BOX ELDER SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A Delightful Visit and Conference Attended by Elders Goddard and Reynolds.

On Friday, June 1st, Elder Geo. Reynolds and myself left Salt Lake City for the purpose of holding a two days' Sunday school conference at Brigham City, Box Elder county, this being the fourth annual conference held since they were first inaugurated, on the 3rd of November, 1891. It was very gratifying to our feelings to find such a widespread interest toward the Sunday school cause, as was manifested here, both by the presidency of the Stake, the Bishops, parents, teachers and children. In all our previous experiences the same universal verdict is to the cause rarely meets with, wherever we go, the very time at the appointed stage begins large and spirited congregations.

Besides a preliminary meeting of the presidency and Stake superintendency, we held four meetings in Brigham City, after which one for Sunday school workers and close exhortation. A number of class exercises were given by the primary and intermediate classes; also a bible lecture on the divinity of our Savior's mission, by a member of one of the theological classes. The Articles of our Faith were beautifully rendered by five young ladies from the Three Mile Creek Sunday school; and a motion song was very prettily sung by a portion of some of the primary classes. These exercises were interspersed with short reports from Stake and local superintendents during the various meetings, not only from Brigham City but Willard, Three Mile Creek, Mantua, etc. Some excellent remarks were also made by Bishop Chaney, ex-Stake Superintendent Wixom, etc.

It was deemed wisdom, after the two crowded meetings held in Brigham City on Sunday, that no evening meeting should be held in Willard, seven miles north of Brigham, as a Stake to the two days' conference. Notice of this meeting was given out by the Bishop in the afternoon, and a good sized congregation gathered to see and listen to us. This visit brought us in pleasant contact with two old friends of between thirty and forty years—Brothers Hazford and Dalton, whose early reminiscences afforded a rich treat.

On Saturday between four and eight o'clock our devoted Stake superintendent, Elder O. W. Huss, favored us with a drive to the elevated bench upon which both waterworks are located, and from which Brigham city is abundantly supplied with spring water for domestic and lawn purposes. From this mountain summit the commanding view of the adjacent country is very extensive—the city of Corinne is plainly visible.

Our next drive was through the canyon, which presents a variety of mountain scenery and always affords a pleasing change to those of city life. Emerging from the canyon on now pleasant presents itself, with cultivated farms, fields and orchards, and a good and settlement known as Mantua. We noticed a comfortable meeting house and quite a variety of commodious dwelling houses and shade trees of many years' growth.

It reminded one of thirty-one years ago, when I noticed the first house that was built there, while traveling to and from Cache Valley, and thought what a honey and exposed location for a family to risk a residence upon. Now there is a thriving settlement of between 450 and 500 inhabitants, and the once rugged and barren land yields fruitful and productive food for man and beast. What a change can be produced on the face of nature after the skill and industry of man have been manifested upon it!

Our visit to Brigham and Willard cities has been an enjoyable and, I sincerely hope, a profitable one, for that is the motive that prompts us to our labors of love towards the moral and religious training of the youth of Zion. GEORGE GODDARD.

Sanpete Stake Sunday School Conference.

The Sunday school conference of the Sanpete Stake was held in Ephraim on Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd, and was attended by Elders T. G. Driggs and J. W. Summerhays of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, who left this city on Friday afternoon, arriving at their destination at 7:00 p.m., and were soon made at home by the president of the Stake, Elder Canute Peterson, and "Grandma" Peterson, his untiring helpmate. Elder Peterson claims that Ephraim contributes the largest amount of land, for its supply of water, of any settlement in Utah.

The opening meeting of conference on Saturday at 10 a.m. convened in the closely kept and lovely furnished Tabernacle, and was done excellently followed. Stake Superintendent Jos. Christensen very gracefully made the introductory remarks, and some twelve superintendents made interesting reports of certain features of their schools.

In the afternoon a class each from Spring City, Manti North and Manti South wards, and Ephraim, under their respective teachers, gave examples of their class instruction and training, and so startling were some of the answers that came to many ears. The exercises of the day were interspersed by song, music and questions by various brethren.

An evening session was held and a lecture on the S. S. teachers' work was given by Assistant State Superintendent Nepha Sears, with a promotion by Hazel Winters. Vocal music instruction in the Sunday school was treated upon by Emma Tolstrup and Driggs.

The two sessions on Sunday morning and afternoon were attended by large audiences, representative from nearly every one of the 15 schools of the Stake being present. Spirited and instructive reports were made by Assistant Stake Superintendent Sears, Emma J. K. Madsen, G. C. Driggs, J. M. Tanner, superintendent Cedar City, J. W. Summerhays, President C. Peterson and Elder H. Beale. The administration of the Sacrament, presentation of S. S. authorities, reports and points of jubilee, a violin duet, congregational singing, etc., varied the results of the exercises. The venerable S. S. worker, Elder John H. Mallon, identified with the pioneer work and organization of the Deseret Sunday School Union, gave appropriate remarks in regard to the origin of the conference. Elder J. H. T. Sloan, president of the Maori language, with numerous of the Maori people, with numerous of the Maori people, and many others, gave spirited and inspiring addresses, which, with songs of such a kind, impressively urged at once the duties of Sunday school work and the blessings of the Gospel. Elder Sloan's discourse was of a most acceptable character and was quite large body of citizens outside a number of very superior visitors.

The conference emphasized the fact that Stake Superintendent George Christensen and his associates are not only energetic and intelligent Sunday school workers themselves, but are supported by a large body of officers and teachers who spare no efforts or pains in carrying out their suggestions in conveying to the Stake Board, which place is most profitable and holy the direction to the points of that Stake.

Elder Canute Peterson with his genial, honest, cheerful disposition, born at the Nauvoo exodus, is a man who knows and is honored, who loves and is loved, who respects and is respected, and overflows in his position as presiding Elder of the Stake to a great in the Sunday school cause.

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