

My dear, generous editor:— You will give me space I know to express the sincere gratitude of my wife and myself for the ~~kindness~~ and ~~generous~~ innumerable kindnesses shown us during the school year by the Latter-day Saints colony of Southern California. It has been a rare experience, ever to be remembered, to meet the devoted, wholesome, generous ^{Latter-day} ~~hearted~~ ^{hearts} ~~of~~ ^{of} this Western Southland.

Our hearts go out in appreciation to those who have made ^{so successful} the class work, ~~assigned to the~~ which brought us to California this winter. ~~It has~~ At no time in my long teaching experience have I met a more ~~sage~~, earnest and sympathetic group of students. When I look at the world through my new field glasses I shall always see the ~~for~~ upturned eager faces of Bridge Hall, Room 114.

Likewise we shall remember the enthusiastic, ~~the~~ lovable Orson C. Cooks of the U.C.A. and J.C.A.;

their open mindedness, their frank appreciation of the least ~~service~~ ^{service} shown, and the glorious closing banquet. The future of the church will be safe in the hands of such intelligent, loyal ~~and~~ youth.

~~It has been deeply impressed upon our mind~~

The future growth and development of the L. D. S. colony here has been borne in upon us. This is no longer ~~and~~ an outpost of Zion; but a firmly established group that will increase in numbers steadily and greatly through the years to come. ~~the faith~~ ⁱⁿ intelligent search for the truths of the Gospel, unwavering loyalty to the Church, courage to stand for the right, ~~wish~~ to obey the ~~prime~~ Latter-day Saint principles will make of us a mighty people in this wonderfully blessed section of our land.

Among the many ^{L.D.S.} cementing factors in the Southland, the Intermountain News takes a leading place. May it receive rich support.

So, to you all, thank you and thank you again. May the Lord bless you abundantly.