

# Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY,  
March 28th, 1882.

Editor Deseret News:

I believe there are occasional instances when people may reasonably doubt the truthfulness of the old adage "It is never too late to mend." A probable instance of that character is now under my observation, one I regard as of sufficient public importance to warrant frequent notice in your valuable paper. I allude to the rapid destruction, now in process, of what has always been recognized by our citizens as one of the best sites in this city for a prominent building—the Arsenal Block; it needs but a glance to convince any person that that will soon be in a condition impossible to mend. Located at the north end of our principal street; such a situation is generally chosen in other cities for the erection of important and pretentious public edifices, residents and visitors, looking in that direction, behold an unsightly gravel bank and a crowd of chain-gang men laboring thereat, one might readily imagine, like demons endeavoring to make the unsightliness permanently irremediable.

Our City Council has been, and is, composed of representative men worthily noted for honest and earnest labor in behalf of the municipality, constantly aiming to make needed improvements in the most economical manner, but I think, like other mortals, they can once in a while make a mistake. Possibly, in the hurry of closing up the business of the last administration. On the day and night of their last meeting, the committee recommended, and the Council adopted, certain action in regard to the Arsenal Block, without sufficient consideration. The published report of proceedings relating to this matter states the committee "recommended that the city continue to procure gravel from the Arsenal Block—the object for which it was purchased—until it can do better elsewhere." In reading this, it struck me as peculiar that the city fathers should spend city money to purchase the Arsenal Block simply for the purpose of procuring the gravel it may contain. As stated a few weeks ago by the NEWS, "the gravel obtained there is of a poor quality;" in fact, in that regard, the purchase of said block may well be considered a "poor spec." The NEWS also called attention to the fact that there is a practically inexhaustible supply of the best quality of gravel, a kind that packs readily, easily obtainable near the Warm Springs Bath House. I have no doubt there are several other places conveniently accessible where good gravel can be obtained, and assuredly without the disastrous results of destroying conspicuously fine building sites or seriously depreciating the value of surrounding property, as in this instance. I respectfully submit it can easily be proven that the city "can do better elsewhere," and, therefore, the excavations on the Arsenal Block, and the street leading to it, should be stopped immediately.

The usual condition of these excavations is a source of alarm to all families in the neighborhood, because of the imminent danger of accidents to children who are tempted to play there. The loose, precipitous, banks are continually crumbling, and frequently cave in, carrying great quantities of soil, clay, boulders and poor gravel into the deep hollow. Of course, nobody has been killed there yet; the street supervisor has been instructed to "make and keep a substantial fence around the excavations," and children should not play there, but nevertheless, there is a strong probability of a calamity happening some day if the excavations are continued, or allowed to remain in the present shape. There is a tolerably good fence enclosing a portion of the excavations now, but it is an easy matter for children to walk round or climb over it, and I have seen an apology for a fence allowed to remain for weeks insecurely tottering on the edge of the crumbling banks, the thought that somebody's child, or a grown person, incautiously leaning against it would inevitably be precipitated, with it, on to the boulders thirty or forty feet below, has often made me shudder.

I sincerely hope the present honorable Mayor and Council will give the respectful petition and protest of the residents on Arsenal Hill a favorable reconsideration, take steps to stop the permanent disfigurement of that locality, and put it in decent

shape, before it is quite, utterly, "too late to mend." Truly yours,  
MAC.

## BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

### REPORT OF PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Written exercises, Brigham Young Academy, Sixth Year, Third Term, ending March 31st, 1882.

#### Number of Students Registered.

Department.	No. of Registrars.	Teacher.
Primary B - -	23	Mrs. Zina Y. Williams
Primary A - -	15	"
Intermediate B -	45	N. L. Nelson
Intermediate A -	109	M. H. Hardy
Academic B - -	59	J. M. Tanner
Academic A - -	79	J. E. Talmage
Normal - - -	23	By the Principal.

Total attendance 353

#### Number of Recitations held

Department.	Classes.	Weekly Recitations.
Intermediate B -	14	79
Intermediate A -	8	45
Academic B - -	14	55
Academic A - -	21	104

#### Normal Department.

By the Principal. Number of teachers, 21; number of weekly recitations, 351. Three normal students have been acting as teachers in the various district schools in Utah County.

#### Theologically Tabulated.

One Seventy, 27 Elders, 12 Priests, 16 Teachers, 59 Deacons, 200 Lay members, 23 Non-members, 3 under age, 12 not yet baptized. Total 353. According to their homes they are tabulated as follows:  
From Provo, 180; Pleasant Grove, 17; American Fork, 6; Alpine, 2; Lehi, 2; Fairfield, 1; Goshen, 4; Payson, 15; Benjamin, 3; Springville, 7; Salt Lake County, 13; Davis County, 1; Weber County, 2; Box Elder County, 1; Cache County, 2; Tooele County, 1; Uintah County, 3; Summit County, 1; Wasatch County, 17; Juab County, 9; Millard County, 6; Sanpete County, 19; Sevier County, 2; Piute County, 1; Beaver County, 3; Iron County, 8; Washington County, 5; Kane County, 4; Arizona Terr., 3; Nevada, 2; Idaho, 13; total, 353.

#### Polysophical Society.

Section.	Members.	Chairman.
Civil Government	65	F. M. Lyman
Literary and Scientific	23	N. Nelson
Fine Arts and Music	89	Mrs. Z. Y. Williams

One Academic Monthly has been published, J. M. Tanner, President; Miss Annie Larson, Secretary.

#### Laboratory.

During the latter part of the present term a new consignment of apparatus for the scientific department was procured by the board, making the number of the implements in our laboratory amount to 72, and of different kinds of chemical and physical material 75.

#### Choir.

Miss Jessie Harris, leader; members, 27. Practices held, 7. Number of new pieces practised 24.

#### Railroads.

The thanks of the Academy are due to the Utah Central, Union Pacific, Central Pacific, Salt Lake and Nevada, Pleasant Valley and the Utah and Sanpete Railroad Companies, for extending to our students the privilege of half-fare rates between Provo and their respective homes.

#### Closing Remarks.

Notwithstanding the overcrowded condition of our academy during this term, it has been a general observation that the department of our students in the main has been under better control than ever before, although influences from the outside have been constantly at work to counteract the most strenuous efforts of the teachers; but assisted by the Spirit of God, the good sense of the by far greater majority of the students has contributed to maintain the fair reputation of our academy. To all good students, therefore, I say, with a full heart, God bless you. To my fellow teachers for their untiring faithfulness in the discharge of their multiplied duties my most grateful acknowledgments, and the board of trustees our thanks for the readiness with which they have always endeavored to supply the increasing necessities of this institution, as far as their means would permit. Renewed evidences that God has been with the B. Y. Academy have strengthened our faith, encouraged us in our hopes, and have been more than sufficient recompense for all our anxiety.

JAMES C. JENSEN,  
Secretary of Examination.

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