

Goddard, the Veteran member of the Old Folks' Committee, appeared before the curtain with a basket full of bouquets intended for the five lady actors of the Home Dramatic Club. He delivered a neat little speech in which he congratulated all present on their being able to meet together for enjoyment notwithstanding the extraordinary sickness which prevailed among the people generally. He then asked the boys in the third circle if they, during the entertainment, would refrain from whistling, stamping their feet and making unpleasant noises, to the annoyance of the Old Folks to which they gave a hearty response of "Yes, Sir," and he it said to the credit of these boys that they kept their promise well.

The Old Folks' Choir then stepped in front of the curtain and sang, "Auld Lang Syne." They were followed by Mr. Eli H. Pierce, who, with marked elocutionary ability, rendered "Sheridan's Ride," received an encore and gave a humorous burlesque on the same piece. "Sweet by and by," by the Old Folks' Choir, completed the preliminary part of the programme, and the members of the Home Dramatic Club then entered upon their labor of love in playing Bronson Howard's celebrated comedy-drama, entitled "Young Mrs. Winthrop." Seldom, if ever, have the home club showed their talents to better advantage or made a deeper impression upon their audience. The entire play, which to begin with, proved a most happy selection for the occasion, was followed with interest throughout.

In making this entertainment so interesting and successful, much credit is due the management of the Theatre, who tendered the use of the building free of charge; the Home Dramatic Club, who have always responded cheerfully when asked to entertain and administer to the happiness of the aged; the orchestra, which on this occasion played some of its choicest selections, the Old Folks' Choir, the attaches of the Theatre, the Utah Power and Heating Company, which furnished gas and electric lights free of charge, the Salt Lake Street Car and Rapid Transit companies, which gave the aged people free transportation to and from the Theatre, not to forget the members of the Old Folks Committee, consisting of Bishop Wm. B. Preston, Geo. Goddard, C. R. Savage, Wm. Edgington, Wm. Naylor, Wm. L. Binder, John Kirkman, Andrew Jensen and Nelson A. Empey. They, together with their aids, worked with zeal to make everybody happy and comfortable.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Brother John Fisher, of Bountiful, favors us with a letter from his son Irvin F., who is on a mission to the Sandwich Islands. It is dated Pihala, Hawaii, January 30, and is quite interesting throughout. The natives are quite friendly without exception and treat the Elders with marked respect and assist them in every reasonable way. Quite a graphic and decidedly readable account of a visit by the writer to the famous volcano Kilauea is given, which he visited on mule-back. We give a portion of his description of what he saw:

"It was the hottest place I ever saw, and a much hotter place than I care to go to at present. The pit, or 'lake,' as it is called, is not very large, about 15 rods wide by 30 rods long, as near as I could judge, and surrounded on three sides by cliffs of lava-rock from 20 to 50 feet in height. But on the side that we viewed it from, the rocky barrier has lately been torn away by an overflow of fresh lava, leaving this side only 8 or ten feet above the surging red waves of melted rock. It was a fearfully grand sight, which I cannot describe. We reached it before 7, and remained gazing in wonder and amazement till 9. There is a constant movement of its fiery, bubbling surface from the east end to the west, and here it lashes furiously against its red-hot rocky barrier, eating into the solid rock like a torrent of water into a soft bank of earth. So that at this end (the west) the surrounding cliff was undermined for about ten feet at the surface of the lake, and I know not how much further, deeper down. Lumps and strips of red lava, like thin dough, or hot molasses-candy, were continually being hurled high in the air, much of it dropping on the surrounding banks, thus constantly repairing them and building them anew. For these we had to watch out, while close to the pit, to see that they did not drop on us unawares. A good breeze was blowing from us across the lake, thus keeping the heat back a good deal, and allowing us to approach at times within eight or ten feet of the edge, though most of the time we were glad to keep back several rods. We gathered lots of 'Pole's hair,' some of which I will bring home when I return. We also dropped some dimes in some of the red hot lumps of lava that were thrown at our feet, and will bring them home if we can keep them, but they are very crisp and brittle. The rock seems to have all substance burned out of it, till it is like dough that has been burned crisp and black. The new lava thrown out less than a month ago over which we walked for several hundred yards, would crack and crush up like crusted snow on a frosty night, and all of this is as black as the worst burned dough you ever saw. The old lake (part of the floor of which we walked over) is an immense affair; it is about three or four miles wide, and between seven and eight miles in length, and is surrounded by immense cliffs of rock, several hundred feet in height, and the present lake is situated nearly at its centre. This immense old floor looks like a rough, stormy sea suddenly turned into solid, black rock, and is itself a grand and fearful sight, for it is full of rents and fissures through which steam and sulphur fumes are constantly escaping."

Brother Fisher and his associates were well and feeling well, adapting themselves easily to the new conditions in which they are placed.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held last night, Vice-President Nelson presiding. The members present were Messrs. Pyper, Pike, Young, Johnson, Snow and Newman.

MORE TEACHERS.

Superintendent Millsbaugh reported that he had employed, subject to the approval of the Board, the following teachers:

In the Hooper building, Miss Sara Van Wormer, at a salary of \$65 per month.

In the First district school, Mrs. N. F. Millsbaugh, at a salary of \$65 per month. Adopted.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The following communication was read by Mr. Snow:

G. W. Snow, Esq., Chairman on School Work:

DEAR SIR:—At the last meeting of the Board the superintendent was instructed to procure supplies of pencils, paper, &c., for the use of schools and to furnish them to pupils at cost. At the outset, in attempting to carry out the instructions of the Board, I am met with this difficulty: At wholesale most of the articles needed cost fractional parts of a cent.

For example, slide pencils cost 1-6 of a cent each, a sheet of drawing paper (and that is as much as a pupil needs at one time) would cost about 1-10 of a cent, &c. So it is evident if these things are furnished by the piece it will be practically impossible to sell them to pupils at cost, and this method would also make of the teacher a petty merchant, consuming her time and greatly increase her arduous duties.

In view of these difficulties permit me to recommend the following plan: That the superintendent be authorized to furnish the principal of each school with the amount of supplies sufficient for his pupils, and that the principal be authorized to supply each pupil as he needs it. That at the end of each term (or the middle if preferred) the cost of such stationery be divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the school, to get the cost per pupil, and at that time a bill be sent to parents of a form like the one enclosed.

I would recommend that the list of articles thus furnished pupils be the following: Drawing pencils, drawing paper, examination paper, penholders and pens.

My main purpose in asking that these articles be supplied in this way, is to secure uniformity and promptness. Saving can be effected for the benefit of parents. As all these articles named are used by pupils of a room equally, it is evident that the method named for dividing the cost will secure fairness. Very truly,

J. F. MILLSBAUGH, Supt.

On motion of Mr. Pyper the recommendation was amended so as to make music, drawing and examination papers and pens free of charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Walden submitted the following statement of receipts and disbursements during the month of February:

Amount in treasury February 1.....	\$ 11,907 83
From rent of Hooper building.....	22 50
From sale of old furniture.....	45 53
From County Superintendent Stewart.....	31,933 71
From Lake Park district.....	21 75
From furniture sold.....	1 51
Total receipts.....	\$ 46,112 15
Paid clerks' warrants.....	\$ 23,958 81

Balance in treasury March 1.....\$ 20,153 84

NEW SCHOOL SITE.

The committee on sites was granted further time to consider the proposition of Mr. Wicks regarding the donation of a schoolhouse site.

EXPOSITION JANITOR.

Mr. Newman called attention to the fact that some definite arrangement should be made with the janitor of the