

relative to the coming of the Messiah to the Lamanites, etc., were being printed and circulated through the community, and he warned those present and through them the Saints at large to beware how they gave heed to things that unsettled their minds and might have the effect of diminishing their faith in the living oracles of God as well as in revelations already on record. He also touched upon the subject of the Sacrament, and its proper administration, and deprecated the practice of reading the Sacramental blessing from printed cards. It should be committed to memory or else read from the book.

COUNSELOR JOSEPH E. TAYLOR

dwelt upon the subject of prayer. Years ago, he said, it was a custom in our congregations for the people to respond aloud "Amen" to the remarks of the speaker. He would like to see this good old custom, which seemed to be dying out, revived. There should be a closer unity between the Bishops and the people of their wards. They should pray for each other and that would bring them nearer together. The Saints should also pray for the Presidency of the Stake and the High Council, as well as all the other authorities. The speaker referred to the heavy labors of the Bishops and their associates, and thought they needed the prayers of their flocks and the general sympathy of the people.

PRESIDENT CANNON

stated that there was some question among the people as to what constituted a decision in a Bishop's court. Some thought a Bishop alone had not the right to make a decision, and that if one of his counselors, or both, disagreed with him and refused to sustain him, there was no decision. The President believed that a Bishop had the right to give the decision, but that he had no right to sit in judgment and hear a case without counselors. A Bishop's decision could be appealed from to the High Council, and if it were not a righteous one, it could be set aside by the High Council, whether the Bishop alone had rendered it, or whether all three of the Bishopric had united upon the matter. A Bishop's decision would stand until it was set aside, and it took the High Council to set it aside. Was it reasonable to suppose that a Bishop's counselors could reverse his decision? It was certainly best for the three to be united in all such matters, and a lack of unity on their part constituted good ground for an appeal.

The meeting adjourned until the first Saturday in November.
Benediction.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city school board met in regular weekly session Thursday night, Vice-President Nelson in the chair. The trustees present were: Duke, Pike, Pratt, Newman, Alf, Baldwin, Dooly.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

After the usual preliminary business had been disposed of the committee on sites and buildings reported as follows on the letting of the contract for the erection of the new Third building:

That since the board adopted the Smead system of heating and ventilating, the committee found it necessary to ask

the bidders on the revised plans, as reported by the committee on September 1, 1892, for a still farther revision of their bids on account of the system of plumbing originally designed for said building not now being needed in the installation of the Smead system; also that the size and location of the flues had to be changed, and in consequence your committee have to report the following bids opened at its meeting, Tuesday evening, September 27th:

Croxford Bros. & Bryon.....	\$31,250
S. C. Sherill.....	30,840
W. H. Jay.....	30,500
William Lester.....	30,600

Your committee recommend that the contract be awarded to William Lester for the erection of this building for the sum of \$30,600. Mr. Lester offers as his bondsmen Messrs. A. Bixen, A. B. Gibson and Wendell Benson. The committee recommend that a contract be entered into with him for the erection of the building.

Baldwin did not consider the recommendation in favor of the lowest bidder.

Dooly said that the bid of W. H. Jay was lower than Mr. Lester's by \$100. Mr. Jay was the contractor of the Bryant school and the board had been more or less troubled with garnishees in dealing with him. Mr. Lester had always been among the lowest bidders and the committee therefore awarded him the bid.

Mr. Jay was present and wished to speak in his own defense but was not allowed to do so.

FURNITURE ORDERED.

The committee on furniture and supplies reported that they had placed the order with the United States School Furniture company of Chicago for the following list of furniture:

50 No. 2 desks @ \$2.55.....	\$127 50
250 No. 3 desks, @ \$2.45.....	612 50
200 No. 4 desks, @ \$2.45.....	490 00
175 No. 5 desks, @ \$2.35.....	411 75
50 No. 2 New Triumph rears.....	105 00
50 No. 3 New Triumph rears.....	105 00
40 seats, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, @ \$2.....	80 00
10 teachers' desks, "Andrews 18".....	108 00
100 arm tablets for rear seats.....	50 00
8 dozen ink well glasses.....	

The furniture was to cost \$2,089.25, ninety days, or 2 per cent discount for each thirty days after invoice; also freight not to exceed \$540.25, which is subject to special rate if it can be secured.

ON SCHOOL WORK.

The committee on school work reported, recommending the new additional teachers to fill the positions which have already been recommended, unofficially, by members of the committee. Some of these positions have already been temporarily filled:

First—The room in the Fourteenth building, on the second floor, was vacated by the transfer of pupils to the third floor, after the departure of the High School to the new building. This room has been filled with pupils of the third and fourth grades, of whom thirty-five were transferred from the Seventh school. Miss Lou Murphy has been assigned to the room, at a salary of \$60 per month. The committee recommended her for the position.

Second—The committee recommended Miss Mamie L. Thompson to teach in one room of the Hooper building, at a salary of \$65 per month.

Third—In the Tenth there is an enrollment of over four hundred, and only one teacher besides the principal, and the committee recommend the employment of another teacher there.

Fourth—Already the Nineteenth and First wards have been increased in their school accommodations by the rental of additional room in each ward. Another teacher is needed for each room.

Fifth—That the two rooms in the Eleventh ward meeting house be released as soon as the two new rooms on the first floor of the Bryant school are ready for occupancy, and that on the withdrawal of the teacher and pupils, now located in the Twenty-first ward meeting house, a new teacher be employed to occupy that room with pupils from the over-crowded rooms at the Twenty-first school.

The committee called attention to the occupancy of the Clayton building by the High School. The rooms are ample for all purposes, and already the good results are shown.

Attention was again called to the use of colored paper by beginning pupils to teach them form and colors, and their combinations. The cost for the year would be \$44, or 4½ cents per pupil. The crowded condition of the schools causes the utility of such work to be apparent. The power of observation is one of the most useful forms of instruction.

The committee further recommended the purchase of fifty feet of hose for each floor in the High School building.

Adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The finance committee reported the following bills for approval:

Tribune Publishing Co., advertising.....	\$ 58 60
Herald Publishing Co., advertising.....	21 00
Twenty-first Ward Ecclesiastical Com- pany, rent.....	20 00
T. C. Armstrong, rent.....	40 00
John A. Peterson, rent.....	12 00

Total.....\$196 20

UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES.

Pratt said that when any radical change was made in erecting any school building the members of the board should be apprised of that fact. He had noticed that the first story of the Hamilton school building of the First ward was of buff brick. That was all right. The specifications called for buff brick. The next story was of red brick. He wanted to know why the change had been made.

Mr. Pinney, superintendent of construction, explained that the contractors had found it impossible to obtain buff brick with which to complete the building. He therefore secured red, the brick company promising to paint the entire building with three coats of paint.

Pratt submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to investigate and report why specifications in building contracts have been made to designate certain builders' material to the exclusion of all others, and why material of any make, provided it be equal to the requirements of the building, should not compete on equal terms.

The Chair appointed as the investigation committee Messrs. Pratt, Baldwin and Dooly.

Dooly submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all the contracts hereinafter let, special preference for material be stricken out, where same can be done without prejudicing the interests of this board.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Oct. 2.—The Metropolitan Hotel burned early this morning. All of the guests were rescued. Some of them had narrow escapes. The loss on the hotel is \$35,000.