

profound silence as to their origin and the cause of their destruction. But rely upon its revelations, attested by the voice of God and the witness of heavenly messengers, give credence to its pages, corroborated by the silent stones and speechless yet eloquent ruins that mark the spots where stood the cities it describes, and knowledge comes in like a flood; the dead speak to the living; the darkness which covers the doings of the ancient peoples dissolves; and the story of their beginning, their travels, their wars, their religion, their works of art, their kings and judges, their righteousness and their wickedness, the extinction of one nation, the dominance of another, and their final overthrow and debasement and division into the various tribes now driven before the prowess of the pale-faced conqueror, may be read in plainness and in detail, and the antiquities of the Western continent are open to the understanding alike of the simple and the wise.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dakota is suffering from grasshoppers as well as Utah; they are reported as devouring the crops just as fast as they appear above ground.

Col. Robert Ingersoll made a most eloquent speech at the funeral of his brother, yesterday; it is given in our telegraphic dispatches.

According to statistics at the late Baptist Conference, the Baptists of the United States number 2,200,000. North Carolina furnishes the most, having 160,000 members.

American prairie grouse are being introduced into New Zealand. Twenty-two were sent a short time ago, seventeen of which arrived safely, five having died on the journey.

It does not take half as long to make a wound as to heal one; and it takes a great deal more trouble to repair a wound than to commit one. The moral is plain, the facts are worth remembering.

The chief member of the well known and old established banking firm of Rothschild & Co., died in London, yesterday. Riches form no shield from the darts of the all-conquering foe.

A barrel of flour made from spring wheat, harvested at Americus, Georgia, April 30th and May 2d, reached the New York market on the 12th of May. This was the first of the season, and forward enough, we should think, to please the most anxious anticipant of early crops.

The Ohio State Democratic convention met this morning, and at 3.30 this afternoon proceeded to ballot for Governor, Rice, Ewing and Bishop being the candidates. The first ballot resulted: Rice 257, Bishop 207, and Ewing 160. The contest really is between Rice and Bishop.

The tea plant is cultivated to a vast extent in these latter days. The world averages an annual product of 631,000,000 pounds, China producing 600,000,000, Japan 40,000,000, India 35,000,000, and Java 6,000,000. If it is all consumed there is no wonder that nervous disorders are on the increase.

Crickets are being utilized in Algeria. Nets, patented in France, are spread to catch the intruders, which are cast into a pit and treated to a dose of green vitriol. Fifty tons of the pests contain one ton of nitrogen, and this is to be used for manuring the soil. Thus the Algerians are drawing good out of evil.

According to the *Prairie Farmer* plentiful rains have watered the crops in the north-western States. This has seriously reduced the price of wheat in the hands of speculators. If the weather clerk will be kind enough to turn the hose in this direction, the farmers of Utah will be truly thankful.

We are pleased to note that all respectable non-Mormons who listened to the indecent harangue in the M. E. Church last Sunday night, denounce both the speech and the speaker, and all are surprised that such a poor orator and vulgar person should have obtained any notoriety as a lecturer.

From the *Millennial Star* of May 19th we learn that President Wm. Budge returned to Liverpool from his visit to the Continent on May 14th, in good health and spirits. While in Zurich he visited the

prison where he was confined in 1854 for preaching the gospel. He was incarcerated in a dark and filthy cell, without legal process, and was discharged without trial.

The work in Scandinavia is progressing. Elder N. C. Flygare writes to the President of the European mission, under date of May 1st, that ninety-seven persons had been baptized since November 1st, 1878, several good openings had been made in the south of Jutland, bordering on Schleswig-Holstein, and the prospects were very encouraging.

The *Phoenix Expositor* believes that Arizona will this year rank third among the bullion producing regions of the country, and states that "she has for years past produced more gold, silver and copper, in proportion to the capital invested and the number of mills and reduction works in operation, than any mining region in the world."

Presence of mind is as admirable as it is useful. As a proof of presence of mind it is stated that during a recent fire in New York a man threw his mother-in-law out of a window of the fifth story of the burning building, and carried a feather bed down stairs in his arms. We are not quite satisfied that this act is placed appropriately under that title. It takes time to reflect on such questions.

The *Omaha Herald* severely criticizes Joseph Cook's lecture in that city, and handles him without gloves. We do not wish to devote more space to this matter than one paragraph. Says the *Herald*: "Ossawatimie Brown and Sumner, Popular Applause and Cold Cash are Joe's real Gods, and he worships them with the fervor of a fanatic, and with the instincts of a mercenary." Estimable people, in whose company he traveled, uttered precisely similar sentiments. They are correct.

The manufacture of sugar from the beet is being successfully conducted in Maine. The *Prairie Farmer* says: "The Maine beet-sugar company, of Portland, converted, from the 17th of February till the 23d, 370 tons of beets into sugar, obtaining therefrom about 90,000 pounds of concrete sugar, or over 12 per cent., which is equivalent to about 9½ per cent. of the best grained sugar. The company this season have contracted for over 1,100 acres to be planted with beet seed, which is as much as they want to handle the coming season."

Prof. Monch, Superintendent of District Schools for Weber County, has visited all the schools in his jurisdiction, accompanied by Mr. Chas. Wright, and gives through the *Ogden Junction*, a long and detailed statement of their condition, which shows that the cause of education is well sustained in that county, and while there is much room for improvement in the furniture and appointments of some of the school-houses, as a whole the school interests are recognized and appreciated and the prospects are very encouraging. The average daily school attendance is 52 per cent. of the school population.

PANGWITCH STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Our Conference commenced May 31st. Present on the stand were President James Henrie and Counselors; President W. H. Dame and his Counselors, of Parowan Stake, and Elder Milo Andrus of St. George. The three last named brethren accompanied Prest. Erastus Snow to attend our Conference, but unfortunately Brother Snow was in very delicate health, and unable to be at meeting.

Conference opened in the usual manner. Elder Milo Andrus occupied a portion of the time, followed by some other of the brethren. In the afternoon President Henry Lunt occupied the time in his usual pleasant manner. President Snow was present a short time, but was unable to talk. In the evening a priesthood meeting was convened, and much valuable instruction given.

At 10 a.m., June 1st, after the opening exercises, Bishop Wm. King spoke a short time followed by Prest. W. H. Dame, after which Pres. E. Snow coming in, called for the Bishops to report their wards, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock p. m., after the Sac-

rament was administered Pres. M. M. Steele, presented the General Church and Stake Authorities, which were unanimously sustained.

The following alterations were made in the officers: Pangwitch was divided into two wards, with Joseph C. Davis, Bishop of 1st Ward, and Alma Barney 1st and James Houston 2nd counselors; George W. Levy, Bishop of 2nd Ward, with James B. Heywood 1st and Jefferson Slade 2d counselors. Wm. J. Handerson and Edmund H. Thompson were sustained as counselors to Bishop Packer, of Canonville Ward; Wm. T. Owens President of the Elders Quorum of Pangwitch; Sister Barbara Myers was sustained President of the Relief society of Pangwitch Stake; Mary H. Heywood as President of the Y. L. M. I. Association. Elder David Savage and Volney King of Kingston, and Teacum Pratt and R. C. Pinney of Hillsdale, were added to the Stake missionary list.

The Stake Sunday School statistical report was presented by Prest. J. W. Crosby, Jr., which made a good showing.

President Erastus Snow was so far recruited as to favor us with some good fatherly instructions upon voting to sustain our officers; the duties of the several officers of the Church; the unity of the people; board of trade, which was listened to with unabated interest to the close. A meeting was appointed at 7.30 p. m. to organize a board of trade. Adjourned till September 20th.

At 7.30 p. m. the people assembled as per appointment and an organization was effected of a board of trade. Prests. Dame and Lunt returned home yesterday after meeting. President Snow and company left for the south this p. m. via Upper Kanab, feeling quite improved in health, we are pleased to state. M. M. STEELE, Stake Clerk.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Union, held last Monday evening, in the 14th Ward Hall, was, as usual, very largely attended.

Assistant General Superintendent Goddard presided.

The 18th Ward S. S. choir, under the leadership of their superintendent, H. G. Whitney, enlivened the meeting with choice selections, including a quartette by four young girls of the school; all rendered in a highly creditable manner.

Meeting opened with music by the choir. Prayer by Brother W. A. McMaster.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and approved, Superintendent Goddard inquired of the schools if they were preparing for the grand jubilee on the next "Twenty-fourth."

Assistant Superintendent Willes called attention to the *Juvenile Instructor* in its new and attractive cover, and took the occasion to urge the members of Sunday Schools to write for it, and thus not only try to contribute to its interest, but also develop their own talents for composition.

Assistant Superintendent Evans mentioned several instances which had lately come under his notice, of reading at Sunday School reviews or reciting in concert, selections from Church works, by one or more classes, and in such correct style as to produce a very fine effect as well as adding to the variety of the general exercises.

Elder F. A. Mitchell felt that he had never held a more important mission than the one he was engaged in as a Sunday School missionary. In company with Bro. L. W. Richards, he had visited nearly all the city Sunday Schools. At the last one visited they found a large "Theological Class" of young ladies and gentlemen who meet in a separate room during a portion of the school time and, besides reading the regular lessons from church works, ask any appropriate questions they wish to, and also give select readings and recitations, thus not only cultivating their judgment, but also increasing the variety and interest of the class exercises. He advocated every proper measure to engage the willing attention of the youth, draw out their best efforts and develop their talents in every way that will enable them the better to aid in the great work of the latter-days.

Superintendent J. W. Phippen, of the 16th Ward Sunday School, spoke of the advantage of short and varied exercises, to enlist and maintain a lively interest in the minds of our Sunday School scholars, and also of punctuality as an important element of success in this labor.

Superintendent George Reynolds, chairman of the publication committee of the Union, presented a sample copy of the "Deseret Sunday School Reader," and said, "Here is the long promised primer, or rather the 'First book for our little friends,' which we hoped to present before, but have been delayed by unavoidable circumstances. We feel somewhat proud of it, although it is not all we hoped to make it. The book contains over forty pages of reading matter and pictures, including four full page illustrations; is printed on good, white paper, and the print is large and clear. It is bound in neat style, with stiff covers, and cloth back, and will be sold for 10 cents a copy." He hoped the brethren and sisters would take a lively interest in this matter, and encourage the committee to continue its efforts to produce suitable reading for the children of the Saints.

Supt. Goddard advised that the greatest care be taken in the selection of recitations, readings, songs, etc. for our S. S. reviews. Suggested that all matter printed for our Sunday Schools be first submitted to the publication committee and published under the sanction of the Union, which do it much cheaper than it could be done for a single school.

Meeting then closed with singing and benediction.

L. W. RICHARDS, Secretary.

Correspondence.

NORTH MORGAN, Morgan County, June 2nd, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Knowing you are interested in the welfare of the children of the Saints, I beg leave for a short space in your columns. We number about 30 families in this little town, and support a Sunday School, with an enrolment of 80 pupils and an average attendance of about 60. We have a reasonable, good force of teachers, who love to teach the children. Our worthy superintendent, James T. Worlton, with his assistants, Henry Rock and Daniel Heiner, are well adapted for the position, and men who wield a good influence among the rising generation.

A few Sundays back, we were favored with a very kindly visit from the South Morgan Sunday School, when we held a joint session of both schools, which showed that the Sabbath School interest in this part of the Lord's vineyard is on the increase.

We have a number of men in this Stake of Zion who are members of the Sunday Schools, and who are fully competent and delight to instruct the children.

I trust I have not been too lengthy, but am desirous of keeping up our representation in this direction.

I respectfully subscribe myself, A TEACHER.

PROVO CITY, June 3d, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

On Saturday, the 30th inst., at 5 p. m., the seventh quarterly conference of the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Associations of Utah Stake convened in the meeting-house, Supt. M. H. Hardy in the chair.

On the stand were, beside the chairman, President D. H. Wells, Prof. Maeser and secretaries and reporters.

Music furnished by Academy choir.

After the usual opening exercises, some few items of business were presented.

Sister Zina Smoot was nominated and unanimously sustained as secretary of Y. L. A. throughout the Stake.

The chair made a few brief and pointed remarks, showing the necessity of upholding the intermissionary labor, and suggested that the Stake be laid off in districts, that the labor could be carried on among the branches in each district. To this effect a motion was made and unanimously sustained. Then followed the reading of a

historical sketch, tracing the movement of mutual improvement from its foundation to the present time, and showing its progress and the work accomplished. Supt. Hardy made a few explanatory observations on the sketch read, and was followed by a short address from Elder Warren Smith, who expressed his pleasure at remarking the progress made, and assured all his desires and prayers were for the welfare of the institutions. The chair called upon Sister Mary Trel, of Springville, and Bro. Dennis E. Harris, of Sevier, requesting each of them to make a few remarks on the condition of their respective associations, which request was complied with. Resignation of Sister Margaret A. Cluff, as Supt. of Y. L. A., on account of leaving in company with her husband on a mission, was read by chair, and on motion accepted.

Conference adjourned till next quarterly conference of the Stake. JACOBUS.

The Longest Time Recorded.

An exchange gives the discourse of Brother Bell at the Colored Bethel of Cincinnati, in which he treats of the walking mania, as follows:

"My beloved brethren and sisters, dar is one ting I'm bound to say to you befo' I closes de exercises dis nite, and dat is, don't you take no stock in dis yere walkin' bishness. Let de white tramps, men and wimmin, alone, don't you spen' your money nor your preshus time runnin' round arter them; and for de Lord's sake, an' your own, don't you try to make fools ob yerselves by trying to do likewise. You men will fine plenty ob exercise in attendin' to your work, and you wimmin enuff to do ober your wash-tubs, and nussin' of your babies, instead of trampin' roun' an' roun' de sawdust, day on and off, j'ess to please a passel of fools, an' ruin your own self. Besides, my b'loved frens, all de braggin' dat dey duz about dere 'long walks,' 'long times,' and what dey calls 'fizzikel endoerine,' ain't worth shucks, when you comes to compare dem wid one puffmance dat tuck place thousands of thousands of years ago; an' de reason dey don't mention it is becase none ob dese 'sportin' folks eber reads dere Bibles. Well, I'll tell you what it wuz—an' it's de greatest 'sportin' match,' as dey calls it, dat eber cum off on de face ob de yearf. None of your 'hippy drum' bishness heah! No, sah! Fair heel an' toe walkin'—judges appointed, track measured, time kep' (accordin' to de scriptures), and a reckord made—an' a reckord dat can't be denied, 'cause here it is—yes, here it is, in dis preshus book! Now, jiss turn ober your Bibles, an' look at fifth chapter ob Genesis, twenty-second vuss, an' what do you fine? Why you fine dat, Enoch—walked—wid—God—!—three—hundred—years!—three hundred years! Jiss shut yo' eyes an' 'flect on it! Three hundred years!!! Besides de reckord says dat, when de ole man made dat match he was sixty-five years ob age, an' den walked three hundred years! Talk 'bout yo' 'fizzikel endoerine' after dat! Talk 'bout yo' 'pluck' and yo' 'grit' after dat. Why, de ole man has done laid out all ob dese nowadays blowers, as flat as a shad! So much for dis 'stordinary puffmance. But dat ain't all ob it. If you jiss look at de twenty-fourth vuss ob de same chapter you will fine, my b'loved frens, what a orful warnin' is in dat vus to po' foolish creeturs who has de conceit to make sich onekal matches. Did any good come ob de ole man Enoch's walk? Did he make anything outen it? No, my brethren and sister. No! No! He loss by it—loss eberyting by it—neber 'peared in de ring agin—in fact, he 'went up.' Jiss read de vuss: 'An—Enoch—walked—wid—God—an' he—was—not' (dat is, he warn't nowhar) 'for God tuck him.' 'God tuck him!' To be shuah he tuck him! He was bound to be tuck! He helt out a long time, de ole man did; he was game to de last; he was doin' his level best, but 'Ole Manster' was too long in de stride an' too sound in de wind for him, an' tuck him on de first roun'. Yes, b'loved frens, an' he'll take anybody dat tries dat game on him, an' hish him 'high-ern a kite,' jist as he did Ole Boss Enoch. So take warning by dis orful lesson; let all dis kind ob foolishness alone, an' tend to yo' proper callin's like good Christshans."