

acquaintances, and particularly enjoyed a visit to the St. George Temple in the company of President David H. Cannon and Recorder James G. Bleak.

The conference convened on Sunday at 10 a. m., in the commodious Tabernacle and the exercises by the primary first and second intermediate departments under the direction of their most excellent and gifted teachers, together with their addresses on their class work, were an able exposition of the advantages of the graded system in our Sunday schools. Brother Snow, Teacher of the higher department, was no less happy in his intelligent explanation of the work being done in his department.

2 p. m. Sacrament was administered, statistical report read, and verbal reports by the Stake superintendent and the superintendent of the Panacca, Nevada, Sunday school were given, the latter having traveled 110 miles by team to be present. Sunday school missionary Elder George Spillbury evidenced in his report also that he was an energetic Sunday school laborer. Remarks were also made by the visiting brethren.

A special meeting of the officers and teachers was then held, with a most excellent spirit of inquiry and instruction predominating.

At 8 p. m. Stake Sunday School Normal. George Miles and Superintendent Johnson made earnest reports of their labors, followed by President McArthur and the visiting brethren, thus concluding a most enjoyable occasion.

The schools of the Stake were well represented by their officers, save that of Washington, which was unrepresented.

On Wednesday, May 16, at 4 p. m., Elders Summerhays and Griggs "backboarded" it to Cedar City. Elder Summerhays, having been called home by several urgent telegrams, continued on, leaving Elder Griggs sad and forlorn. This condition was mitigated by the generous hospitality of Pres. Uriah T. Jones, Supt. J. F. Wilkinson, Stake Supt. Jos. H. Armstrong, Bishop Corey and Conductor Jos. Cosslett. Conference meetings were held in the spacious tabernacle at Cedar on Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon, those of Sunday being particularly well attended. The reports made by the superintendency, stake and local, manifested their zeal and interest, and the absence of representatives from the large and important school at Parowan occasioned regret. A desire for instruction in S. S. work and management was conspicuous by the officers and teachers and made, by the help of the Lord, the labors of Elder Griggs quite pleasant. Supt. Armstrong possesses the esteem and confidence of his associates, while Superintendent Wilkinson has prepared a plat of Cedar City, showing the residence of every family and those attending and those not attending Sunday school; this map is a valuable adjunct to the S. S. visiting book.

The musical exercises by the singers of St. George and Cedar added much to the interest of the conferences; while the presence and courtesy of the presiding Priesthood and Bishops and leading men of the two Stakes afforded support and encouragement very

grateful to those who are laboring in the Sunday school cause.

On Monday, May 21st, Superintendent Armstrong kindly conveyed Elder Griggs to Milford, where we were both entertained with kind and hearty welcome by Supt. J. C. Madsen of that place and held a Sunday school meeting in their creditable meeting house. Brother Madsen's perseverance and "push" have had much to do with the maintenance of the Milford Sunday school, and his labors are ably seconded by several other brethren and sisters. The aid of the Holy Spirit is cheerfully acknowledged in these labors, and a sense of gratitude for the kindness of the Saints with whom we met.

Truly yours in the Gospel covenant,
T. C. GRIGGS,
J. W. SUMMERHAYS.

ZION'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

For the benefit and encouragement of those who are interested in the Sunday schools of Zion the following brief report is penned. On Saturday morning, May 26th, Elder George Reynolds and myself left home per rail, to attend the first annual Sunday school conference in Tooele Stake, which was appointed for Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th. We arrived there in time for the morning meeting, and were pleased to find our esteemed friend Elder F. M. Lyman, one of the members of the Deseret Sunday School Union Board, present, who, by the way, was also present at all our meetings during the two days. We held three conference meetings on Saturday and two on Sunday, besides one with the Stake presidency and the superintendency of the Stake Sunday schools, also with the teachers and officers of the various schools that were present, and a Seventies' meeting.

During the five meetings we had some interesting class and other exercises by the children, illustrative of the methods of imparting instruction adopted by the teachers in their various departments. We also had brief reports by the superintendents of the Stake and local schools from Tooele, Grantsville, ET City, Batesville, St. Johns and Clover. Also remarks by President Gowans and Counselor Rich, the Bishops and visiting brethren, interspersed by occasional songs from the children and choir, under the leadership of our old musical friend, Ebenezer Beezley, whose talent and labors are much appreciated by the good Saints of Tooele. Owing to the existence of scarlet fever in several families in Grantsville, many children, teachers and others were prevented from being present at the conference in Tooele (the local authorities deeming it wisom to stop all public gatherings for the time being). This was a grievous disappointment to them. Stake Superintendent Johnson, his assistant Bro. Anderson, and Bro. Ratcliff being nearly the only representatives from Grantsville.

It was suggested that George Reynolds and myself hold a Sunday night's meeting in Grantsville in response to the wishes and feelings of the Saints, and two of the above named brethren were deputed to go and apprise the Bishop of Grantsville of the fact and request him to have the

notice given out at the close of the afternoon meeting, which was at that time expected to be held; but on our arrival we learned that on Sunday morning word reached the Bishop that it would be unwise to hold an afternoon meeting and consequently our evening meeting had to be suspended also. Had we learned this fact sooner we should have had another meeting in Tooele, but not knowing it until our arrival in Grantsville, we acknowledged the hand of the Lord, and remained under the hospitable roof of our friend Anderson, whose house was soon crowded with friends (mostly singers) as a partial compensation for our disappointment in not having a public meeting. The songs of Zion were sung and remarks made for mutual benefit, until time admonished us to retire, after singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc., and benediction. During our short stay in Tooele we were the welcomed guests of our old friend, now superintendent of Tooele Sunday school, George Atkins. We visited the cemetery on the bench, and were delighted to see so many flowers adorn the graves of the departed, also the nice walks and absence of weeds around them.

We were next taken to the water works or tank, the like of which is nowhere to be found in Utah. One mile distant in the canyon is a large spring of beautiful clear water, and through a six-inch iron pipe this water is conveyed into a tank blasted out of solid rock, 40 feet long, 25 feet wide and 15 feet deep, nicely cemented. This water from the tank has a fall of 270 feet to Tooele city, which place has a population of about 1,000 inhabitants. Nearly 100 families avail themselves of its use for domestic purposes at the moderate cost of \$7.50 per annum. The water in the tank is protected by a substantial wooden structure with a first class shingle roof. The entire cost of the water works was \$20,000. Pure water, free from sediment, never failing in its supply the year round, cool in summer and pleasant in winter. The citizens who use it are much indebted thereto for the general good health in Tooele. This elevated bench affords a delightful view of the country for many miles, and the most extensive view of the Salt Lake that can be found anywhere. We were next driven to the district school building which has cost \$20,000, \$15,000 of which will be paid up this year, leaving only the bonded sum of \$5,000 as indebtedness upon it. The building for solidity in material and beauty in architecture is not excelled, if equaled, by any schoolhouse in Utah, reflecting great credit on the architect. Before leaving Grantsville this morning we paid a visit to the Latter-day Saint Academy building, which cost \$15,000, and all paid for except the small amount of \$700, and that by the voluntary donations of the Saints. This fact affords a striking index to the value the Saints of Grantsville place on the religious and intellectual education of their children. Reaching home in safety at 5 o'clock p. m., and praying that God our heavenly Father will bless our instructions to the children, teachers and parents.

GEORGE GODDARD.

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