

through difficulties," and meaning that immortality may thus be gained when other means fail, has a sort of application in this case; if the people will not voluntarily uphold the work of their neighbors' hands and thus create prosperity for all, then welcome the difficulties by which they are compelled to do so.

When we use at home every thread that has been woven in our midst and consume every article of consumption prepared by the skilled hands of neighboring friends—when, in a word, we use only homemade goods as far as they will go—there will still be many, very many things that we can neither raise nor manufacture and these we will take pleasure in buying from our friends East and West. But let us not buy what we can create; it is a reproach to Providence and a neglect of our own and our children's welfare to do so.

THE CHOIR'S EXCURSION.

All who were included in the Tabernacle Choir party which left this city on the 29th of August for Chicago are again at home, the last of the excursionists having returned this week. Now that the great event of the Choir's visit to the World's Fair has passed into history, it is appropriate that there should be made a resume particularly of some items, which heretofore have received but passing mention, regarding those who contributed to make the affair a success, both in the preparatory labors and while the company was en route.

When the suggestion was first made that Utah's great choral organization engage in the world's musical competition, it received the warmest consideration of the First Presidency. The Choir being a Church organization, it was fitting that the approval of the presiding authorities of the Church should be obtained, and this was heartily given. The First Presidency went still further, not only extending their moral support to the scheme, but pledging material aid to carry the idea into effect. By assuming this position they made it possible for the Choir to accomplish the great work it has performed.

The initiatory steps were taken in the appointment, by the First Presidency, of a committee of eight, composed of the following gentlemen: Wm. B. Preston, H. B. Clawson, John T. Calle, Spencer Clawson, H. G. Whitney, James Jack, C. S. Burton and Wm. C. Spence. Bishop Preston was chairman of the committee, Bishop H. B. Clawson and Mr. H. G. Whitney were selected as managers for the Choir's trip, and to H. B. Clawson and W. C. Spence were assigned the special duties of the transportation committee.

The general committee at once entered upon its work. As chairman, Bishop Preston was indefatigable in his efforts to make the affair a success. Bishop Clawson entered upon his arduous duties with characteristic energy and determination, and when there arose obstacles which seemed insurmountable in the way of the Choir going, he never relaxed his hold but pressed on till all difficulties

were overcome. It was through his influence and efforts that the magnificent Pullman train was secured for the Choir and was specially held for the return journey when the choristers were in Chicago. This unusual favor was obtained only by special and well-directed efforts with the chief officials of the Pullman company. Nor did his labors end with the arrangement for the transportation of the Choir; they extended to all the essentials for their comfort while en route. He also secured the passes (another most unusual favor) that admitted the Choir free to the Fair grounds during their stay in Chicago.

As one of the managers, H. G. Whitney also deserves special mention for his energy and capability in arranging for the concerts given by the Choir on the trip, the wide advertising they received in advance, and the financial success which was attained. To his thorough discharge of the very responsibilities resting on him is in great measure due the success of the excursion. In this connection it may be suggested that it was at the instance of Hon. John T. Caine that Mayor Baskin and other influential citizens sent telegrams ahead, thus according to the Choir the grand reception that was given to them in St. Louis and other cities. Mr. Caine's extensive eastern acquaintance and his local prominence as a citizen and as ex-Delegate to Congress made his selection as spokesman most happy and fortunate.

The laborious duties of the transportation committee were fully shared by W. C. Spence, in getting rates which in the beginning of the movement seemed utterly beyond reach, and which were only obtained by long and persistent work. No labor was spared and no negotiation was deemed too intricate for these gentlemen to grapple with. The other members of the general committee also lent their full assistance upon all occasions. Among members of the party who deserve mention for ready willingness to perform any duty required are Hon. L. John Nuttall, who as treasurer had so constant and onerous work, and gave words of encouragement on all occasions; Bishop O. F. Whitney, who, as already published, delivered the speech in which Director-General Davis was presented with a Utah cane from the Choir.

A brimming measure of praise is due to D. E. Burley, passenger agent of the Union Pacific, and to J. H. Bennett, passenger agent of the Rio Grande Western railway, who worked energetically with their eastern connections for a low rate, and by whose assistance it was obtained. Mr. Burley accompanied the Choir to Chicago, and was invaluable in making the journey pleasant over the Union Pacific and its connections. The Missouri Pacific officials were not backward in showing special courtesies, nor was D. Bowes, passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton Railway, who, in connection with Mr. Burley, secured the concession of an exceptionally low rate for passing over the St. Louis bridge. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, the Burlington and Missouri River, the Denver and Rio Grande, and the Colorado Midland, over whose lines the Choir

train passed, also afforded most gratifying treatment.

The kindness of the Pullman company, as shown by President Geo. M. Pullman, Vice-president T. H. Wicks and Superintendent W. H. Read, in furnishing the elegant cars that were used by the party, and in leaving the train intact at Chicago a whole week, without charging for the cars except when in actual use, is duly appreciated. In this connection may be mentioned the assistance given by the Pullman agent at Ogden, Mr. O'Riley, and the courtesy and efficiency of the conductor for the entire trip, Mr. Grafton. The Pullman company also handsomely tendered to President Woodruff, for the use of the First Presidency and their party complimentary for the whole journey, the magnificent private Pullman car "Pickwick."

In Chicago, Director General Davis, of the World's Fair Commission, afforded the party and the Choir royal treatment. His acts of thoughtfulness, courtesy and consideration were too numerous to be mentioned in detail, but they will not be forgotten. The agents of the Denver and Rio Grande in Chicago, J. W. Slosson and Mr. Middleton, and of the Rio Grande Western, Mr. Blair, also extended courtesies that were of much benefit to the party; and Hon. P. H. Lannan, World's Fair commissioner for Utah, did his utmost in a pleasant and patriotic way for the enjoyment of the whole company.

There are many others whose names should be recorded as materially contributing to the dignity, prestige and success of the undertaking. Among these are Gov. C. W. West; Mayor R. N. Baskin; W. E. Hubbard, Wendell Benson and J. C. Conklin, presidents of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's Association and Real Estate Exchange respectively; Messdames Salisbury and Richards of the Utah World's Fair Commission; Dr. J. M. Benedict, who acted as physician for the party; and the passenger officials of all the lines over which the Choir passed.

The most kindly greetings were given the party by the mayor and citizens of Evanston and the citizens of Rock Springs, Wyoming; by Mr. Shattuck and the people of Denver; by Mayor Mercer and committee and the inhabitants of Independence, Mo.; Chairman Annab of the Merchants' Exchange and his associates (who tendered the Choir a grand reception) and the mayor of St. Louis; Captain Brolaski (who gave the Choir a complimentary excursion on the Mississippi river on the fine steamer Paragoud), and others.

In designating those who participated in making the whole event a gratifying success, the talented musicians and sweet-voiced vocalists are by no means regarded as among the least. From the eminent conductor, Prof. Evan Stephens, Professors J. J. Daynes and Thomas Rascollie, organists, Professors Anthon Pedersen and W. E. Weihe, and each of the soloists (male and female) and the whole chorus from the oldest man down to the youngest girl, all performed their part nobly and well. That the News does not take up each one separately and applaud