

dispassionate blasphemies. One of them—a tall individual in a long, black Prince Albert coat—addressed the remonstrating conductor, who vainly endeavored to assure him the train had not been near any infected place.

"You all know you've got no business here, an' you got a right to pull your Jim Crow train out of this metropolis right smart. This committee shorely thing you better had. It would make us regret pow'ful to shoot yo' fool heads off."

"Well, if you say sa, gentlemen," returned the conductor. "Reckon I can get my orders, can't I?"

"I got to give the old girl a drink," put in the engineer, calling from the cab.

"In course that's all right enough, gentlemen," said the committeeman, fortifying the remark in the usual manner, "only we ain't goin' to let none o' you land here."

"Fevuh's pow'ful had down the road a piece," remarked another vigilante, who carried a double-barreled muzzle-loader. "I hear they's lots o' deaths in New Orleans?"

"Jeemses River! Nobody never see so many huzzards as they is this year."

"They 'low people can travel in Missip now. They's been some frost."

A drummer in a blue serge suit and straw hat opened the car door and stepped out on the platform. There was a curt order from the vigilante with the muzzle-loader, and the drummer re-entered the car and resumed his seat. The conductor came back from the telegraph office waving a yellow order slip.

"Pull up to the tank, Jim," he called to the engineer.

A comely young woman with red hair thrust her head from a car-window.

"Do you alls mean to say I can't get off and go home, Major Hewlet?" she asked, tearfully.

"There's Miss Sally Lou Sharpe, bless my heart!" exclaimed the tall man. He went on rather sheepishly: "Now you just go along up the road, Miss Sally. Your maw's well, an' she says you must go to Montgomery for a few days. Have you got enough money?"

"I've got a basket of lunch for Miss Sharpe here," said the operator, from the window of his little office. "Your mother says she'll send you a letter—"

"You're a lot of triflin' cowards!" The girl sank back in her seat, whimpering.

The engineer climbed into the cab and reached for the throttle. The air-valves hissed, the fireman began to toll the bell.

"Good-by, gentlemen! Come and see us after the frost."

The train pulled away from the inhospitable village and pursued its way southward. A sweet smell of piney woods and wild-rose hedgerows drifted in at the car-windows, and the engine gave a long shriek for a road crossing.

"If I ever get back North again," said the drummer, "I'll stay there."

But it is to be hoped this condition of affairs will soon end. At this writing, reports are received of cold weather and light frosts as far south as Arkansas, and that portions of Mississippi have been touched. If this is true, "Yellow Jack" will soon cease his ravages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Sunday school conference of Uintah Stake convened in the Vernal opera house Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29th and 30th, with First Assistant J. P. Rudy presiding. Singing was conducted under direction of Brother R. L. Woodward. Elders Karl G. Maeser and L. John Nuttall of the Sunday School Union board were our visitors.

Saturday, 10 a. m.—Opening song by the congregation. Prayer was offered by Patriarch Nelson Merkley Jr. Singing, My Sabbath Home.

Opening remarks were offered by First Assistant Superintendent J. P. Rudy welcoming our visiting brethren and the superintendents, officers and teachers of the various schools.

Remarks were then received from Assistant General Superintendent K. G. Maeser. He said he desired to see in this as well as every Stake conference from now on, every officer and teacher taking notes that they might have the points brought up in the special officers' and teachers' meeting that should always be held the next Sunday following the Stake conferences. He stated that the members of the Union board desired questions pertaining to the Sunday school work to be handed in at each session of the conference, that the points might be brought to the minds of the visiting members and they thereby derive the benefit needed. He also spoke of the superintendents giving their reports in answer to the twenty-one questions asked by the Union board and not come and give some goody, goody talk and sit down for by that they would receive no benefit whatever. He explained that class exercises in conferences should should last only ten minutes, never more, as they wished to see the methods and the questions and answers which were propounded and answered.

Supt. W. F. Smith reported the Ashley, and Supt. Thomas Bingham the Millward Sunday schools.

Stake Secretary R. L. Woodward then conducted a concert recitation for the entire conference, subject, The Lord's Prayer.

Elder L. John Nuttall spoke pointedly on the reporting of the Sunday schools by the superintendents, said for them to stick strictly to the answering of the questions with no preliminary remarks whatever. He spoke of punctuality, saying that God expected us to keep our appointments as well as men did and the Sunday school should so train the children that in after life they would be prompt in keeping engagements. Superintendents cannot be too particular in this respect. He next spoke of the use of the treatise, stating that it should be thoroughly understood by the Superintendents and his assistants and by every teacher so far as it pertains to his grade or class. He stated that new treatises were now in print, containing much additional information. He next spoke of the Word of Wisdom, saying that the Union board expected every office and teacher to keep strictly this principle and if they felt too weak to comply the superintendent expected them to resign.

Elder Maeser spoke of fasting and testimony bearing. It should be extended to every one in the school and not only to the theological and second intermediate grades. Give the little children a chance to bear their testimonies. He stated that no superintendent, officer or teacher should be called as a home missionary if his services were needed in the school and that the Sunday school should not be dismissed for any meeting, not even Sunday School conference, except in the wards where the conference is being held. The superintendent should call some one to remain and hold Sunday School during that day.

He spoke of a department failing to be on hand with an exercise after they had promised to be there, and said it was a disgrace to that school. He spoke of the hymn books and said if he were a department teacher he would call every Sunday for the children to hold up their books if they had any and in that way train them to bring their books and sing, not forgetting to set the example himself.

The congregation sang: "Waiting for the Reapers," and benediction was pronounced by Superintendent Thomas Bingham.

2 p. m.—Congregation sang, "Our mountain home so dear."

Prayer offered by Elder George Free-stone. Singing, "Zion is growing."

Remarks were made by Second Assistant Superintendent C. B. Bartlett, reporting the visits of the Stake superintendency and the general condition of the Sunday schools in the Stake as being in the best condition ever known with very few exceptions.

Superintendent George A. Davis reported the Pleasant View Sunday school. Secretary R. L. Woodward then conducted the concert recitation on the blessing of the bread and water. Superintendent David Timothy reported the Jensen Sunday school.

General Superintendent K. G. Maeser answered several questions stating that superintendent had a right to disregard the instructions of the Sunday School Union Board or the Stake superintendency. Explained how the Juvenile Instructor should be used, first by the superintendent reading and marking points for the whole school, the classes and then the teachers carrying out their part by having these points read and briefly explained before the class. He said that the only books that should be used in the Sunday schools are the Bible, Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price and sometimes revelations from the Doctrine and Covenants.

Elder L. John Nuttall said that in our conferences we had to speak mostly to parents, officers and teachers in order that the Sunday schools might be benefitted. He said that one teacher could teach from ten to fifty pupils in a theological class, while from twenty-five to thirty would be a good class of other grades. He advised that children be baptized on their birthday when eight years old so that only one date need be remembered. He said that each school should have the visiting books and missionaries appointed to use them in visiting the children, and spoke of how the Sacrament should be administered under the direction of the Bishopric. In regard to those who are of our faith he said that superintendent or some one appointed should visit the parents and tell them of the conditions and ask if they cannot be baptized. When it is explained rightly they will nearly always consent and sometimes this has been the means of bringing the parents into the Church, as well as the children.

First Assistant J. P. Rudy spoke of punctuality.

Singing, Utah the Queen of the West. Benediction by Elder Thos. Bingham. Sunday, 10 a. m.—Singing, Welcome, Welcome, Sabbath Morning.

Prayer by Bishop John N. Davis of Vernal.

Singing, We are the Bees of Deseret.

Remarks by General Superintendent K. G. Maeser upon the Sacrament. He advised that children who were mischievous and would not behave themselves should be denied the Sacrament for that day.

The Sacrament was then administered.

Elder Maeser then conducted the concert recitation on the Articles of Faith.

The second intermediate department of Vernal then gave a class exercise, subject, Noah and the Ark.

Elders A. B. Anderson and M. M. Duke reported the Glines ward, and John Evans the Merrills ward Sunday schools.

Elder L. John Nuttall spoke of prayer and told an incident in Brother George Goddard's experience where the chairs for supper were placed with backs to the table seemingly to say: "If you won't pray, you can't eat." He spoke of supper time being the best time for family prayers.