

## CONFERENCE OF M. A. AT PROVO.

Many Instructive Addresses on  
The Training of the Youth  
Of Zion.

PREST. SMITH AND OTHERS.

Responsibility of Parents Forbly  
Portrayed—Excellent Music by the  
Choir and Soloists—Other Notes.

### Special Correspondence.

Provo, Utah Co., Feb. 26.—A very interesting and profitable M. A. stake conference was held here yesterday, favored by the attendance of the following members of the general board: President Joseph F. Smith, B. S. Hinckley and L. M. Martineau, and Sisters Alice K. Smith, Susan Gates and Mattie Read. Elder Charles Pike accompanied the officers from Salt Lake and favored the meetings with highly appreciated vocal selections.

Separate meetings of the officers were held in the forenoon at which reports were made by President Hickman and President Alice Reynolds of their respective associations and valuable instructions given by the visiting general officers.

### AFTERNOON MEETING.

In the afternoon a general meeting was held in the Tabernacle, President Hickman presiding. After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Elder John A. Whitely, and an announcement made by President Edna L. Houtz of the First ward Y. L. M. L. A. of Prof. John M. Mills' course of lectures on the Book of Mormon, to be given in the First ward meetinghouse, commencing Wednesday evening.

Elder B. S. Hinckley addressed the congregation speaking on the importance of making a success in life, and in order to do this, the duty of making a right start, taking for his text Ecclesiastes 12: 13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Elder Hinckley read "duty" as "happiness" giving as a reason for the change the doubt indicated by the translators as to the word "duty" being the correct translation.

An impressive discourse was preached on the failure of wealth and worldly honors to satisfy the immortal spirit of man; happiness would come only through love for fellow men, and through work for their salvation. This was the object of mutual improvement. He closed with an earnest testimony to the great influence for good exercised by the Church of Jesus Christ, an eloquent tribute to Dr. Karl G. Maeser, and a strong testimony to the usefulness of the Gospel.

Elder Charles Pike, accompanied by Miss Mattie Read, of the general board, sang, "Lord of My Inmost Heart's Recession." Sister Susan Young Gates briefly expressed pleasure in the beautiful music, and the remarks of Elder Hinckley.

Elder Lyman R. Martineau spoke of the importance of a proper home spirit and home training in the development of the character of the young, in setting them interested in mutual improvement work. He gave some practical illustrations of home-making and the family relation, and their connection with and influence on mutual improvement.

President Joseph F. Smith was the next speaker. He referred to the promise of the Savior that whoever should forsake father or mother, brothers or sisters, home or kindred for His sake, would receive a hundred fold in this world and eternal life in the world to come, and read from the sayings of the Savior, showing the secondary importance of material things, and the ability of the Lord to provide for His servants engaged in preaching the Gospel, if they would exercise faith in Him. The speaker expressed fear that the missionaries sent out by the Church today worried too much over material affairs, and did not exercise sufficient faith in the Lord.

The substance given the people by the Lord could be expended in no better way than by training the children in the principles of the Gospel, building schools and sustaining the missionary cause. The speaker would rather see a fortune in giving his children a knowledge of the Gospel than to leave them ten fortunes which might create discord among them after his death.

The warning of the Savior against covetousness was read, and the priceless value of the gifts of the Gospel, compared with worldly things, was clearly portrayed. The speaker said that eternal gifts could endure and were necessary in order to return to the presence of the Father. The great gifts of the Gospel, through the power of the Holy Priesthood, were gifts of peace, of joy, of enduring love, and more to be appreciated than gold and silver, for they were eternal in their character. In this connection President Smith spoke earnestly of the family relation, established eternally in the covenants of the Gospel, which was a blessing he prized above all earthly blessings.

Elder Pike sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Benediction was pronounced by Miss Nellie Summison.

### EVENING SESSION.

A very large congregation was in attendance at the evening session.

After singing by the choir and prayer by Mrs. Esther K. Smith, "The Lost Chord" was rendered by Charles Pike. President Alice Reynolds was the first speaker. She spoke of the testimony of Jesus and of the truthfulness of the Gospel as the greatest of all good, and of the importance and beauty of child-like faith in God and His goodness.

Elder George H. Brimhall spoke of greed and covetousness as mental stealing, and warned against one of the greatest burdens a man or woman can load on his or her shoulders. Greed and covetousness produces soul shrinking, and giving is productive of soul development. The place that was assigned us in the next world will not depend upon the size of our bank account, but on the development of the soul.

A duet, "The Kingdom of Love," was rendered by Prof. J. R. Bostard and Miss Florence Jepperson.

Mrs. Susan Young Gates spoke in a very entertaining manner, "The Child Training and Discipline," advocating thorough discipline of children, and urging all to accept chastisement from the Lord in a spirit that would enable them to profit thereby.

Elder B. S. Hinckley spoke of the great need of the world for human kindness; nothing dearer than kindness could be bought and none were as poor that they could not afford to give a few kind words. The principle and practice of kindness between husband and wife and all members of the family were graphically and eloquently, though briefly, presented.

The Garden City quartet rendered "Welcome, Wanderer, Welcome." Mrs. Alice K. Smith spoke of the importance of obedience, and of the suffering that disobedience brings, and

urged all to seek the help of the Lord in faith in learning the lessons of this life, and to act as if the Lord was and they would know that He is. Mrs. Smith closed with a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

Elder Lyman R. Martineau spoke of the beauties of Utah county, one of the garden spots of the world, and urged the young to the work of land to improve it and stay with it, and those who had none should begin to save some of their earnings and get some; stay close to nature; take a pride in the country; lay the foundation of temporal salvation and make home.

Miss Mattie Read spoke of the ennobling influence of music in the cultivation of character and how it could be made a duty to create a love for home in the young.

"True Unto Them," was rendered by Charles Pike.

President Joseph F. Smith endorsed the things that had been said, and regretted that the brethren and sisters, when they were called on to speak, should feel that they were trespassing upon the time of some one else. This was wrong; those called to speak should accept it as an opportunity, and not grieve the Spirit of God by curtailing His promptings. He gave some valuable instructions on the training of children: Correction of children should always be with the object of making them better, and they should be administered in kindness. Promises not meant to be kept should not be made. If punishment is promised it should be given if merited, and in a manner that will establish respect for authority, and confidence in the parents on the part of the children. The parent responsible for the child must be responsible for the child, and in safeguarding them from evil was earnestly presented, and the belief expressed that so long as a child is in the hands of the parent, the parent cannot enter the Celestial Kingdom of God; the parent would have to redeem that son. This love of the father for the child, which would survive with the erring ones and help them was beautifully portrayed; this same spirit should be shown by children towards parents, if conditions require that they might be saved together with the kindred gone before, and as many of humanity as love can reach.

He closed by invoking the help of the Lord to enable the young people to love Him, and to love one another. Benediction was offered by Elder Alfred Omond.

The choir, which had rendered beautiful selections during the meetings, sang "I Am Alpha and Omega." Benediction was offered by Elder Alfred Omond.

A well attended meeting of the trustees and principals of the county schools was held Saturday in the Parker school, County Supt. Eggertsen presiding.

The forenoon meeting of the following topics were considered: Consolidation of school districts in the county. Pupils in one district, schools in another.

A letter from Atty.-Gen. Broden read relating to the levying of taxes for district and high schools was read by Supt. Eggertsen.

In the afternoon an outline plan for music in the county schools was presented by Music Director Roylance of Springville.

It was decided that the county superintendent ask the county commissioners to raise the county school tax, to three mills was carried.

It was decided that retrenchment in the matter of costly graduating dresses be demanded.

The relation of the trustees to the principal, and other matters relating to the work of the school were considered in the afternoon talk by County Supt. Eggertsen.

DIVORCE GRANTED. Judge Booth, on Saturday, granted a divorce to Annie Bessan Johnson from Arnold E. Johnson on the ground of failure to provide and desertion. The plaintiff was restored to her maiden name, Annie Bessan, and awarded \$2 a month alimony, \$25 attorney fees and costs. The parties were married in this city Nov. 31, 1904.

J. J. Chason of Provo, a native of England, was admitted to citizenship. A marriage license has been issued to Ray S. Gattis, 26, and Rose Calegure, 40, both of Tucker.

GARDEN CITY NOTES. The committee of the Provo Canning company appointed to select a site for the plant has done so, selecting upon ground owned by Mrs. William Strong on Sixth Street, between First and Second East streets. The location affords fine track facilities and is otherwise well adapted for the purpose. Work on the plant will begin at once.

Ralph Lawhorn, one of the boys who ran away and was arrested in Nephth last week, was committed to the industrial school today by Judge Booth. Lawhorn was in probation at the time he left Provo for the trip south.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Singleton has been increased by the arrival of a son.

P. H. Lawhorn is suffering from a fractured arm, which he received by being thrown to the ground while leading a horse a few days ago.

The Second ward Sunday school will give an entertainment Friday evening in the ward house for the benefit of the Sunday school.

President Francis M. Lyman said that the religion class movement was the youngest member of the family of auxiliary organizations. As the baby of the family is usually the pet of the household, so he thought it would be with the religion class. It would have the benefit of the experience of its older brothers and sisters. Children should be taught religion during their young and tender years. They will then grow up to be moral, honest and virtuous men and women. The spirit of prayer should be instilled into the hearts of the youth; not the formal, every-repeated prayer that is offered on every occasion, but supplication to our Father in heaven direct from the heart and according to the needs of each passing day.

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## THE CHILDREN OF FOR CITY SAKES.

One Thousand of Them Participate in Religion Class Work At Tabernacle.

THE SCENE WAS INTERESTING

Among the Speakers Was President Lund Who Explained the Necessity Of a Sound Religious Training.

### Special Correspondence.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the workers in the Religion Classes of the four stakes met at Barratt hall. There were also present Superintendents Anthony H. Lund and Rudger Clawson, President Francis M. Lyman, Elder Rulon S. Wells, President Richard W. Young of the Ensign stake and President Hugh J. Cannon of the Liberty stake and others.

The congregation sang "Redeemer of Israel," and after prayer by Elder Rulon S. Wells, sang, "Hope of Israel." Elder Horace Cummings expressed the hope that the religion class work where papers would be read and matters pertaining to the work discussed. He urged that the discussions should not be in the nature of debate.

All departments considered the subjects, "What is suitable matter for third and fourth steps in this department?" and "Some Department Troubles and Their Remedies." Four papers were read in each department and interesting discussions followed.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Large Attendance of Parents and Children Listen to Special Program.

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In that gathering the needs of more religious teaching among school children was felt and urged by prominent divines, including a Jewish rabbi. It was there suggested that the school authorities set aside two hours every Wednesday afternoon, in which the pupils of the public schools could be paired to their respective churches and be taught along religious lines.

The latter-day Saints do not desire, said President Lund, to teach religion in these classes to the children of the world, but to the children of the covenant. They aim to teach their own children religiously and morally as well as mentally and manually; teach them to believe in God and to walk uprightly.

The congregation joined with the children in singing "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," and the benediction was pronounced by Master Allen Tingey, the children repeating each sentence of the prayer.

### EVENING SESSION.

How to Secure Attendance of the Children Discussed in Strong Paper.

### Special Correspondence.

The last session of the convention was held at Barratt hall, at 7 p. m. Presidents John R. Winder and Anthony H. Lund, Superintendent Rudger Clawson, President Richard W. Young, Elder Rulon S. Wells, and other members of the general board were present besides the Religion class workers of the four stakes.

"Zion is Growing," was sung by the congregation. Superintendent T. A. Clawson of the Ensign stake, offered prayer and the congregation sang "Sowing."

Asst. Supt. Wm. Nuttall of the Salt Lake stake read a paper, "How to Secure Attendance of Children at Religion Class." He advocated a systematic missionary work by teachers and the more influential children, and an intimate knowledge of the children and their parents. He laid great stress on the necessity of teachers having a spiritual and earnest sincerity that would in itself draw the children.

The naturally low sounding of the paper suggested that meeting places should be made attractive by cleanliness and adornment and that the children should be carried in vehicles from the schoolhouse where it is not too far, they should march in a body to the meeting-house. The children who attend irregularly should be visited at their homes or reached by letters.

Especially necessary to visit the sick, that they may feel that an active interest is being taken in them. Six parents should be invited to attend each session of a religion class. The parents of the children who are invited should be invited to the meeting-house.

A general discussion followed the paper, and the following features of which were the following: The teacher should learn the personality of the child. He should study the lesson but should not be too much emphasized. Mercy, truth, virtue and other qualities of the soul are not given enough weight. A hunger and thirst for righteousness should be created and created within him the appetite. The parents should be converted. In the sixth ward of Salt Lake City a complete canvass of the children has been made, and the attendance has been doubled. In another ward parents have been benefited as much as the children by the visits of the religion class teachers.

SUPT. CLAWSON. Sept. Rudger Clawson stated that while living in Brigham City he found that his children were leaving their homes and attending a religion class in another ward. He enquired the reason, and found that children from all parts of the town were attending this particular class on account of the interest that was taken in them.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED. Parents must be converted truly, but the class must be made interesting. Where the Bishop and his counselors pray vocally, the children will be converted and active organizations will prosper. Not only the sheep but the lambs must be fed. We must not think the children are going to hell because they are not attending religion class. We should seek to see things through the children's eyes and understand things as they understand them in order to influence them effectively. Not more than 100 children are present in any class of the city schools. It would be better if 20 or even 15 were in each class. The religion class departments should be divided into sections, if necessary, so that the teachers could know the individual students. Do not become discouraged. The work is hard, but its fruits are sweet. The outlines should be followed generally, but in no case should the teachers find it necessary to depart from them.

PRESIDENT LUND. President Lund stated that he had enjoyed the meeting and listened to the papers with interest. The religion class teachers are called to leave their day's labor and their homes and their families and attend to the children of the world. He thought that the teachers should be given their day's labor and their homes and their families and attend to the children of the world. He thought that the teachers should be given their day's labor and their homes and their families and attend to the children of the world.

WHITNEY RESIGNS. Official Announcement of Changes Upon the Union Pacific.

(Special to the "News.") Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 25.—L. Anderson, assistant superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific, was today appointed general superintendent, effective March 1, to succeed W. A. Whitney, who has resigned on account of ill health. W. H. Peterson, superintendent of bridges and buildings, takes Anderson's place. No one is appointed yet for Peterson's place.

SPICE AND RAIL. The Twin Falls branch is now being ballasted and put into first class condition.

John Y. Callahan, general western agent of the Nickel Plate, with headquarters in Chicago, is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

R. E. Wells, general manager of the Salt Lake route, left for Los Angeles on the special train carrying the Jacob H. Schiff party.

The spur into the site of the proposed sugar factory at Nampa has been finished and the Oregon Short Line is now delivering machinery, and material.

A huge steel water tank is being erected by the Oregon Short Line at Nampa, Ida, for use of engines playing on the main line and Boise branch.

E. H. Dewey and Fred Barnes left Nampa last week for Chicago solely for the purpose of purchasing one passenger car for the Idaho Northern and B. N. C.

The first tickets sold across the counter of the new ticket office of the Salt Lake route went to Mr. and Mrs. N. Howard Clark of Park City, who they leave for Los Angeles.

The Salt Lake route engineering department is to install some spurs in the near future at Garfield for the rapid delivery of material to be utilized by the tourist company.

The United States Supreme court has decided that the ownership of and dealing in coal by a railroad company is in violation of the principles of the interstate commerce law. The case in point was that of the Chesapeake & Ohio.

The Union Pacific today started out big gangs of men at work replacing the 22,800-pound steel rails with 33-pound rails, which have been adopted as the standard. These, the heaviest rails now manufactured, are to be installed between Omaha and Ogden.

Headaches and Nausea from Colds. Lasswell's Quinine, the world-wide Cold and Grip remedy removes the cause. Call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. Groves, Inc.

MOST PLEASANT EVENING. It is Had by Religion Class Workers of The Salt Lake Stakes.

Great Impetus has been given the Religion class work in Salt Lake City by the convention held Saturday evening and yesterday by the Liberty, Pioneer, Salt Lake and Ensign stakes. The first session was a social one held at Pioneer stake hall. Nearly 400 persons filled the beautiful hall. There was a short program consisting of piano solos by Miss Mattie Read and Master Charles Shepherd, a reading by Mrs. Winnifred T. Brown and remarks by Superintendents Anthony H. Lund and Rudger Clawson. This was followed by a dance where many of the old time dances were indulged in. At the same time refreshments were served in the High Council room of the stake hall by eighty dainty maidens from the Religion classes of the four stakes.

Those present were members of the general board, presidents of stakes, High Councilors, bishops of wards and Religion class workers. The pleasant affair closed promptly at 11 o'clock, p. m.