Stake Sunday School Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Sunday school officers and teachers of the Salt Lake Stake convened at the Fourteenth ward assembly hall on Monday evening, the 15th inst.

The meeting was presided over by Supt. T. C. Griggs.

The singing for the occasion was rendered by the Mill Creek choir, under the leadership of brother J. A. Cotnwall.

Representatives were present from eighteen city and four country wards.

Instructor Maycock, of the Latter-day Saints' College, according to announcement, was present with a portion of his class to give a practical illustration of the method of studying the Book of Mormon in that institution. The teacher began by explaining that the lessons were assigned to the class in advance, that the students may be prepared. In the preparation each one was required to make an analysis of the assigned story. This was to give him practice in connected, the relief points in the narrative given not a subject.

By thus noting the leading facts in the story and grouping around them the various events the student can better remember the lesson. It was the aim to have the students on the with as far as possible the teacher's duty was to merely direct their thoughts and draw out from them the ideas they acquire from their studies.

The lesson for the occasion was the journeys made by Zeniff and his followers to obtain the plates from Lemon. The instructor called upon two members of the class to read to the analysis each had made of the last assigned. What was expected in the analysis of the narrative was a statement of the principal facts therein mentioned. In order to give these facts the pupils of course had to read the lesson carefully and note the subjects treated upon therein. As each member of the class was required to write an analysis of the narrative, it was the known benefactor who wanted to call upon to read what he might have written, and sometimes several pupils were called upon to read their lessons.

As the pupils wrote other effort to the analysis they presented, the teacher found it necessary sometimes to harmonize these differences by forming a new analysis which he presented to the blackboard. In this way whether the students were thoroughly prepared on the lesson the teacher called upon them promiscuously to state the analysis as they had been grouped on their minds under each subject heading. Where one pupil failed to relate all the details belonging under one heading the class were called upon to supply what was lacking. In this way every circumstance mentioned in the narrative was brought out in detail. As the teacher said he found himself that the story or narrative was fully comprehended the students were called upon to state what lessons were to be learned from the story. This process caused the pupils to reflect upon their studies and derive that benefit from them which could be applied to their own lives. The class was afterwards given an opportunity to ask questions concerning anything they did not understand about the lesson.

Superintendent R. S. Horne announced that if any superintendent or teacher wished any special subject ventilated at these meetings the superintendency would like him to make it known in writing.

Supt. T. C. Griggs called attention to the suggestions in the Sunday School Journal concerning the holding of teachers' meetings in each school. In these meetings matters pertaining to the welfare of the school should be considered. The teachers should be called upon to report the condition of their classes and to express their views in regard to promoting the interests of the school. Statistics of their classes and the nature of their studies should be reported at these teachers' meetings.

Bro. J. W. Summerhays, of the General Sunday School Board, exhorted the superintendents and teachers to have a plan to work in and to keep their at never in view.

A vocal solo and chorus were rendered by Miss Sadie Cooper and the choir, after which meeting adjourned.

The South Cottonwood ward choir were announced to furnish singing at the next meeting, which would be held on the third Sunday in November.

The Independent Voter as a Political Factor.

The independent voters, as I propose to consider them, have shown themselves able on several occasions to overrule and control the results of political combinations, and to a manner entirely unexpected and unforeseen by the political leaders of either party, who have had to abide by their decision when the circumstances were such that the leaders did not dare to override the will of the people as expressed at the polls.

As a class they do not identify themselves with any political party as such, but consider themselves free to vote for such men and such measures as may in their judgment be the best for the good of the whole. They are often men of business or economy who wish to attend to their own affairs, and who, while they do not care up with and take politics on the street, are honestly interested in the purities of government and in having honest and capable men in office, which is on the side with the most politicians who profess good whom do not use of the possession of his individual franchise, either politically or otherwise. In fact it is well known to them, that when a man makes the highest profession of patriotism and a desire to serve his country, especially when his enthusiasm causes him to alienate every one who does not agree with him, he will require the most watching, as he is more than likely to be studying his own personal interests in preference to the public welfare.

They are not indifferent but clearly expose the men and the measures which tend and prevent to the most political measurement. They sometimes attend not to support political questions, as I have said before, but rather to support the candidate who they think is the best qualified for the office, and who will be most likely to carry out the principles for which they stand. They do not endorse with the party who has the hold in the conventions and state committees, and pack the primary meetings and conventions, but when a national party nominates they are at liberty to pass judgment upon the party, for the party is in charge of the country, the responsibility of the party is upon the party, and when a party rises to power the time has come when the principles and measures for which the party stands are put to the test, and the people are called upon to pass judgment on the party and its measures. Here and there and everywhere appeals for the support of a great variety of party, appeal to the people. A few years since money was used more than now and party lines, and it was not necessary to be a Solon Lycurgus or a great orator to be successful in the political world. With the spread of intelligence, which is the result of increasing wealth and the diffusion of knowledge, a strong example of the political history of the country, which is now, I do not say perfect, but it may appear to be of the moment which may be the force in the country. In such conventions it is now apparent that a few persons attempt to dictate the right to vote, which is an important consideration for the voting energy to have manifested and participated, and such measures are not responsive to our independent votes. They are not generally in favor of or opposed to monopolies being given, but reserve to themselves the right to vote in such particular instances as would only to suit the merits of the case, and when monopolies are given, they believe in the policy of Russia, which while giving a franchise for a term of years, reserves the right to take such step, or measures for the benefit of the people, as may be expedient or necessary, and that the money shall not be lent without security to indicate that the article should be returned to the owner.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that there is the two great parties is responsibility in favor of women suffrage, but none are willing to take the risk of forcing it a measure. And while some in these are in favor of women's suffrage, as a matter of abstract justice, because of the powerfulness in a business point, there is still are have the misgivings what it is to be right.

There is one thing which they safely to predict is the event of woman suffrage becoming an accomplished fact, as it has already been proved in other places, viz., that the subject and questions of which will be kept in the background and will not be permitted to run the government, as they now are to a great extent in some states. It will also be found that men who stand above demagogy will be left independents of their party affiliations, and especially as were their offenses have been to the injury of the other sex. In Colorado the gang and machine politicians have already found themselves opposed to the women's recently acquired right being freely exercised, as they realize that they and their methods are doomed to be relegated to that obscure from which, for the credit of the state, it would have been better if they had never been allowed to emerge.

In writing the above I do not endorse or disparage the views inferred to, but call attention to an element that is subject to second opinion. It must be apparent to any one who has studied the results of the presidential election in 1884, and since, that it is not the Republicans or the Democrats who carry the election, but a minority holding the balance of power and who vote with either party as they think best at the time of action.

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