

provisions in the Revised Statutes to create and maintain a fire department in cities of more than 12,000 inhabitants and to create and maintain a police department in cities of less size, and in those provisions were included the tenure of office. Nowhere in the Revised Statutes, however, do we find similar provisions respecting police departments and tenure of office in cities of the first class. It is therefore fair to assume that it was the intention of the legislature to continue the offices of policemen in the large cities under the tenure as provided in the act of 1896.

We conclude that the petitioner and his assignors, under the existing laws, are entitled to hold their offices until lawfully removed for cause, and that the Mayor and City Council, having attempted to remove them from office without cause, their action was unlawful and void. The officers not having been lawfully removed, it was the duty of the respondent to draw his warrant for their salaries, upon proper demand therefor, and the court erred in not issuing the writ of mandate to compel him to do so.

The cause must therefore be reversed, with costs, and remanded with direction to the court below to issue the writ.

POCATELLO STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The first annual conference of the Pocatello Stake Sunday schools was held in the assembly hall at Pocatello, Idaho, Nov. 6, 1898.

There were present, of the general superintendency, Brother George Goddard, and General Treasurer George Reynolds; also Elder Wm. C. Parkinson of the Stake Presidency, and L. C. Pond and Wm. Spillman of the Stake Sunday school superintendency, and a good representation of Bishops, superintendents and teachers of the schools throughout the Stake. Seven out of the twelve schools were represented.

Conference convened at 10 o'clock, with Stake Superintendent L. C. Pond presiding. Singing, "Gladly meeting," etc. After the administration of the Sacrament Superintendent L. C. Pond gave a brief report of the condition of the schools of the Stake as near as they had been visited by the Stake superintendency. The majority were in a very fair condition, and he had great hopes for greater success in the future, and invoked the blessings of God on our conference.

First Assistant Stake Superintendent Wm. Spillman also made a few remarks concerning the Sunday schools in our new Stake.

General Treasurer Geo. Reynolds then arose and spoke in a very interesting strain upon the Sacrament, the necessity of remembering all good, and upon Sunday school work in general. Several exercises from various schools in the Stake was then rendered, after which General Supt. Geo. Goddard arose, and in his matchless and amusing way, addressed the conference upon punctuality, the love of our Heavenly Father for His children, and the need of us keeping God's commandments, and closed by singing in his pleasing style, In Our Lovely Deseret.

President W. C. Parkinson expressed his satisfaction at being able to be present at the first annual Sunday school conference in this the Fortieth Stake of Zion, and was thankful that everything was so favorable with us.

After singing Hope of Israel, benediction was pronounced by Bishop C. J. Cannon, and conference adjourned until 2 p. m.

Immediately after the close of the morning session, an officers' and teachers' meeting was held in which valuable instruction was given by

Superintendent Goddard and Elder Reynolds, on the following subjects: Sunday school hymn books, Sacrament and prayer, the same to be memorized, prayer, Word of Wisdom, baptism of children in schools over 8 years of age, concert recitation, teachers' meetings, Fast day, nickel Sunday, etc., after which several questions were asked and answered satisfactorily by the visiting brethren.

Conference convened again at 2 p. m., and after an interesting program had been rendered by representatives of the various schools, consisting of essays, class exercises and singing, Elder Goddard and Elder Reynolds made further interesting remarks upon Sunday school work. Elder Goddard concluded by singing, "Who's on the Lord's side." Meeting was adjourned until 7 p. m.

The evening session convened according to appointment, and after opening exercises, the general superintendency, general officers and the General Sunday School Union Board were unanimously sustained.

Elder L. C. Pond was sustained as Stake superintendent with Elders William Spillman as first assistant and Edwin D. Harrison as second assistant.

Daniel T. Hawley was sustained as Stake secretary, and Moses A. Pond as Stake treasurer.

Brother B. Henderson of Garden Creek gave a very interesting address on prayer.

General Superintendent Goddard next addressed the congregation on the subjects of Tithing and prayer, which he made most interesting and concluded by singing a song entitled, A Dream.

General Treasurer Geo. Reynolds followed upon the duties of parents to children, and the use of which the tithing is put in the Church.

President Parkinson made a few interesting remarks, and bore testimony to the divinity of the Gospel.

Supt. L. C. Pond felt to thank the Lord for the visits of Elders Goddard and Reynolds, said he knew God was with them, and asked God to continue to bless them and desired that all the Sunday school workers present would take the instructions received home with them and disseminate the same among all the teachers and children.

Benediction was pronounced by Supt. Geo. Goddard.

Three very large and interesting sessions were held and all expressed themselves perfectly satisfied of being present.

DANIEL T. HAWLEY,
Stake Secretary.

ELDER MUIR'S DEMISE.

The following account of the death and burial of Elder David M. Muir, who passed away while laboring in the Scottish conference, appears in the last issue of the Millennial Star, just to hand:

According to your request, I write you all the circumstances we are acquainted with, connected with Brother Muir's death.

During the night of the 19th inst., at 1:35 a. m., Elder David M. Muir died of pneumonia, after an illness of about ten days, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Raeburn, 7, Hall Lane, Lochgelly, Scotland. Besides the family, there were present at the time, Elder Joseph Wickens, his companion, Elder Joseph McKnight, and Elder John T. Edward; the attending physician having left his bedside about ten o'clock p. m.

Deceased was born in Utah, was 36 years of age, and unmarried. He leaves an aged father, four brothers, one sister, a betrothed loved one, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Just one month after his arrival in Glasgow, he lay on his death-bed. He came here from Liverpool on the 17th of last month and remained in this city eight days making some preliminary preparation for active missionary work.

On Sunday, September, 25th, he addressed the Saints in the Glasgow branch taking for his subject "The Atonement of Christ." On the Tuesday following, according to his appointment, he went to Fifehire, his field of labor. He stayed in Dunfermline about a week visiting the Saints and attending to other duties in company with Elders Robert McKinnlay and Joseph Wickens. From here he wrote a letter to Glasgow stating that he had arrived safely and ordering several hundred tracts. This, I believe, was the last letter he ever wrote—an order for literature to distribute to the people that he might bring before them his humble testimony of the restoration of the Gospel; this was his mission and object among them. From Dunfermline he and Elder Wickens went to Lochgelly on the 7th of December. Elder Muir was ill at the time and on the following day he was compelled to go to bed.

As soon as his condition became known, Elder McKnight, laboring in the neighboring field, went to render assistance, and two days later Elder Edward went from Glasgow. The seriousness of our brother's condition then became fully known; but after the administrations and prayers of the Elders, his condition seemed to become somewhat improved. That was Tuesday, the 18th. On the following afternoon another change came, and, as stated above, that night his spirit took its flight from this world of care and sorrow to dwell in peace with the righteous who have gone before.

His mission in Scotland was short; but during the time he was here, he won the love of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. His quiet unselfish manner and generous uncomplaining nature won him immediate friends. He filled a three years mission in New Zealand, returning to Utah in the spring of 1890. At home, he was an active worker in the Sabbath school and Improvement association. At one time he presided over the Y. M. M. I. A. of Beaver, where he lived, and was one of the seven presidents of the Twelfth quorum of Seventy of the Beaver Stake. Thus we see that Elder Muir was ever faithful to his duties in the Church. He died at the post of duty—a duty which he accepted because of his love for his fellow men. It can be truthfully said that Brother Muir "fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness." He has merited the approval, "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into my rest prepared for the just." His fellow-laborers deeply deplore his loss and sympathize sincerely with his bereaved loved ones.

Elder Muir died among kind friends indeed. The devotion of the Elders attending him was untiring and brought forth the commendation of even those hitherto prejudiced; Mr. and Mrs. Raeburn attended him as faithfully as though he had been their own; kind neighbors—especially Messrs. McKinnlay and their families, and a Mrs. Watson—offered every assistance. The attending physician, Dr. Frank Dendle, did all in his power to give relief, on several days, making two or three visits; and after all was over tendered his services gratuitously refusing any remuneration save the thanks and appreciation of our brother fellow-laborers and friends.

The funeral services were held on Saturday, October 22nd, at 12:30 p. m., in the cottage in which he died. There were present: President Rulon S. Wells and Counselor Jos. W. McMurrin, presidency of the European mission; of the Scottish conference, Elders Joseph Wickens, John T. Edward, Joseph McKnight, Robert Glichrist, Joseph Mitchell, Wm. Nisbet, Thomas Leishman, James K. Miller, John S.