

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION MEETING.

A large gathering of Sunday school workers convened in Union meeting last evening (April 19, 1897) in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. All the city schools except the 9th were largely represented by officers and teachers, as also were the following county schools: South District of Big Cottonwood, Brighton, East Mill Creek, East Jordan, Farmers, Forest Dale, Mill Creek, Murray, Sugar, Taylorsville and Willard.

Stake Supt. Thos. C. Griggs presided. Supt. A. Frame of Taylorsville opened the meeting by prayer.

The Eighteenth ward Sunday school furnished excellent music during the evening.

A pleasing feature of the musical program was a solo by little Enid Edmunds very beautifully rendering Kind Words are Sweet Tones of the Heart.

Supt. Griggs announced the following additions to the corps of Sunday school missionaries of this Stake:

John W. Saunders of the Tenth ward and Walter S. Mackay and David E. Hatch of Taylorsville.

The following circular issued by the general superintendency of Sunday schools was then read:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,

April 1, 1897.

To Presidents of Stakes, Bishops, and Superintendents of Sunday Schools:

Dear Brethren—Members of the Deseret Sunday School Union board have had the pleasure, during the past two years, of attending annual Sunday school conferences in the thirty-seven stakes of Zion. During these visits they have had much satisfaction in meeting with several thousand officers and teachers, who are faithful fellow-laborers in the great Sunday school cause. The great majority of them, we are pleased to learn, are observers of the word of wisdom. God bless them.

We indulge the hope that the time is not far distant when it can be truthfully said that all the teachers of our hundred thousand children are not only keeping and teaching the word of wisdom, but other principles of the Gospel, such as honoring the Sabbath day, sustaining the Priesthood, and observing the law of tithing, etc.

To aid you in attaining so desirable a consummation, we suggest that when vacancies occur in any of our Sunday school organizations, these vacancies be filled, as far as practicable, by those who practice and teach the above mentioned principles.

By observing this simple and considerate method, glorious results will soon follow, without the least disturbance of any of our present co-laborers. What a delightful beginning of the millennial reign of our Savior on the earth will be for the scores of thousands of our Sunday school teachers and children to become practical observers of the above named principles! Let us earnestly strive to fortify our children to resist the many temptations and allurements of the enemy.

Your brethren,

GEORGE Q. CANNON,

GEORGE GODDARD,

KARL G. MAESER,

General Superintendency of Sunday Schools.

At this point the meeting divided into four graded departments of the school:

The theological department was addressed by Elder T. A. Clawson on

methods of presenting lessons in the higher department. His idea is to have the pupils do the greater part of the work under the direction of the teacher, presented in part by written questions from the teacher disposed to each member of the class, continuing on each subject till it is pretty well exhausted, the pupils actually doing the real work. Since the adoption of this method he has been able to get all his class interested and taking an active part in every lesson, making each lesson profitable to all.

Theological class work was afterward discussed by Brothers Richard Lyman, D. M. McAllister, John Wells, J. D. Cummings, Wm. H. Chamberlain and Joseph H. Dean.

The second intermediate department, under the direction of Brother Horace Cummings, discussed The Art of Questioning.

The first intermediate department, under the direction of Brother Wm. Bradford, continued the subject of Order and Attention, "inculcating respect for the house of the Lord and the necessity of a well prepared lesson," were the leading topics discussed, led by Supt. James Saville and Sister Laura Foster.

The primary department, under the direction of Brother B. W. Ashton, had under discussion the method of presenting the first month's work in the life of Christ, embracing his birth, visit of the wise men, presentation in the Temple and the flight into Egypt.

Upon reconvening, the meeting was favored with a beautiful duet, Evening Belle, rendered by the Misses Ethel and Winnie Saville, Bessie Edmunds and Maggie Glade.

Benediction by Elder William H. Chamberlain and the meeting adjourned for one month, to meet at 8 o'clock.

The Nineteenth ward school will furnish the music at the next meeting.
J. H. PARRY, Secretary.

IDAHO MARCH WEATHER.

D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho.—The weather during the month of March was very stormy and unusually cold; precipitation, almost entirely in the form of snow, was general over the entire state throughout the period. Large quantities of snow have accumulated in the mountains and hills, especially in the eastern-southern section, where there is said to be more snow than for years; unusually high water is expected in the Snake River Valley during May and June. Some complaints of small streams being beyond their banks have already been received from various parts of the state, but no damage has as yet been reported. At the end of the month more than half of the state was covered with snow in depths ranging from two to thirty-nine inches, the latter depth being reported at Gimlet; in some localities in the mountains it is said to be from ten to twenty feet deep. Little or no plowing was done during the month owing to the presence of snow; in places where the snow had disappeared the ground was too wet for working.

The mean temperature for the state was 27.8 degrees, 5.2 degrees cooler than March of last year; the highest

monthly mean temperature was 30.6 degrees, at Lewiston, and the lowest, 15.0, at Lake. The highest temperature reached during the month was 67 degrees, at Oakley, on the 25th, and the lowest, 30 below zero, at Marysville, on the 13th, making an absolute range of 97 degrees for the month; the greatest local monthly range of temperature was at Martin, 88 degrees, and the least at Downey, 37 degrees.

The average precipitation was 2.51 inches, an excess of 0.56 inch over March, 1896; the greatest amount was at Idaho City, 6.49 inches, and the least at Blackfoot and Oakley, 0.10 inch; the greatest in any twenty-four period was 1.41 inches, at Gimlet, on the 28th; average number of days with .01 inch or more of precipitation, 12; clear days, 10; partly cloudy, 10, and cloudy, 11.

Prevailing wind direction, southwest; average hourly velocity (from records at Idaho Falls and Nampa, 10.6 miles; maximum velocity (at Idaho Falls), 43 miles an hour from the south, on the 10th.

Burnside—The month of March was more stormy than any other during the winter.

Gimlet—The storm on the 27th and 28th was the worst of the season, turning into a regular blizzard, 17 inches of snow being deposited in less than 34 hours.

Murray—The 13th was the coldest night of the winter; 31st, gentle and warm east breeze, very rare here.

Soldier—11th, for the past 48 hours we have had the severest storms of the winter, 13th, yesterday and last night were the coldest and hardest windstorms that I have ever seen in 34 years' residence in Idaho; 23rd, had quite a "chinook" this afternoon and snow settled fast for awhile.

Salubria—The first indication of a "break-up" was on the 23rd; the streams rose very rapidly, and most of the lowlands were submerged; the solar halo observed on the 22nd was the most peculiar one I ever saw; it was at first shaped thus: ☾.

A MOTHER IN ISRAEL HONORED.

FARMINGTON, April 15, 1897.—At the residence of Dr. S. L. Richards, Sugar House ward, Salt Lake City, April 8, 1897, about forty of the relatives of Sister Nanny Longstroth Richards met to celebrate the anniversary of her 69th birthday. She enjoys good health, and was happy in the society of so many loved ones. She is the mother of three sons and three daughters, all of whom were present, viz: Alice A. Smith of Fielding, M. A. Grover of Nephi, S. L. Richards of Salt Lake City, M. E. Knowlton of Farmington, George F. Richards of Coele and T. W. Richards of Fielding. She has forty-six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Besides rearing her own children she has been a mother to her sister Sarah's children, which sister was also a wife of Dr. Willard Richards. Her children are: W. B. Richards, Dr. Jos. S. Richards, Sarah E. Smith, wife of President Joseph F. Smith; and Mrs. A. F. Doremus, all of Salt Lake City.

Sister Mary T. Richards of Logan, who was also a wife of Dr. Willard Richards, was in attendance, and during the evening she and "Sister