah."

"In the death of William T. Harris, commissioner of education, the world has lost one of its greatest men, and the cause of education one of its truest friends."

"We further recommend that the resolutions of the various departments be incorporated into the report of the general committee, since thus they will receive the consideration of the whole convention."

"That we respond to the appeal of his excellency, the governor of the State of Utah, wherein he asks us for the influence and support of the teachers of the state towards the carrying of the proposed amendment to the constitution granting state aid to high schools at the coming general election; also, that we unite and individually support the proposed amendment adopted by the legislature and approved by the governor March 22, 1909."

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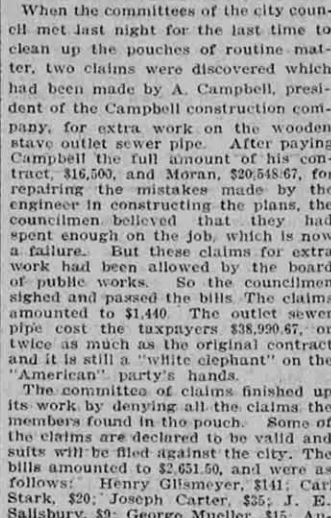
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# Brigham Young University Campaign.

This Department is Conducted by a Member of the Faculty.



THE B. Y. U. CHURCH TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

It would have been too bad for this campaign to end without its humorous side. The joke is on the editor of this department. Yesterday among the files in The News' stereotyping department he found an ink-covered engraving marked B. Y. U., whose general outline corresponds with the high school building and therefore he published it as such. He opened his eyes, when the paper reached him last night—and so did 10,000 other readers, no doubt. It proved to be one of the designs submitted in competition for the Maeser Memorial building.

Estimates Necessary to Complete the building ..... \$110,000  
Subscribed by Alumni and friends ..... 58,157  
Subscribed by B. Y. U. Faculty ..... 9,775  
Subscribed by Students now attending ..... 3,501  
Subscribed at large since the beginning of the holiday campaign ..... 9,279  
Amount still necessary to complete the building ..... 30,926

The other day on the streets of Salt Lake, the writer chanced upon Susan Y. Gates—dear, big-hearted Aunt Susa, as she is affectionately known to the students and teachers of the school.

"Do you know," said she, "that there is something almost pathetic in the mission you and your fellow teachers have assumed for the holiday vacation. It is a season of self-gratification, family reunions, feasting, pleasure parties, socials, theaters and what-not—indulgences that most of us look forward to for a whole year. Yet you voluntarily renounce all that and become canvassers for money—that is to say, half-welcome, if not unwelcome, intruders upon the reigning spirit of the season. It makes me want to cry to think that after your splendid contributions you must also give your vacation."

"Well, to tell you the truth, I think the canvassing part was the harder sacrifice of the two. It touched the sense of professional dignity. We have to bolster our pride every little while with the thought that we are not working for ourselves, save indirectly; it is for the triumph of Church schools, for the building of an apex, a great college or university roof, so to speak, for the widely extending foundation and walls of Zion's temple of learning."

"True enough, and from that point of view, there must be joy in your mission, as there is in every other form of missionary work in the Church."

"And, do you know?" continued this sympathetic friend, "it is my conviction that the spirit of your school remains what it is, mainly because you have had to face yearly just such a situation. Self-sacrifice is one of the secrets of the spiritual warmth of that school. You have only to imagine yourselves surrounded with more money for building and equipment, than you would know what to do with, to realize what I mean. The just shall live by faith."

And then Aunt Susa proceeded to illustrate the great truth she had just pointed out by an appeal to the history of the school's growth.

"How could Brother Maeser have built up the Brigham Young academy on its spiritual side, save as he was dependent day by day for guidance and encouragement from God? His salary was for a long time less than a thousand a year and up to the fifteenth academic year, was never more than fifteen hundred; and the salaries of his fellow teachers were correspondingly less. And yet there was scarcely a year in those days that the teachers were not called upon to sacrifice from 20 to 25 per cent of their wages simply because the funds ran short and during one year they were paid only one-half. Is it not true?"

"Yes, I went through 10 years of that starving period myself. I didn't starve, but I know what you say is true."

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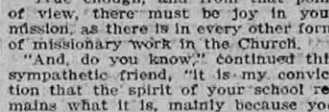
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