

SUCCESS WHEN UNITED. WHAT WILL YOU DO?

TO THE SAINTS AND FRIENDS OF THE CAUSE OF TRUTH;
GREETING:—

In the fact of our having been appointed a Finance Committee by the Trustees of Graceland College; and the further facts set forth herein, is to be found our apology for again appearing before you as we do at this time. That the church has an Institution of learning is plainly evident from information set forth in the *Herald* for October 26, 1898, furnished in response to a number of inquiries for the same. That this institution of ours is in need of substantial support and encouragement as indicated in the several appeals appearing in the late issues of the *Herald* is also true. These needs more specifically stated and in part repeated are the following:—

First. It needs the undivided moral support of every member of the church. While the College cannot be run on sympathy and good wishes, it is nevertheless true that it must merit and obtain these before it can receive of the more material support. In this connection this suggestion is offered: Let everyone who has not felt fully satisfied with reference to the College movement, either as to its being right or wrong, premature or otherwise, make it a matter of study and prayer. First investigate its claims, object, promises, etc.; then see if such a work is not in perfect *harmony* with the word of God, though not *commanded*, remembering that if *not out* of harmony it is justified; then honestly ask God to direct you in the course you shall pursue in relation to it; carry out honestly your convictions, praying God you may do no wrong, and God will bless you in your effort. This is certainly no more than every true saint should do, as, doubtless, many have already done.

Second. It needs students. The principal reason why so many calls have been made for financial support is because the enrollment of students is small. Many children of saints go away to colleges, farther away and more expensive than Graceland; some because they want to attend a school which has prestige and reputation. Of course that is something; but if all who could do so would come to Graceland, she would soon possess reputation and prestige to be envied by our foremost colleges of the land. Loyalty to our own institution will give it a place among colleges to be proud of, and at the same time relieve the present financial embarrassment to a large degree.

Third. It needs immediate financial aid to enable it to tide over the critical season and place it upon a firm footing. The present debt, if it had to be paid by one or two, is large; but if all who could would help, it would soon be lifted, and thus put the church in a better condition to meet a wicked and frowning world with a firmer and bolder front than at any time in her history.

Fourth. The college needs apparatus, laboratories, a better library, a collection of relics and curios, etc.

Some of the brethren when traveling about, by making the needs of the college known in this regard, especially as regards books and relics, could gather many such as would be of great value to the work.

We have a college site, as regards beauty and healthfulness of surroundings, surpassed by but few; and as regards morality and sobriety of association, equaled by none; and if the immediate needs referred to above, and perhaps others, could be supplied, in a few years or decades we could challenge the admiration of the world in the excellence of our institution.

Referring to the object of the College we wish to say that it is not to educate for the ministry, as some have supposed, but to educate for life; while it is hoped that our ministry may be educated as a result of our college effort. Does anyone doubt but that an educated man is more competent than he would have been uneducated? or that even those of our missionaries who are unlearned and have made phenomenal success would have been even more successful if educated, other characteristics remaining as they are? It is only fitting and right that our young men and young women should be qualified to compete with the most learned of our time in the various callings and professions. We need learned school teachers, learned mechanics, learned bankers, learned merchants, learned farmers, learned mothers of future generations, quite as much as learned preachers; and preachers will never be more than a small minority of the people.

Who then can be educated at Graceland? Every young man and woman who desires it. What! Yes, missionaries' children and all; if all will unite and labor as we can. "To be learned is good, if they hearken unto the counsels of God." (2 Nephi 6: 12.) They should not only be educated then, but under proper influences so that they may be led to "hearken unto the counsels of God." Does anyone doubt that the missionaries' children should be educated? Why should they not be? Would anything short of this be fair? The Lord said in 1887, "Let him that laboreth in the ministry and him that toileth in the affairs of the men of business and of work labor together with God for the accomplishment of the work intrusted to all." (D. C. 119: 8.)

Those who toil "in the affairs of the men of business and of work" are to aid in maintaining an institution so that the children of the missionaries may be educated, without money, under wholesome, moral influences, so that they may not forget to "hearken to the counsels of God," and thus all be placed upon an equality in this regard. And this can be, ought to be, and will be done. Are we willing each to do our part? is the question.

Of course the best way to contribute to the support of the College is to send us students. There are doubtless more than enough children of the saints attending college somewhere every year to maintain Graceland, if they could but be enrolled here. But the following plans and propositions are submitted by which it is

hoped present necessities may be met, and the institution permanently established.

Estimating the average number of paying students at fifty, which is quite conservative, paying \$30 per year tuition, the income would be \$1,500. The lowest estimate of running expenses, with faculty on a reasonable ministerial allowance, of which more will be said later, is \$2,500. This leaves a deficit of \$1,000 in running expenses each year. If fifty subscribers can be secured who will guarantee \$25.00 per year for five years, this deficit will be met and leave a small balance as an emergency fund. Those subscribing to this fund are privileged to send a scholar for five years at any future time, tuition paid by said subscription. Nearly forty per cent of these subscribers have been secured already from citizens of Lamoni.

Another plan is to sell scholarships for a full collegiate course, four years, for \$90 cash, \$22.50 per year. There are probably some who having money in hand would prefer the payment of such an amount at once rather than be troubled with five years' subscription; while again some not having so much ready money, but having a regular income, would prefer the former.

There are about four hundred branches in the church. Suppose each branch should by some special effort raise ten dollars, some would do more, and some less, but this is a low average; this would give us the neat little income of \$4,000, which if repeated once a year, would leave in a short time but a small portion of the debt remaining, with what sales of lots could be made. And every branch could do this and no one individual feel the burden to any appreciable extent.

For instance, the \$25 (£5 5s.) yearly subscription, in branches or societies consisting of fifty members, would be 50c (2s. 1d.) per year for each member, or less than 5c (2½d.) per month, less than 1½c (¾d.) per week, 1 4-5 mills (½d.) per day. Or the individual subscriptions of \$25 amounts to \$2.08½ (8s. 9d.) per month, 52 1-12c (2s. 2½d.) per week, 7 5-12c (3¾d.) per day.

Branch Presidents, District Presidents, Sunday School Superintendents, Presidents of Religios, Mite Societies, Aid Sisters, and Missionaries are urged to call the attention of their respective societies to this matter and set it before them in the proper light and spirit. It is in reality only a little thing when distributed, while it appears quite large in the aggregate.

One Religio Society and one Mite Society took a five-year subscription, and many others might do so. Then there are Daughters of Zion, Mite Societies, Aid Societies, and Sunday Schools, which could do likewise. And again in some communities, two or more individuals could join in taking subscriptions, where one did not feel able to raise the whole amount—form clubs.

In order that the matter may not be delayed, and that a beginning may be made, and uniform action result, the above mentioned societies and branches are requested to make an especial effort on Christmas this year, by giving a dinner, supper, social, entertainment, or something of the kind, proceeds to be devoted to the running expenses of the College, and forwarded same by January 10, 1899, to Frank Criley, Lamoni, Iowa.

Brethren and sisters as officials above mentioned, please do not allow this appeal to pass unnoticed. If you cannot give this matter your individual attention, will you not appoint some active brother or sister to take the lead in getting it started?

Another matter we wish to mention is, that any who are not able to subscribe to the \$25 subscription, but

feel that they can aid in smaller yearly amounts, can have the privilege of doing so by writing the committee, stating how much you can promise to pay each year. Then there are many who can give various amounts, now, or at some stated time, who could not promise yearly amounts. To these we say, send in your offering, whatever it may be, and you will receive credit for same.

The names of all who aid by \$25 subscriptions, individuals or societies, by subscriptions of lesser yearly amounts, or by donations of proceeds of dinners, entertainments, etc., or smaller individual contributions, will be published in the *Herald*, unless requested not to do so. And remember all this money is to be used to meet the running expenses by paying tuition of worthy young people who are not able to pay their way. Each individual or society taking a \$25 subscription has the right upon payment of said amount, to send one student five years at any time when the same is paid; and those taking a four year scholarship may send the one student four years. The authorities of the college will select those who are to receive the benefit of the smaller contributions. If any society shall give amounting to \$30 they may send a student for one year.

Another plan for aiding the College is to purchase one or more of the beautiful lots in Graceland Addition, and thus secure a nice home for yourself, or for your son or daughter. Prices have been reduced and they are reasonable.

Did some one say or think, we are asking too much? Suppose we got more than running expenses, let us see what would be done with the surplus. Of course the payment of our debt and stopping of interest would be the most sensible thing to do first. But what then? Well, we would pay the board and buy the books for the son or daughter of some of our worthy missionaries; or it might be of some worthy poor. Would anyone object to that? Certainly not. And then as has already been said we need better facilities, in the way of library and apparatus. Our beautiful building would be even more beautiful if the painting were finished, and more comfortable if shades could be supplied for the windows to screen teachers and students from the direct rays of the sun. We must advertise too, if we expect to secure any considerable patronage. All this costs money. So there need be no alarm sounded about "too much."

In conclusion, what we promised to say more about "ministerial basis" is this. Most of the members of the faculty have consented to work on this basis, esteeming themselves no more worthy than their brethren of the missionary force: And it is the intention of the management to put the entire faculty upon the same basis so soon and as rapidly as possible. This we feel sure is a feature which must commend itself to the approval of everyone, inasmuch as every department of the Lord's work can be successfully carried only by the principle of sacrifice; and it is not right that a few should do most of the sacrificing and many do nothing at all, or else how shall the rewards be distributed, for it must be in proportion to "works."

Dear Saints, we recommend to you a good and noble cause, and commend you to God, "who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

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