

ain, spoke to the congregation, and bore his testimony that the Gospel had again been restored to earth through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elders H. N. Hedges and Joseph L. Horne addressed the congregation on the summer school movement in this Stake as well as the educational matters in general.

Bishop Theo. Brandley in his remarks made special reference to the law of tithing, and endeavored to impress upon the minds of the people the necessity of obeying this law.

The choir sang the anthem "Song of the redeemed," after which conference adjourned for three months. Benediction by Patriarch E. H. Black-horn.

The Monroe choir, under the leadership of Bro. Toos. Hanson, furnished the excellent singing, the people in Monroe did all in their power to make all the visiting Saints comfortable, and a general time of rejoicing was had by all present.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Stake Clerk.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE

The Social hall was well filled on Wednesday by students of the Latter-day Saints' college, parents and friends, members of the Salt Lake Stake board of education, and others interested in this important educational institution, to engage in and listen to the closing exercises of the ninth academic year. On the platform were President Joseph F. Smith, President Lorenzo Snow, Elder Elias Morris, president of the college, Dr. James E. Talmage, and other prominent citizens interested in the college work. The platform was handsomely decorated with roses, hyacinths, ornamental plants, etc.

The program today was of a most pleasing character, and was highly enjoyed by those present. The addresses were impressive, instructive and encouraging, and with the other exercises were entertaining to the large assemblage. The close of the school year finds the college in first class condition as an educational institution, whose work is worthy of highest commendation and the full support of the Latter-day Saints.

The singing exercises were beautifully given by the college choir, a most efficient organization under the leadership of Elder Thomas McIntyre.

After the opening hymn, prayer was offered by Elder H. W. Naisbitt.

The program was then entered upon, commencing with a finely rendered piano duet, by Misses Kate Romney and Edna Coray.

Miss Ray Grant read an interesting and well written essay on religion and ethics. She discussed the theories of education under these headings, and showed that in addition to physical, intellectual and moral training, there is essential to a perfect education that spiritual cultivation which comes only through religious instruction, and by which men and women attain to the exalted position for which they were intended by nature.

"King Robert of Slottly" was recited in a most effective manner by Miss Maud May Babcock.

Prof. Willard Dune then read his report as principal of the college. It

gave the total attendance as 248. Of these, 120 have attended upon the preparatory course, 20 on the normal, 40 on the business, and 68 on special courses. The last number includes eighteen students of the University of Utah, who took special work in theology.

The work of auxiliary organizations is recorded as follows: In the Student's society, 14 sessions, at which the following educational workers have lectured, in addition to students and members of the faculty: Elder S. W. Jenkinsen, Elder Abraham H. Cannon, Dr. James E. Talmage, Prof. W. M. Stewart, Elder Ezra Robinson, Elder David McKenzie, and Dr. J. M. Tanner; in ladies' class, young men's class, Priesthood meetings, and general theological class, bi-weekly meetings, with exercises by students and instructions by teachers; in the field club, visits to industrial establishments and localities of scientific interest, and in the theological lecture courses, Elders David McKenzie, George Reynolds and B. H. Roberts having given valuable series of lectures on Bible evidences and Book of Mormon history.

According to Church standing, the following is the registration of students: Seventies, 4; Elders, 11; Priests, 17; Teachers, 12; Deacons, 72; member, 120; non-members, 7; total, 248. The students have attended from the following localities: Salt Lake City, First ward 3, Second ward 10, Third ward 2, Fourth ward 3, Fifth ward 1, Sixth ward 1, Seventh ward 3, Eighth ward 1, Ninth ward 3, Tenth ward 6, Eleventh ward 2, Twelfth ward 6, Thirteenth ward 7, Fourteenth ward 13, Fifteenth ward 6, Sixteenth ward 23, Seventeenth ward 18, Eighteenth ward 4, Nineteenth ward 7; Twentieth ward 13, Twenty-first ward 2, Twenty-second ward 11, Big Cottonwood 3, Bingham Canyon 1, Center ward 1, Draper 2, East Mill Creek 1, Farmers 7, Granger 3, Mill Creek 8, South Cottonwood 4, Mountain Dell 2, Sugar House 2, Taylorville 3, West Jordan 1. Other stakes in Utah—Bear Lake Stake 3, Cache Stake 4, Davis 20, Morgan 6, Millard 3, Paungitch 1, Summit 5, Sanpete 1, St. George 1, Tooele 3, Utah 2, Wayne 1, Weber 4, Wasatch 2. Other states and territories—Idaho 1, New York 1. Summary—Salt Lake City 147, country wards of Salt Lake Stake 38, other stakes of Utah 56, other states 2.

The report states that the class work has shown a marked improvement over that of any preceding year. In theology this increase of efficiency has been especially marked. It pointed out that the teachers were too few in number, and that the college building was inadequate for the attendance. For the next year there was suggested the retaining of the present faculty, and the employment of four additional teachers: one each for intermediate work; phonography, typewriting and language; elocution and physical culture; and science and mathematics. There was also expressed the hope that in the near future provision would be made for the large attendance.

Prof. Dune then conferred upon the graduating students their degrees, making brief complimentary remarks upon their work and inviting them to continued faithfulness to the duty of life.

The graduates are in the commercial or business course and the complete normal course.

Dr. James E. Talmage, formerly principal of the college, and member of the general Church board of education, on behalf of that board, then conferred the degree of Bachelor of Didactics in the art and science of music upon Professor Evan Stephens.

The college choir sang the anthem "Cry Out and Shout," after which George A. Welling delivered the valedictory, making a brief and effective address. This was followed by a beautiful tenor solo by George D. Pypier.

President Joseph F. Smith then addressed the assemblage, being listened to with the closest attention and interest. He said he regretted that he had not had the opportunity when young that the youth of today had among the Latter-day Saints. He spoke of the highly interesting and gratifying exercises of the occasion, the good report made, and of the evidences of advancement shown by the college. Referring to his boyhood's days, he remarked that he had early resolved in life to do his whole duty. To the students in the college, the speaker pointed out the necessity of a commencement in life, upon a safe footing and in the right direction. He indicated the care which should be taken to avoid errors, the promptness with which mistakes should be corrected, and the energy which should mark the student's progress. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," was an injunction which should be persistently heeded; put your heart in your work, but avoid extremes. President Smith discoursed upon the spiritual and physical natures of man, and his obligation to abide the truth, that thereby he may be made free. The mind should know the truth, and the soul be filled with love therefor. Education should not be for time only, but for eternity. The speaker concluded by reading the first psalm.

Prof. Dune made some announcements for the next school year, which will commence about September 10th; also regarding this evening's program in the Social Hall, and field day tomorrow.

The choir then sang a Parting Song, and the exercises were brought to a close by prayer by President Lorenzo Snow.

MILLARD STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly Stake conference of Millard Stake convened in the Deseret meeting house Sunday morning, May 26, 1895, at 10 o'clock, Elder Ira N. Hinckley presiding. There were present on the stand: Elder F. M. Lyman of the Twelve Apostles, the Stake presidency, a few of the members of the High Council, four Patriarchs, nearly all the Bishops and other leading men of the Stake; and an attentive audience filled the large house at every meeting.

After the opening exercises Sunday morning, Elder Hinckley gave a brief report of the condition of the Stake. He thought there was an improvement in observing the Word of Wisdom. The Relief Societies are on the lead, and the young ladies are ahead of the young