

tendent of Sunday schools, reported the Sunday schools throughout the Stake as being fully organized and in excellent condition. Bishop R. E. Egan of South Bountiful, Bishop Stoker of East Bountiful, Bishop P. Barton of Kaysville, Bishop J. M. Sechrist of Farmington, Bishop L. E. Layton of West Layton, Bishop L. Cook of Syracuse, Bishop A. B. Porter of Centerville, Bishop L. M. Grant of West Bountiful, Bishop L. B. Harris of East Layton and Bishop Orlando Hadlock of Clinton, gave brief reports of their respective wards; they testified to the truth of the latter-day work, and expressed a determination to perform the labors of their office and calling to the best of their ability.

Alternate High Councilors Joseph Smith of Centerville and Thomas P. King of Farmington were presented and sustained to be set apart as regular members of the High Council, to fill the vacancies caused by the honorable release of John Ellison and James R. Millard.

On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament was administered and the general authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at East Bountiful.

JOHN J. SMITH, Clerk.

UTAH SUGAR MEN IN COLORADO.

Glenwoods Springs Avalanche: This office received a call this week from George Austin, the agricultural superintendent of the Utah Sugar company of Lehi. Mr. Austin was accompanied by the mayor of that town, Mosiah Evans. The visitors were welcome guests, and the editor was in his glory for a short half hour. The two gentlemen were taken about the town and used as a body guard for the editor while he talked sugar beets and pointed to Lehi, Utah, where the sugar factory is, as a town without a delinquent tax list, all because of sugar beets. When the editor would make some grand display of what he didn't know about sugar beets, the two gentlemen from Utah would offer protection if any of the citizens objected. They declared that everything he said was just as it ought to be, only a little mild. The editor found he could safely assert that the growing of sugar beets and the free coinage of silver was the solace to relieve all the troubles of the nation.

Mr. Austin having just returned from an inspection tour through the fields and factories in California, the information received from him is worth a million dollars. He stated that, including the two new factories now in the progress of construction in California, the number of sugar factories now in the United States is 13. This is quite a jump from the last report he had, which was six. Mr. Austin said the prospects were bright for sugar beet factories in New York, Minnesota, Michigan and other states. At this rapid progress the United States will have sugar to sell to the other nations before many years.

Mr. Evans is the bookkeeper at the Lehi sugar factory, and he says they do not make any boasting of their community being better off than and other, but the fact of their being no delinquent tax list to publish is evidence that the farmers have money to pay their taxes. When it is remembered that the beet crop was a part failure about Lehi the past season, this fact becomes more evident.

The beet seed furnished by the Avalanche the past few years was procured at the Lehi factory, and the success our farmers have had with it is evidence that the seed is the best that can be procured. Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has found this out and he has bought up all available seed from the factory, which will be

distributed through the United States.

Messrs. Austin and Evans were only too glad to give all the information they possessed on sugar beet culture. Mr. Austin, accompanied by Mr. Granger and Mr. Cutler of the factory, took up the question of sugar beet raising with the farmers of Montrose, Delta and Mesa counties some years ago, and it was demonstrated that those three counties could raise sugar beets successfully. The three gentlemen worked hard to get the people of western Colorado interested in sugar beet raising.

THE TABERNACLE CHOIR.

Desirous of expressing its appreciation of Prof. Evan Stephens' worth, both as a conductor and composer, the Tabernacle choir, a week or so ago appointed a committee of twelve in order that the best method of expression might be adopted. The result of the committee's labors will be found in the following correspondence, which was read by Mrs. Lydia Snow Peirce at Thursday night's rehearsal:

"Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 12, 1897.

"Prof. Evan Stephens:

"It has long been the desire of certain members of the Tabernacle choir to express to you in a fitting and substantial manner their appreciation of your true worth as a conductor and composer. By a canvass of the choir, we find the feeling to be universal; and we are led to believe that a like sentiment exists among music lovers generally outside of this organization.

"We wish to demonstrate to all who may be interested now and hereafter, that we value, in a measure at least, the fact that we have a composer and conductor working with us and for us, whom we believe to be a favored son of genius; one who will only be fully valued when time has placed his works and worth where they properly belong.

"It is understood that many of your musical compositions, possessing equal if not greater merit than those already in use, have never been produced or even published; in order that the public may have an opportunity of hearing these with others of your works of known fame, we ask you to prepare a concert program to be made up exclusively of your own compositions.

"Thinking the Tabernacle the only suitable place in which to hold the concert, we have obtained the permission of the Church authorities, who, with their customary kindness, have freely given the use of the building, and are in hearty accord with the movement. We tender you this well merited compliment, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to make the concert a success. We also bespeak the hearty support of the community, for there is a general feeling of appreciation and gratitude among the people of Salt Lake and Utah, for what you have accomplished in educating the public taste musically, in using your efforts that we might hear some of the world's greatest artists, and thus bringing our city into prominence in musical affairs.

"Trusting that our offer will be accepted, we ask you to kindly reply if the plan as outlined meets with your approval, and to name a date on which the concert shall be given.

"THE TABERNACLE CHOIR."

"Salt Lake City, Dec. 16, 1897.

"Members of the Tabernacle Choir:

"Your kind and considerate request that I prepare a program of my own compositions to present under your auspices at some future date has been duly received by me.

"I cannot but highly appreciate such a compliment, coming from you, who labor so constantly with me. And if

some of my compositions can, through your kindness, be brought before the public without entailing too much labor and worry upon you, it will give me pleasure to do my utmost to aid in preparing such as I hope would prove worthy of your interest and rendition.

"If it be possible to prepare the program so soon (there will be much printing of parts to be done), I would like the evening of Feb. 27th, 1898, it being the seventh anniversary of the first concert given in the Tabernacle by the choir under my direction. If we find that it will be impracticable to get the music ready in time, a later date can be selected.

"Sincerely thanking you all for the compliment you have paid me,

"I am your fellow worker,

"EVAN STEPHENS."

YOUNG LADIES' CONFERENCE.

The young ladies' conference of the Salt Lake Stake was held in the Assembly Hall Dec. 7th, President Mary A. Freeze presiding; singing by the Twenty-second ward choir; prayer by Counselor M. P. Young; singing by the choir. The roll was responded to by fourteen city and twenty-two county wards. The general officers were sustained as before. The Stake officers were sustained as follows: President, Mary A. Freeze; counselors, Mary P. Young and Nellie C. Taylor; secretary, Lizzie S. Cartwright; assistant and corresponding secretary, Minnie H. James; recording secretary, Lizzie G. Fowler; treasurer, Lucy W. Smith. Aids, Clara S. Carlisle, Maria Holt, Edith Sansome, Jane G. Freeze, Mary E. Irvine, Zina B. Cannon, Lizzie Horne, Isabella Erickson, Annie J. Murphy, Emily Caldwell.

A lecture on the Bible was ably given by Nellie Fowler of Forest Dale. Sister Talmage of the general board gave an interesting account of her visit to California. Vocal duet, Misses Jane Druce and Katie Billter of the Twenty-second ward. Florence Horne of Farmers ward gave a lecture on the life of Paul the Apostle. President Freeze then introduced President E. S. Taylor, of the general board. Sister Taylor said she had been much pleased to see the progress made. Progress was being made in other Stakes. She was proud to say, and felt to bless the young ladies and exhorted them to appreciate the blessings with which they are surrounded and asked the girls to pray for her and those associated with her that they might be guided and directed by the Spirit of God at all times.

Sister Zina Cannon gave good advice to the young ladies in regard to making the most of their opportunities. Sister Emily Caldwell felt to ask that she might have the faith and prayers of all, and with the help of God she would try to be useful in the board. The choir sang an anthem and Sister A. S. Young made an announcement of Sister Sorensen's classes. Benediction by Sister A. S. Young.

At the evening session of the young ladies' conference, President Freeze again presided. Singing, Song of the Lark; prayer by Elder Andrew Jensen; singing, Jesus, Lover of My Soul. Sister Minnie J. Snow, of the general board, gave a very interesting talk on the Welfare of Our Girls, showing some very important features in their lives, and the necessity of their characters being molded so that their characters come bright. Vocal duet, Brothers H. Gardner and Matthew Noal. Sister Susa Gates spoke earnestly to the girls on the necessity of their understanding the importance of living their religion and making home beautiful.

Counselor Nellie C. Taylor desired