Sunday School Union.

Owing probably to the severe weather the attendance was very light at the Sunday School Union last night, but the schools of the city were fairly well represented, also the schools of Farmer's ward, Big Cottonwood, South District and East Mill Creek.

Elder T. C. Griggs presided.

Elder Wm. H. Jones opened by prayer.

The fine singing exercises were rendered by the children of the Fifteenth Ward Sabbath school, under the direction of Brother James. S. Morgan.

Elder G. M. Mumford read the following epistle from Elder R. S. Horne, now laboring in Circleville, Piute county, whence the letter was written under recent date:

To the officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion:

Dear brethren and sisters—I have presumed to think that a few words from me on the great subject of Sunday school work might possibly not be amiss, so I venture to offer a few of my thoughts on this subject. The Lord requires his children to use every talent which He has bestowed upon them for some good purpose; and for what better purpose can talents be used than in promoting the welfare of growing Zion? The Lord in a revelation given to the Prophet Joseph in Jackson Co., Missouri, Aug. 8, 1831, uses these words: "But with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of men. Woe unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them. And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have; for I, the Lord, rule in the heavens above, and among the armies of the earth; and in the days when I shall make up my jewels, all men shall know what it is that speaketh the power of God." (Doc. & Cov. 60: 2, 3, 4.)

There are those in Zion who possess fine talents, yet allow them to remain unused. To such I say, heed the words of warning as quoted above.

Thousands of children among the Latter-day Saints are actually famishing for the want of that spiritual food so necessary for their proper growth in the Kingdom of God.

Parents neglect their spiritual welfare at home; the laws of the Territory exclude all religious teachings from the district schools; our Church schools are not in a condition to supply the great demand for this important part of the child's education; the primary associations do not receive the attention that we should give them; the improvement associations are inadequate to furnish the requisite amount of religious instruction; and our religion classes have proved, in many instances, almost a failure. To what shall we turn, then, but to our Sunday schools. The first requisite for the workers in the Sunday schools is to obtain the Spirit of the Lord; then to love their labors and the children; next to gain a thorough knowledge of the principles and truths to be taught to the children and youth; and lastly but not least, to secure the love of the children.

How to gain the last is a most important matter to consider. The first great thing in this regard is to love the children. Love begets love. If we desire the love of our fellows, we must earn it, must live for it, must give love for love.

People in all the walks of life are struggling to accomplish certain results; to gain certain ends.

Why should not the Sunday school teacher seek earnestly to gain that power that will enable him to achieve the greatest results?

If the heart is fully set on the accomplishment of this great end, who will dare say that success is not sure?

How carefully the sculptor, with chisel and mallet in hand, works at the unshapen block of marble!

One rough point is judiciously removed, then another, until, with persistant effort and patient skill, the image conceived in the artist's mind begins to grow into shape. Now come the polishing and finishing touches. With great precision and close scrutiny do the keen eye and the trained hand smooth and mould this image to its state of perfection.

The artist, with his canvass stretched upon his easel, and with brush in hand, slowly but surely presents to others' eyes those scenes which his quick mind has conceived and shaped in mental vision.

Shall these do more to perfect the marble and the canvass than we who have the human mind, the living soul to carve and mold? God forbid! There must be no pretence of love, no mere show of learning; children too quickly discern this spurious coin and lose confidence in the pretender.

An educator of the day, in writing on this subject, says, in speaking of the teacher: "He must cultivate the habit of seeing things in their best light. While not blind to faults, he must be prompt and eagle-eyed to spy out every indication of good. Above all, he must remember that no human soul, however degraded, is without some elements and possibilities of good; for whom there is the possibility that Christ died."

The love of a child is its innocence is as pure and unselfish as any known on earth. What a boon to gain! How well repaid are all efforts to earn it! To retain this pure, unselfish love after it is once gained requires further effort on the part of the teacher. Never fail to greet the children whenever and wherever you meet them, and that, too, with a smile and a cheery "How do you do?" It will pay, teachers. The innocent child never forgets such thoughtfulness. One little incident connected with my own children will well illustrate the reward of love.

While living in the Fifteenth ward I sent my children to the Sunday school of that ward. My eldest daughter, who at that time were quite small girls, became very much attached to their teacher—a young lady. I moved from the Fifteenth to the Fourteenth ward. I was one day walking up the street in the Fifteenth ward towards the meeting house with my daughters, when they suddenly cried out, "Oh, pa, there is our Sunday school teacher! Can't we go and kiss her?" With a mental "God bless you!" to that young lady teacher, I gladly gave my consent. Away went these precious little souls across the street, and gave their teacher a kiss that I know she will never forget. The reward was gained; the efforts of a few short months of loving, patient labor were amply repaid. What unbounded influence could such a teacher have over the children! What power example has in such cases, either for good or evil! "We need a good, efficient, faithful teacher!" Why is this? Is not this a grand idea of love worth the expenditure of time and means, a strong effort, a great deal of self-denial? Is not the consciousness of duties well performed, of the pure love of innocent childhood, and, above all, the approbation of God, ample reward for any sacrifices we may make? Let not the children suffer for that spiritual nourishment so much needed in their growth, but feed them, nourish them, that you may carry a clear conscience in your daily life, and present a worthy record to the Father in the day of judgment. God bless you, fellow laborers! I am with you in heart and sympathy, if not in person. Your brother in Christ,

RICHARD S. HORNE.

ELDER J. M. STODDARD

delivered an instructive and interesting lecture upon "The Land of Palestine." From the time, he said, when Apostle Orson Hyde dedicated the Holy Land anew for the gathering of Israel, a very marked change is gradually taking place not only in the tillering of its government under the Turks, but in the climate and fertility of the land. In fulfilment of prophecy, the "early and the latter rains" are becoming more regular, and the land, although decidedly mountainous, is becoming more fertile, and the descendants of Jacob are flocking in crowds to the ancient home of their fathers.

In visiting the different inheritances of the tribes of Israel, the speaker testified to the peculiar home-like influence which he and other missionaries felt among the mountains and valleys of Ephraim, attributing it to the fact that he was a descendant of that tribe.

Reference was made to the isolated position of the ancient land of Canaan, protected on the west by a barbarous coast and on the east by sandy deserts, a spot so secluded in which the Lord could preserve the truth and the true knowledge of heaven, uncontaminated and unmixed with the traditions and errors of the heathen nations.

Events now point to the rapid growth and development of that country, which will sooner or later make it among the first countries on the earth in commercial importance. Already the chief cities were being connected by railroad, which would sooner or later be extended to other lands.

The speaker, while laboring as a missionary in that land particularly enjoyed the associations with some descendants of the ancient Jews who preserved in remarkable purity the ancient traditions and forms of worship. Their keeping of the Sabbath was one instance of this. The speaker further dwelt upon the work done by Mahommed, who was raised up to perform a great mission among the descendants of Ishmael. The modern Mahommedans had, however, departed in many instances from the teachings of the founder. In closing, the speaker said the time was near when the land and the people would be redeemed, and the people of the Latter-day Saints, in the hands of God, would probably be the instruments of bringing about that happy time when the knowledge of God shall prevail again in the land.

ELDER T. C. GRIGGS

referred to the Sunday school lesson cards, which were exhibited at the last meeting. A committee were now at work perfecting a plan for a series of lessons which would be ready at an early day and meet the requirements of all the grades, and which would be a very material aid to all teachers in instructing the young, and in training them to become good and virtuous men and women.

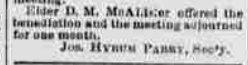
Quite a number of the annual reports were still wanted and those who had not sent them in were requested to do so without delay.

The Sixteenth Ward Sabbath school was requested to furnish the musical exercises and two ushers for the next meeting.

Elder D. M. McAllister offered the benediction and the meeting adjourned for one month.

JOS. HYRUM PARRY, Sec'y.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.



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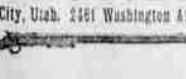

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