

of the whole Stake present, but we want to reach them all. We are not coming merely to make some talk, to say some nice things, etc., and then go home again. When we come it is for the purpose of putting questions, so to speak, alongside the Sunday school work, how it should be conducted, so that when we come around again another year, all these points will have been carried out, at least as nearly as possible, and then new questions can be put, because the Sunday school work is advancing and progressing. Think of what it was twenty or thirty years ago and compare it with today! There is no standing still, we are going onward continually. Now it is impossible for every one of us to remember all the points that have been brought up during a conference. The board, therefore, desires that all the officers and teachers should come prepared with paper and pencil and let us see you taking notes, as we see now in this and in every semi-annual conference, and then the following Sunday throughout the whole Stake there should be a special teachers' meeting held, for the benefit of those that have not had the privilege of attending the Stake conference. And these points that have been made during the conference should be brought before that teachers' meeting and explained there while they are still fresh upon the minds of those who were present; but if you wait three or four weeks before you do so, you forget your notes and the instructions will measurably fade from your minds. Therefore, care should be taken that superintendents remind the officers and teachers before the conference comes off, that they may come prepared, so that those who are present may take down all the important points, and afterwards bring them to the knowledge of all their fellow laborers throughout the Stake, and thus the work of the Sunday schools may go on for another year, better and better, always onward and nearer to God our Eternal Father, and benefitting the youth whom God has placed into our keeping."

Prof. Bassett's juvenile class then beautifully sang "In May."

Elder Joseph W. Summerhays said: When the year 1999 shall have passed, fifty years will have elapsed since the first Sunday school was organized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and it has been proposed that we commemorate the event by holding a jubilee throughout the Church. It was intended that some final instructions would be given at this conference, but as the fifty years do not end until the second Sunday in December, there is plenty of time. The committee will make their final report at the next April conference. In the meantime, however, Sunday school superintendents throughout the Church are requested to forward to the general secretary, George D. Pyper, at an early date, the history of their organizations which will be entered up in suitable form for some future day. A history of every Sunday school and of every Stake organization is desired.

Elder Joseph M. Tanner said: It very frequently happens that buildings are not sufficiently warm and the little Sunday school children suffer from cold and sometimes contract diseases. He had had sufficient opportunity to observe this imperfect condition in providing for the convenience and comfort of our children. If the janitor is ever in doubt as to the necessity of warming the rooms, that doubt should be resolved in favor of the children and the buildings be warmed. He hoped that superintendents would give it their attention, and see that as the cold season

comes on the buildings are properly warmed. In the winter time when the cold is severe, there is but little trouble, but it is during the fall and spring of the year when they think they can get along without fire, that the children suffer most.

First Assistant Superintendent George Goddard said he felt very thankful to the many Stake superintendents. Many of them had very hard work to perform, many miles to travel away from their homes almost every Sunday in the year, visiting throughout their entire Stakes. "God bless those men and every other honest, enthusiastic worker in our schools, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen."

Professor Stephens's juvenile class then sang, "Courage Shall Our Watchword Be so beautifully that it had to be repeated. The class also repeated We Ever Pray for Thee.

The conference then closed, Elder Seymour B. Young pronouncing the benediction.

GEORGE D. PYPER,
General Secretary.

THE PAXMAN MONUMENT.

Nephil, Oct. 15, 1898.

The unveiling of the monument erected in honor of the late President Paxman occurred on Saturday, Oct. 15, 1898. Our quarterly conference convened at 10 a. m. It was decided by Apostles Teasdale and Cowley that it would be a very opportune time to unveil the monument. Accordingly, at 2 p. m., many carriages were seen wending their way to the cemetery on the hillside. A platform, chairs, benches and organ were soon placed in position; President Charles Sperry presiding.

The tabernacle choir sang, "Rest for the weary soul." Prayer was offered by Elder John Nuttall.

Apostle Cowley offered a brief but appropriate and interesting remarks, after which Langley A. Bailey, chairman of the monument committee, gave an account of the origin of this enterprise and the beautiful work of art in granite erected in memory of our departed president, husband and father, at a cost of upwards of \$650, voluntarily donated by the Saints, friends of the deceased and family. Many Sunday school children were eager to add their mite.

The monument is 18½ feet high; the bottom stone is of Utah granite, weighing upwards of three tons; the shaft is of Vermont grey granite, embellished with a draped urn. A box was placed in the base containing names of presiding officers of the Stake at his demise, a Maori Book of Mormon and hymn book, statistical report of the Australian mission in 1889, newspaper clippings, poetry, memorial cards got up by the Sunday school, Y. L. M. I. A. and Relief Society, family genealogy, Sunday school hymn book, and a photograph of the deceased and donors.

The North ward choir sang, "O My Father."

Apostle Teasdale made a few remarks, when the monument was unveiled by Isaac McGrace and H. Burton. Elder Teasdale offered the dedicatory prayer.

President J. W. Paxman thanked the committee and Saints in behalf of the family for the kind expression which had been shown by their friends in assisting the family in the erection of this beautiful monument.

The choir sang the Doxology and benediction was pronounced by Apostle Cowley.

STAKE CONFERENCE REPORTS.

Bear Lake Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion convened at Paris, Idaho, September 10th and 11th.

The meetings on Saturday were not well attended, but on Sunday the attendance was large. We had no visitors in consequence of the funeral of President Wilford Woodruff.

The reports of the conditions of the wards by the Bishops were good, although there was a slackness in the labors of the lesser Priesthood. The time was mostly devoted to instruction and encouragement in the faithful performance of duty. A most excellent time was enjoyed. The speakers were greatly inspired, and spoke with much freedom and power. The singing was also a very noticeable feature of our conference, and contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

THOMAS MINSON,
Stake Clerk.

Malad Stake Conference.

Portage, Box Elder County, Utah,
September, 25, 1898.

The quarterly conference of the Malad Stake of Zion convened at Malad City, Oneida county, Idaho, September 10 and 11, 1898.

There were present on the stand the Stake presidency and a goodly representation of High Counselors, Bishops, and other Stake officers; also Brother Edward Anderson of Weber Stake, in the interest of the Y. M. M. I. A. Elder Oliver C. Hoskins, Stake president, presided.

After the opening exercises, Counselor Wm. N. Gibbs reported the Stake as being in a prosperous condition, and urged the people to be very particular in observing the Sabbath day. He showed that the people are more diligent in the payment of their tithing, and that the missionaries from the Malad Stake are giving satisfaction to the officers who preside over them in their different fields of labor.

Elder Oliver C. Hoskins spoke of the funeral of President Woodruff, urging as an example the perseverance of President Woodruff in honoring the Priesthood. He enlarged upon the wonderful change that our young men who are sent on missions undergo while laboring for the Gospel's sake, and hoped our brethren would deem it a great blessing to have the privilege to gain this experience.

Elder Jesse R. Dredge advised the people to use their bounteous harvest in such a way as will be pleasing to the Lord, and hoped we would not cheat the Lord in our tithes and offerings.

2 p. m.—Elder John M. McCrary urged the people to prepare for famines during times of plenty. He hoped the people would not forget the giver of our bounteous harvest.

Brother Edward Anderson of Weber Stake spoke of the necessity of teaching our children the plan of salvation. He urged especially the practical teaching of the law of tithing at the very beginning of their career. He proved that we, as parents, had gained a knowledge of the Gospel by thorough investigation and inspiration, and hoped that we by teaching our children would give them a chance to gain a knowledge in the same way.

Elder Richard Moose advised the people to overcome the cravings of the flesh and do a practical work toward the building up of the kingdom of God.

Superintendent S. D. Davis of the Y. M. M. I. A. spoke of the declaration made by President Woodruff that he (President Woodruff) had received en-