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teachings of the Presidency in organizing a Female Relief Society in this place. Addresses appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Bishop John Stoker and his Counselors, and Elders A. Call, P. G. Sessions, H. Tingey and Israel Barlow. Each speaker exhibited an earnestness of spirit and manifested a fervent desire for the successful operation of the F. R. S. that was every way worthy of the serious consideration of all. Mrs. Elizabeth Barlow was appointed Presidentess of the Society, with Mrs. Lucina Sessions and Mrs. Mary Jane Crosby as her counselors. Mrs. Rhoda Perkins and Mrs. Catherine Perkins were appointed visitors in number one district; Mrs. Cordelia M. Barlow, Mrs. Samantha Willey, Mrs. Harriet Stoker and Mrs. Sarah Coltrin visitors in the second district; and Mrs. Sylvia P. Clark and Mrs. Susan Grant visitors in the third district. Mrs. Mary Carter was appointed Treasurer, and Mrs. Cordelia Carter, Secretary of the Society.

It is expected that much good will follow the organization of this Society in Bountiful. All seem determined to go ahead to do their best in administering to the wants of the poor, in promoting union and happiness among the Saints, and, last not least, in adorning themselves with the work of their own hands, and thus discountenancing those fashions which are imported and ridiculous and wholly unbecoming to Saints of God.

As you may be aware, the crops in general look well, having been greatly refreshed by the recent abundant rains; yet here and there those destructive little pests, the grasshoppers, are destroying the labors of the husbandman. He, however, is not discouraged, but the spirit prevails that if one crop is destroyed another shall be put in. This being the determination, it is only reasonable to suppose that success will crown their efforts, and a good harvest will be their reward.

Yours, truly,
WM. THURGOOD.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 6th, 1868.

Editor Evening News:—Having returned yesterday from Weber County, where I spent a couple of weeks visiting Common Schools, I gladly pen a few items.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The old school houses are mostly log buildings and are constructed in the most primitive style. The scarcity of glass in some of the districts rendered it unnecessary for us to dwell extensively on ventilation. The recently constructed houses are generally creditable; those of Rawson's, Thompson's, and Hammond's districts are constructed of rock and would be considered very neat, and highly creditable in any country. It struck us forcibly that a good central school house in Ogden City is much needed where advanced pupils throughout the county could have the advantage of an acquaintance with the higher branches. This ought to be made a high school and furnished with

nosyllables and the simplest words in language, and thereby introduce and perpetuate incorrect usage. The use of the aspirate h where it does not belong should be corrected; also the omission of h where it belongs.

The youngest pupils should be taught to enumerate, and to memorize the multiplication table in the class and in concert; this is an agreeable change for the younger pupils and helps to keep them quiet. They should have recesses frequently. The application of the switch too often should be avoided. Schools should be opened by prayer, and occasionally a moral lecture can be introduced to great advantage. Teachers should not fail, at least, to advise their pupils to refrain from breaking the Sabbath day and every evil practice. As text books are procured with difficulty by many parents, the teacher should observe and teach his pupils to be careful with them.

ADVICE TO PARENTS.

To omit furnishing text books is to require the school teacher to work without tools. We generally consider that the mechanic needs his tools, and the more complete his "kit" the better article he will be able to turn out. The teacher is not an exception to this rule. To fail to attend examinations or to visit the school is to withhold the proper encouragement from the faithful teacher, and to neglect the necessary incentive to the careless. Children should be sent to school regularly and punctually. They should also be encouraged to memorize their tasks at home.

TAXATION.

In two of the districts the Trustees have levied a tax for the payment of school teachers in conformity with the provisions of the school code. The result has been that although a few have complained of the arrangement, the school attendance has been greatly increased and the average attendance has nearly equalled the number of pupils enrolled; whereas in districts not so supported, the average attendance is often less than two-thirds of the number enrolled.

GENERAL ITEMS.

On Sunday the 27th ult. I attended meetings at Ogden and at Plain City. Sunday, May 3rd, at Huntsville and Eden, where I enjoyed the privilege of speaking on educational interests, and found it opportune to advocate the propriety of those who were able, continuing the children in the school nine or ten months in the year, instead of sending only during the winter term. In every county the lack of competent teachers is severely felt, and this is probably the most serious impediment to our educational facilities. The universal cry is: Can you recommend us a competent teacher? As *Home Manufacture* is the order of the day we advocated the absolute necessity of qualifying our youth to fill the positions so much needed by their country. Schools at this season are fragmentary, and examined at a disadvantage,

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