

every sense a Church establishment.

We are pleased to state that Professor James E. Talmage has recovered from the effects of his late illness, so that he will stand at the head of the faculty and take personal charge of the college. And such well known and esteemed educators as Willard Done, Joseph Nelson, John J. Walton, Richard Haag, Camilla Cobb and Evan Stephens have charge of the various departments or sections thereof, and talented lecturers are engaged to address the college on various important subjects.

The Latter-day Saints College in this city has been established under the direction of the Stake Board of Education and the counsel of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This should be a sufficient guaranty of its character. It has proved to be worthy of the support of the Latter-day Saints, and the only substantial barrier in its way has been the lack of buildings large enough and of proper construction to admit and accommodate all the applicants for tuition. This we hope to see remedied before long.

While speaking of this admirable institution we must refer to some remarks that were recently made by the *Logan Journal* and the *Provo Enquirer*, which are considered invidious by the friends and promoters of the College. The idea is conveyed in those expressions that parents in the country should not send their children to school in Salt Lake City.

"As for Church schools," says the *Journal*, "conducted by Latter-day Saints Salt Lake City is the last place they should thrive. That city for variety of vice and for the presence of dangerous and disreputable characters, will compare with the worst hole in the country which pretends to the dimensions of a genuine city. Any advantage that parents imagine attaches to an education because it is received in Salt Lake will hardly compensate for the dangers ever in the way of a loss of moral character to the boy or girl who is sent there. It is all very well to prate about resisting temptation, but the Lord's prayer was to be delivered from evil and few of us are better for familiarity with vice. From a religious position, and certainly viewed as a Latter-day Saint must view the subject, Salt Lake is the last place at which a central school for the Latter-day Saints should be erected, and Salt Lake City the last city to which Latter-day Saints should think of sending their children to be educated."

The *Enquirer* endorses and emphasizes these strictures and after describing the various allurements in this city, adds this:

"Thugs and rogues swarm the streets at night, making it utterly impossible for ladies, who may be there alone as students, to walk out after the shades of evening have fallen on the city, while it is dangerous for men to walk home at a late hour."

We think our friends in the North and in the South have greatly exaggerated the facts and are a little too partial in their views. We admit at once, that both Provo and Logan have Church schools or academies in every way worthy of the support of Latter-day Saints, and amply competent to educate the young people in those cities. We do not know that there is any necessity to send children from either place to this city for an education.

But the strictures made are too sweeping. Salt Lake City has been chosen as the place where "Church schools conducted by Latter-day Saints shall thrive." It is not "the last at which a central school for the Latter-day Saints should be erected," if the wisest men among us are any guide in the matter.

We expect to see a central Church college erected in this city, to which pupils will come from the most advanced schools in the Territory, to complete their education and from which they may graduate with the highest university honors.

At present, Latter-day Saints may send their children to the college in this city and have them placed under the care of the faculty, who will see that their conduct is not unworthy of their parentage and of the institution. Their boarding houses, their amusements, their visiting places, etc., are all under the supervision of the college authorities.

As to this city it is not "utterly impossible for ladies to walk out after the shades of evening have fallen," because hundreds of them do so without molestation. It is true that some men have been "held up" at night. But while this has been of too frequent occurrence, hundreds upon hundreds of men walk the streets at night without fear or danger. It is well not to exaggerate, and wise to refrain from stretching a point to the verge of fiction.

The influence which has prevailed in the Latter-day Saints' College in this city has been of the very best. It is against immorality and vice in every form, and it guards against even the appearance of evil. The college does not shut young people up in a band box or ignore the evils of the age. But it fortifies them in their spirit and appeals to

their reason and better nature, and thus guards them against wrongdoing.

We think that Provo and Logan are well supplied with Church schools, worthy of the highest encomiums. But there are other places from which parents may desire to send young people for advanced tuition, and we believe they can send them to the College in this city without fear of their falling into the "hole" which has disturbed the imagination of our esteemed contemporaries.

The cause of education is receiving increased attention and support and every lover of his race must be pleased to see the interest which is taken in it by all classes. It is highly proper that while infidelity is spreading and godless schools are the fashion, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should provide schools in which religion may be taught, and wherein the spiritual as well as the intellectual faculties may be developed for the happiness of mankind and the glory of God. Let us give them our special aid, support and encouragement.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD ACT

The storm raised by the City Assessor is assuming vast proportions and threatens to burst with terrible force upon the party which he represents. The County Assessor's figures caused a big noise and much consternation among the taxpayers. But they were, in many respects insignificant when compared with the bold flights in arithmetic taken by the city official.

There are pieces of property which were assessed too high by the County Assessor, but on which the City Assessor has more than doubled the valuation. And it is charged that not only has the city tax man placed property at a ridiculously high figure, but he has shown incompetency in valuing both real estate and the improvements made thereon.

Threats among "Liberals" are both loud and deep, and sometimes more forcible than elegant, as to the smashing of the party that forced this man into office. And it is correctly argued that the effect of his course will be to retard business and prevent the influx of business men and of capital for investment.

But, grumbling apart, would it not be a wise thing for the City Council to take this matter forcibly in hand, and correct the evil which