

thing should be done to attract the attention of the little ones and to maintain that interest throughout. Simple language should be used, the minutes should be clear and interesting, the work of the day should stimulate a healthy interest and create a desire to come again. Teachers should exemplify in their lives the instructions they would give to their children, if they would teach the great moral and religious truths of the Gospel. The speaker related in illustration of the importance of exemplifying in one's life the instruction given to the young, an exhibition in the Salt Lake Stake annual Sunday school conference, when three little deaf and dumb girls acted out by signs and motions the song Nearer my God to Thee, while one of our sisters sang the same; the scene was so affecting that tears spontaneously filled the eyes of the large congregation; the actions spoke in language more potent than audible utterances. So it is in life and in the school. Many a teacher seemingly ill-prepared so far as training and learning are concerned, has accomplished marvelous results by habits of fidelity before his class. The children are imitators, and nothing is so potent for good as an action or the performance of a duty, nothing so grand as obedience to the will of God. Words without actions are dead, and instructions coupled with contrary actions are harmful and teach treachery and hypocrisy.

President George Q. Cannon was gratified to learn of the great strides the Sunday school movement was taking. From reports given by returned missionaries he had learned with much pleasure of the establishment of Sunday schools in various missions of the Church. He felt that this was an excellent way of preaching the Gospel, of sowing the seeds of truth. In this connection he felt that it would be wise to have the president of such foreign mission appoint a mission superintendent whose duty it would be to look after the Sunday school interests of the mission and report to the Union board, and if found necessary it might be well for them to appoint superintendents in the various conferences. Regarding applications so frequently made by superintendents and teachers to various members of the Union board and to our colleges, academies, etc., respecting Sunday school discipline and instructions, President Cannon suggested that in all these matters the proper order should be observed. Sunday school teachers and superintendents should respect the Stake officers, and to the latter such questions should be submitted. If the Stake officers could not give the proper answer they should submit the same to the Union board, which would afford the much needed information, and thus all instructions given would be in harmony. He therefore felt to urge that this plan be followed. The Union board was established for the purpose of directing the Sunday school interest of Zion, and its members had given much attention to matters connected with our schools. The attention of the Union board had been called to an answer to a question contained on a card containing questions and answers on the Sacrament. It is as follows: "What blessings are promised us if we partake of the Sacrament worthily?" The answer given

is: "That our sins will be forgiven and that the Lord's Spirit will always be with us." Now that answer in some respects is true, yet it is liable to mislead. The Lord's supper was not instituted as a means of obtaining the forgiveness of sins. Baptism was instituted for that purpose. But is there no truth in the answer here given? Yes, everything we do in keeping the commandments of God will bring a forgiveness of sins if we repent of them; and on our Fast days, we confess our sins to one another and to the Lord, and at our Sacrament meetings we confess our sins before partaking of the Sacrament, and obtain a forgiveness of sins. But to say the Sacrament was instituted for the forgiveness of sin is incorrect, and it should not be answered in that manner, because it may mislead those who do not properly understand this matter. Before closing he felt to offer words of praise to the Union board, to the Presidency of the Stake, to the ushers and all who had contributed to the excellent order that had been maintained during the evening. He also appreciated the excellent music and felt he but voiced the sentiment of the congregation in moving a vote of thanks to Prof's Evan Stephens and Jos. J. Daynes, and all the members of the choir for the sweet strains of music rendered during the meetings of the Conference.

Upon putting the motion the raising of the hands showed a unanimous vote.

Elder George Goddard read the subjoined list of annual Sunday school conferences, and trusted that next year's report would show an enrollment of 100,000.

The choir sang the anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy.

Elder Lars E. Eggertson, superintendent of Utah State, pronounced the benediction.

JOHN M. WHITAKER,
General Secretary.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ANNUAL S. S. CONFERENCES.

Annual Conference.	Nearest Stake Conference.
Tooele.....April 13 and 14	May 5 and 6.
Summit.....April 19 and 20	May 11 and 12
Sanpete.....April 27 and 28	May 18 and 19
Canada.....May 4 and 5	May 26 and 27
Davis.....May 11 and 12	June 8 and 9
St. George.....May 18 and 19	June 16 and 17
Kanab.....May 25 and 26	June 8 and 9
Panguitch.....June 1 and 2	June 2 and 3
Wayne.....June 7 and 8	June 1 and 2
Wasatch.....June 15 and 16	Aug. 2 and 4
Box Elder.....June 22 and 23	July 28 and 29
Oneida.....June 29 and 30	July 28 and 29
Hear Lake.....July 6 and 7	Aug. 10 and 11
Star Valley.....July 13 and 14	Aug. 17 and 18
Bannock.....July 20 and 21	Sept. 7 and 8
Malad.....July 27 and 28	June 16 and 17
Uintah.....Aug. 3 and 4	Aug. 11 and 12
San Juan.....Aug. 10 and 11	Aug. 24 and 25
Snowflake.....Aug. 17 and 18	Sept. 1 and 2
St. John.....Sept. 24 and 25	Sept. 8 and 9
Salt Lake.....Sept. 1 and 2	Aug. 18 and 19
Millard.....Sept. 7 and 8	Aug. 25 and 26
Parowan.....Sept. 14 and 15	Sept. 22 and 23
Beaver.....Sept. 21 and 22	Sept. 21 and 22
Morgan.....Sept. 28 and 29	Aug. 18 and 19

SCOFIELD AND WINTER QUARTERS.

SCOFIELD, April 8, 1895.—The U. P. mine is working from four to six days a month which makes things very quiet. The Winter Quarters mine is

working nearly full time since the No. 5 mine at Almy stopped.

Mr. J. M. Loveridge has been appointed constable for Winter Quarters precinct by the county court to succeed himself. Joe makes a very good officer and keeps the boys pretty straight.

Thos. Farish had quite an experience the other day in trying to cross the mountains from Castle valley to Pleasant valley on horseback. After wallowing through the snow till nearly dark he encountered a drift so deep and soft that he was compelled to turn back, and had it not been for Miller Bros.' ranch, where he found food and shelter for the night, he might have perished. The next day he got back home and concluded to leave his horse and take the stage to Price, thence to Scofield by rail.

We are pleased to state that Brother Richard T. Evans is recovering from the severe attack of brain fever from which he has been suffering. His parents are up from Castle Dale and are assisting his wife to nurse him back to health.

Dr. Smith has been appointed quarantine physician for this district.

A MORMON BOY.

NOTES FROM SANTA CLARA.

SANTA CLARA, April 3rd, 1895.

The people of Clara are very busy now, quarrying rock for a new meeting house. We have a very good mason from Toquerville, and we are sure he will make a very neat job. He has just begun on the foundation. Its dimensions are 54x38 feet. The boys are taking right hold in the work, and we hope to see it completed by another year or so.

On March 29th we bade farewell to two of our missionaries. When it came to the last shake of hands many tears were poured forth in their behalf, for it was trying for our brethren to leave their families: John Graf leaving his wife, who is sick in bed, and a child only one day old; while John Stahel leaves his wife and children, the youngest being only ten days old. The brethren have been very faithful laborers in the Sabbath school and Young Men's M. I. A. Brother Graf has been the superintendent of the Sunday school for many years, and Brother Stahel his second assistant. Jno. Hafen Jr., Jacob Frel and William Tobler fill the vacancies.

We have recently laid to rest two of our sisters, namely: Barbara Reber, aged 68 years; and Magdalena Stucki, aged 72 years. Both died in full fellowship and standing in the Church. A young child has also died. But now as a rule the people are enjoying very good health.

Our school will close tomorrow. The teacher has been very faithful and the children have learned a great deal. We will be given a dance Friday night. All are invited to come.

Fruit trees are in full bloom, but I think frost has killed some fruit. Lucern is from five to eight inches high, and the grain looks very pretty. Our shade trees are putting forth their leaves, and soon the little settlement will look like a paradise. Our garden stuff is coming up. More anon.

ALBERT GRAF.