

protect them against the evil that is increasing in the world.

Sunday, 2 p. m. The sacrament was administered by the Bishops of Salem and Darby. Elder Ben E. Rich addressed the people, speaking more particularly to the children upon the first experiences of Joseph the Prophet. Told of his visit last year to the temple lot at Independence, Joseph Smith's residence of sixty years ago, Haun's mill, Crooked river and Richmond, relating many topics of interests to Latter day Saints associated with the memory of these places. He bore strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel.

Monday, 10 a. m. Counselor William F. Rigby spoke of the benefits derived from attending Stake conferences, and gave a brief review of the history of the Latter day Saints since their entry into the valleys of the mountains until the present day. The experiences wrought in us by the many changes we have passed through are of incalculable benefit to this people to prepare them for the financial industrial and social questions that are now becoming disturbing elements in the earth. Elder William J. Kerr, of the Brigham Young college, addressed the conference upon the subject of education. He said the work of God was a work of education from beginning to end; this life is only a step in the great eternal life; gaining worldly wealth is not the object of life, but to master ourselves, cleave to right and ameliorate the condition of mankind are some of the important things to aim for; let us seek to resist evil and stand upon the rock of honor, right and virtue. Large tracts of land are not the best legacies parents can leave their children, but great faith in God, a strong body and moral character are better than all wealth.

Monday, 2 p. m. Elder Joseph Kerr spoke briefly upon the necessity of Latter-day Saints living pure lives, that they might qualify themselves to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was no effort to preach the Gospel when our hearts are pure and our consciences clear of offense. Elder William J. Kerr again discoursed upon the subject of education; spoke of individual responsibility in this great cause, showed how observant people were ever alert to profit by every opportunity presented. The greatest educators require much of their learning incidentally; young men and women need not wait to have a fortune before trying to obtain an education; illustrated how many have surmounted the greatest obstacles in this direction. In conclusion, Brother Kerr exhorted fathers and mothers to teach their sons and daughters the principles of life and health.

President T. E. Ricks thanked the people for their attendance at conference, the good folks of Parker for their hospitality, and all who had contributed to make the conference successful. Singing, "Lo, the mighty God appearing." Benediction by Patriarch Arza E. Hinkley. JAMES G. GILLISPIE
Stake Clerk.

MORGAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

MORGAN Utah, Nov. 16, 1896.—The Stake Conference at Morgan is now in session. Elder F. D. Richards is with us, but is so troubled with a severe cold that he was not out this forenoon. He spoke briefly yesterday and to the

Mutual Improvement Association last night.

Elder C. W. Penrose accompanied him. He is full of life and talks freely.

Elder Richards's health is expected to improve.

Elders Richards and Penrose returned home this afternoon.

C. R. CLARK, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION MEETING.

There was a large attendance of Sabbath school workers at the Sunday school Union meeting held last evening (Nov. 16, 1896,) in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall. All the twenty-five city schools were well represented. Representatives were also present from the following county schools: Brighton, East Brighton, Big Cottonwood, South District, Cannon, Bingham, Farmers, Forest Dale, East Mill Creek, East Jordan, Grainger, Herriman, Sandy, Sugar, Union, South Cottonwood and Willford.

Stake Supt. T. C. Griggs presided and the opening prayer was offered by Supt. James Saville of the Eighteenth ward. William Foster conducted the congregational singing exercises.

Assistant Supt. Burton called attention to the nickel Sunday collections, and urged that the returns of the same be made as early as possible.

Supt. Griggs directed attention to the new order relating to the monthly Fast Day, now the first Sunday in each month. He suggested that the Sunday school children could be taught its importance and to take part in its devotional exercises with their parents.

The meeting then divided into four separate classes, in as many rooms, representing the four graded departments of the Sabbath schools, and the members of each division were instructed upon the following topics:

Higher Department: Illustrating the objects of Sunday school training—namely, growth of religious feeling, and the implanting of religious truths in the minds of the young. To illustrate the difference between primaries and theological methods, Principal Willard Dune said that the primary teachers lead the children almost entirely by question and illustration, while in the theological, or higher department, the pupil is called upon to present his ideas upon any given subject, afterwards all the members of the class were called upon to supplement the information already given and the whole is afterwards rounded off by the teacher.

Where pupils are unprepared to make a statement upon the lesson assigned, the teacher may draw him out by a few leading and pointed questions, and in that way the information desired may be obtained from the desired source.

In the intermediate department, conducted by G. M. Mumford, the subject of "Attention" was considered and discussed with interest and profit.

The first intermediate department was presided over by William Bradford. The topic of the lesson was "Courage," and was treated upon according to the instructions given in the Sunday School Treatise, followed by a general discussion.

Brigham W. Ashton conducted the primary department, urging particu-

larly that the instructions given in this department be adapted to the capacity of the little ones, and the teacher explain the meaning of difficult words, and give the proper pronunciation of names occurring in the lesson. The topic of the lesson was the story of Daniel. After the children have the several characters of the story clearly in their minds, the teacher should begin to tell the story, illustrating it with pictures or black-board drawings, if possible. The narrative should be both interesting and instructive, and the lesson or moral it illustrates should be readily grasped by the children. An appropriate song may form a part of each lesson with much profit.

At the conclusion of the class work the meeting reconvened for the closing exercises.

It was announced that at the December meeting Professor James E. Talmage would deliver an address on topics in line with the present work of the union, and the Fourteenth ward choir would furnish the music upon that occasion.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Albert S. Reiser.

J. H. PARRY, Secretary.

IT IS INVALID.

County Attorney C. O. Whittemore this afternoon handed down an opinion on the legal status of the recent election. It declares that the ballot was not a secret one as defined by the provisions of the Constitution, which are mandatory and prohibitory; therefore the election itself is "absolutely invalid, and is, in fact, no election."

However, the board of canvassers is advised that it must perform its duty, which is merely ministerial, and that the county clerk must issue the certificates of election required by law unless he is prevented from doing so by the intervention of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The opinion was delivered to the board of canvassers at its meeting this afternoon, and is as follows in full:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Salt Lake County, Utah:

Gentlemen—I have received from the county clerk a copy of the resolution adopted by the board on the 13th inst., in which it is recited that the board has about completed the canvass of the returns of the general election held in Salt Lake county on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1896, and that the board is now preparing to compute the total number of votes cast for each person voted for at said election and to declare the result of said election, and that a doubt has arisen as to the duty of the board in declaring duly elected the persons who, from the face of the returns, appear to have received the highest number of votes for each office intended to be filled, it being claimed that the board has no authority to make such declaration and to certify to the result of the canvass, for the alleged reason that said election is claimed to be void and unconstitutional, and that therefore I am directed to furnish the board an opinion as to the legality of said election and to advise the board as to its duty in the premises.

In order to determine the question