

rendered, "Hark, Listen to the Trumpeter."

Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Fatheringham, superintendent of Sunday schools in the Beaver Stake.

The choir sang, "Another Day Has Passed and Gone."

The general secretary, Elder John M. Whitaker, called the roll of Stakes, which was responded to in nearly every instance; and also presented the following Sunday school officers the vote in each case being unanimous:

George Q. Cannon, general superintendent of Sunday schools.

George Goddard, first assistant general superintendent of Sunday schools.

Karl G. Maeser, second assistant general superintendent of Sunday schools.

As members of the Deseret Sunday School Union board: George Q. Cannon, George Goddard, Karl G. Maeser, George Reynolds, Auranam H. Osuon, Thomas C. Griggs, Jos. W. Sumnerhays, Levi W. Richards, Francis M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant and John C. Cutler.

Elder John M. Whitaker stated, at this point, that in consequence of increased labors of the Union board and the growth of Sunday schools, the name of Elder Jos. M. Fauner has been accepted by the Union board, and upon being submitted to the vote of the conference was unanimously sustained.

As general secretary, John M. Whitaker.

As general treasurer, George Reynolds.

First Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard was much pleased to see the great strides made by the Sunday School cause since 1872, when all Sunday school workers, he said, numbered 15,000 as compared with nearly 100,000, as now enrolled.

The labors of members of the board have extended to over twenty-five Stake annual Sunday school conferences and with most gratifying results. These conferences are held for the benefit of the Sunday schools of the respective Stakes, to encourage the Sunday school workers and interest the parents and more thoroughly arouse a universal interest in the Sunday school cause among leading authorities of the various wards, and to obtain a proper education by the youth of the principles of the Gospel. In all their visits the members of the Union board acknowledge uniform courtesy at the hands of ward and Stake authorities.

Elder Goddard then stated that among the many topics treated upon at these conferences were the following:

The Sacrament to be administered each Sunday, under the direction of the Bishopric of the ward, who may designate the superintendent or others to administer it. Those who are in fellowship in the Church and all children who are under eight years of age are proper subjects for the sacrament, but after they are eight years old, children should be instructed that it is wrong to partake of this ordinance, until they are baptized or confirmed members of the Church; concert singing should be encouraged; good secretaries, who keep their records properly recorded, are very important officers; holding of regular teachers' meetings; punctuality

in commencing schools at 10 a.m.; the furnishing of correct statistical reports to the general secretary by January 30th of each year; the change of "nickel day" from Sept. 1st to the last Sunday in October of each year, etc.

The Union board hoped to see the membership of the Sunday schools the coming year reach one hundred thousand, and would be pleased to receive a full complement on "nickel donation" on the last Sunday of October this year. To aid in this matter, one hundred thousand small "nickel envelopes" have been distributed among the various schools, one to each pupil, officer and teacher, with letter of instruction to the superintendents.

The Union board are issuing a new series of leaflets on three subjects—the Bible, Book of Mormon and Church history, 20,000 of each to be published and 10,000 of these to be distributed among the various schools free. If others are needed by the schools they may be obtained by applying to the Union board.

Elder Goddard closed his interesting remarks by paying a tribute to Sunday school workers and acknowledging a providential watchcare over him and associates in their wanderings from Canada to Mexico, in the cause of the Sunday school.

Elder Francis M. Lyman, a member of the Union board, after reading the first fifteen verses of the 6th chapter of Matthew, treated upon the manner of dealing with the "Lord's prayer" in Sunday schools. He believed no more important section was to be found in the sermon on the Mount than this. The Savior, in instructing His disciples how to pray commenced by saying: "Our Father who art in heaven." This is the pattern He set, and it is pleasing to the Lord that we should approach Him in the most reverent way. "Hallowed be Thy name;" what a vast amount of meaning in this sentence! "Father Thy name shall be revered and hallowed by us, we will not speak it in vain," "Thy kingdom come" is what we are taught to pray for in our devotional exercise. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What a glorious hope—the doing of our Father's will here as the righteous and angels do it in heaven. What a splendid condition to contemplate—the consummation of all our glorious hope. "Give us this day our daily bread," not only means food for the body, but the speaker felt that in this beautiful expression was included all our wants and necessities both for the building of the spiritual as the temporal being. "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors," not as we expect or intend to forgive, but as we have forgiven. This sentiment showed he thoroughly incorporated in our daily lives "Lead us not into temptation" has been more properly translated by the Prophet Joseph Smith to read: "Suffer us not to be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil." "For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever, amen." This beautiful prayer should be studied, reasoned upon and understood by our Sunday school teachers, and put into daily use, and we would soon reach the glorious hopes of the Gospel. The speaker prayed this may be the lot of the Saints and be exalted in the presence of the Lord

Elder Abraham H. Cannon, a member of the Union board, in speaking upon objections to wearing political badges, and the evil growing out of political discussions, related several instances where such things have been the cause of much sorrow and bitter feelings. Surely, he thought, the Sunday schools should be the last place where such badges and discussions should be allowed. He thought such an evil could not be too strongly condemned. He had no objections to people wearing badges and discussing politics in proper places but to bring them within the sacred confines of the Sunday schools never should be allowed; but at such gatherings all should meet on common ground and together partake of the spirit of love and union that should characterize Latter-day Saints.

Second Assistant General Superintendent Karl G. Maeser, in reviewing the vast strides made by the Sunday schools in membership, methods, discipline and spirit of the Gospel, contemplated the march in these directions with pride. Notwithstanding all that has been done, a vast amount of work, planning and directing will be needed in the future, before the consummation of our glorious hope. We are, as it were, at the foot of the hill. A great amount of training, patient labor and humility are before us. Among the many means of spreading benefit to the Sunday schools has been the establishment of a Sunday school normal training class at the B. Y. Academy, which commences its next twenty weeks course on the 21st of November. At this course the various Sunday schools of the Church have the privilege of sending students free, and in selecting such there are qualifications very necessary in order that the best results follow.

First, capability in receiving and understanding instructions and taking proper notes;

Second, the ability to teach to others the knowledge thus acquired; to take up the leaflets, text books or other means of instruction to properly handle a subject; and

Third, on their return home to be able to organize in their ward Sunday schools a similar class for the training of teachers, as we want the Sunday school to become the nurseries of teachers until in our various schools we will have competent teachers and plenty of them.

Master Charles Pike, of the Nineteenth ward Sunday school sang in a charming manner, "Angel ever bright and fair."

Remarks were made by General Superintendent George Q. Cannon. Among the items mentioned by him were the following: The importance of all Sunday school literature being submitted to the Union Board for its approval before being used in the school; as where teachers or superintendents in various wards and Stakes get out place and have their own ideas published without the knowledge of the Union Board there is very apt to be a conflict and diversified methods, etc. The Union board had been established as the head of the Sunday school work, and all literature used should be submitted to it before being introduced, as a safeguard to preserve