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Proper Care of Children—Consequences of Neglect—Visits of
Presiding Officers—Temple Work.

I have thought sometimes that so many of our fathers and mothers do not give that attention to their children which they ought to have. They are too busy over-
sight to the organizations. The Church; in-
to the organizations. To the Primary, and then
to the first of the associations as they grow old-
er and they neglect them as they grow old-
er. I have heard young men say that in their
fathers never allowed them to play in the
fathers never heard girls say the same
thing. This shows a lack of attention
on the part of parents. I am quite con-
fident that many of the organizations in
the Church are neglected. I give for in-
stance, the Mother's Union. Every
man in the Church is supposed to have
efficient men to labor as Teachers
among the people. I believe that this
important organization in the ward is
in many instances, virtually neglected.
If the Teachers were carried out
as the Lord designed they should be,
we would see a marked improvement
in the midst of the people. If the
Teachers are not carried out to spiritual
things, they can talk and advise about
temporal things also. In many in-
stances, however, Teachers' visits are
hurried over while in others they are put
off. If the Teacher is expected to do
more than to visit it will tell the laity
that the Bishop requires him to
report, and then he hurries around and
does not take the time that ought to be
taken. I know where I speak in re-
gard to the marriage of the young
people. I was trained under Brother
Joseph M. Grant. When the Teachers
in the district where he labored all did
their duty. It was called a reformation.
We had quite a reformation in all the
Church. We did not neglect anything
very distinctly in the ward where I
lived. Brother Grant on one occasion
called all the Teachers to the stand. We
met in the evening and had a board
about seven feet high put on some
boards for the table. There were
four in the ward, and we had to stand
up there in a row. He wanted us all
to pray, one on his turn, com-
mencing on the right and going to the
left, each one in his turn. Brother Grant
asked the question, "Brother Grant
what would he do?" and he
was replied that he wanted to
see whether those young men
and the spirit of prayer, so that he

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A. L. Holter of Helena, Mont., who is largely interested in the cattle and sheep industry in that State, says very little loss from cold or exposure has resulted though last October a cold spell killed several sheep herders in the Great Falls district, one of whom was taking care of Mr. Holter's flocks, relates the Cincinnati Enquirer. At that time two feet of snow covered the range in places, and the thermometer indicated 40 degrees below zero. The herder was frozen to death on the prairies while caring for the sheep, and it was three days before his fate was known to his companions. Two shepherd dogs were with him when he died, and one of them stayed with his body, while the other attended to the sheep, just as though the herder were still with him. The dogs drove them out on the range in the morning and back again at night, guarding them from wolves and preventing them from straying off. Neither dog had anything to eat during the three days' vigil, so far as the sheep were concerned, and the 500 sheep fared very well, apparently, as though directed by human agency.

Interesting Facts About Damascus Which Flourished
in the Days of Abraham and is Now One of the
Largest Cities in Turkey.

We also saw the tower, from which, according to Mohammedan tradition Jesus will judge the world. They also say, in the tower an ass is always kept bridled and saddled awaiting the day of our Savior's coming, and ready for His use and His use only.

Here we saw some places mentioned in New Testament history, "the street called straight," mentioned in Act 9:

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it 71 ft long, 14 ft high and is 7 ft wide, and it is estimated to weigh 1,500 tons. These figures will make a very little impression as to the immensity of these rocks, with nothing of the sort, unless we compare in our minds the size of these single rocks with houses of about the foregoing dimensions.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, leaving Balabek we left, first on good roads down the valley, then crossing the Lebanon mountains by a pass about 5,000 feet elevation, then going down to the sea, on a very good road but most of the way too steep for bicycle riding.

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