

The story has gone the rounds of the press that 85 per cent of Utah's revenue will be devoted during the next two years to the cause of education. Well may this be shouted, in this 20th Century, to our sister states and to the countries of the world, for it gives the best estimate of the character of the people of Utah, the people who pioneered the Great American Desert and are making it blossom as the rose.

The world of knowledge has expanded immeasurably during the last century. Not only have new facts strengthened the professions of old, but the common tasks of men have been lifted into professional dignity by the new discoveries of man. Then, by telephone, telegraph, railroad, newspaper and a host of other forces, the world has been carried to every man. The problems of state of which only the select heard in days of old are now discussed with the arrival of the newspaper, by every family, however, humble. Whatever is, is the property of all. Levelled to equal opportunity are all the people of the nation.

How wonderfully richer in outlook and contact with our brothers, have our lives become, because of the new light that has come to men! How much of promise the coming years hold, as the race continues its conquest of nature!

Education, to-day, includes all the forces that help to make man more powerful because of his greater understanding of nature, and that purpose to make all men sharers in the wisdom wealth of the world. Modern education is for labor and conquest and joyous living for all.

In the history of the world even he who runs may read that the nations that fostered education are those that wrote deeply and lastingly on the scroll of time. Mind has ever triumphed over matter. To-day is not different except, that, if education was necessary in long-past days, it is doubly necessary now. We must partake of the knowledge, power and wisdom of this day to live properly. It is blessed to live in the day of universal intelligence. It is blessed to live in a commonwealth



that devotes itself largely to the things of the mind.

Back to Utah will come her expenditures for education in developed resources, in comfortable homes, in cheerful firesides, in sane government, in clean and honest men, in virtuous and noble women, in the assurance that "God's in his heaven, all's well with the world", and the power to do when work awaits and duty calls.

Praise to the men and women of this State who do not falter in their determination to make this State one of great enlightenment. As surely as it is learning now, it, some day, will become a teacher of progress.