

union and harmony of action, and all information on Sunday school matters should be submitted to the board for official action.

Another important subject, and one upon which the Presidency of the Church has given counsel, is the regularly with which our Sunday schools should be maintained.

It is found that interruptions for ward or Stake conferences or other causes are very injurious to the growth and success of the Sunday school cause, and it has been recommended and counseled by the brethren that hereafter the Sunday schools should be held without interruption the entire year.

It has been suggested, if agreeable to the Stake president and superintendent, that at one of the Stake quarterly conferences one conference be devoted, or part of a conference, to holding the annual Sunday school conference. Where this is done it should be held three days, the Stake and Sunday school authorities dividing the time evenly between the two conferences. This could be made a very interesting gathering and one fraught with much good. Of course, such conferences would be left for the united action of both. Where this plan has been adopted, good results have followed and it gives members of the board who are also of the Twelve Apostles the privilege of being in attendance.

As a great many inquiries are being made as to whether Sunday school teachers should be set apart, the speaker stated that while great efficacy is realized by so doing, the brethren are called to such positions to act as teachers by virtue of the Priesthood they hold and the appointment received from the authorities of the Church. Supt. Cannon had been pleased with the instructions given and the bright prospects of the future.

Elder Hener J. Grant, a member of the Union board, heartily endorsed what had been said, especially did he recommend the suggestions of Gen. Supt. George Q. Cannon regarding the holding of the annual Sunday school conference in connection with one of the quarterly Stake conferences, and he trusted the distant presidents of Stakes and superintendents would consult upon this matter and arrange their conferences accordingly. He appreciated the glorious work done by the rising generation, and closed by invoking heaven's blessing upon all who are engaged in Sunday school work.

A vote of thanks was tendered Prof. Evan Stephens, the choir and organist for the beautiful music rendered during the evening.

The choir sang:

God of Israel, hear our prayers.

Conference adjourned for six months.

Benediction by Elder Brigham Young.

JOHN M. WHITAKER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALASIAN MISSION.

An interesting meeting of Elders and Saints who have labored or resided in New Zealand was held in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall on Monday evening, Oct. 7th, under the auspices of the "Maori Association."

Elder William Paxman, president, greeted all present and reviewed the pleasurable experiences of the past and the importance of the mission with which all present had been connected.

Elder B. Goddard was requested to report the present condition of that field of labor, which he did in a very interesting manner, recalling vividly to the mind of each one present as he commented upon each district, the old scenes and haunts through which they had so often traveled. The mission as a whole is in a very prosperous condition. Reference was made to the death of Pirepi Te Maari, a staunch and faithful Saint, whose influence as an intelligent and leading chief had been especially valuable. At the request of Elder Paxman he reported the influence that the gathering of Brother Hirini Whaanga and family had had upon the natives. Their departure had been heralded and commented upon throughout the length and breadth of the land by newspapers of both New Zealand and Australia. Natives of other tribes had offered them large tracts of lands, etc., if they would but forego their intentions of leaving New Zealand and remain with them. Brother Whaanga's answer to these supplications was: "I love you my people, I love the land of our birth, but I am doing to the land which God has chosen for the gathering of His people and all the wealth of the world would not be sufficient to hold me here."

Elder Hamlin reported the condition of the Maoris since their location at Kanab.

It was unanimously decided to have an enrolled membership in the association consisting of all returned Elders and Saints or friends interested in the mission, each member to pay an annual subscription of one dollar to assist defraying current expenses and forwarding literature to the mission.

Elder Paxman reported his visit to Kanab and the recommendation of the First Presidency for setting the commencement of Temple work by the Maori Saints.

Elder J. M. Hendry was sustained as assistant secretary and treasurer.

Elder Paxman submitted the name of Elder B. Goddard as vice president of the association.

A committee on entertainment was also appointed to take such steps as might be deemed advisable to raise funds.

J. M. HENDRY.

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Payson Globe: We would warn our people to beware of leaving clothes hanging out over night. On Monday night Doc Stewart's clothes lines were relieved of several articles of apparel supposed to be the work of tramps. Winter is coming on and that class of people who are going to keep warm at the expense of others will be getting in their work, so if you haven't got more clothes than you want don't let them hang out over night. Friday night, while Lucinda Paten had stepped out of her house for a few moments, a strange woman entered it and left a little baby boy laying on a chair. Mrs. Paten returned just as the

woman was leaving and demanded an explanation. The stranger told Mrs. Paten that she had been sent with instructions to leave the child at her home, and asked her if she would take the little one and care for it. Mrs. Paten said she would, and the strange woman departed. As to who the parents of the child are, will perhaps forever remain a mystery.

Eastern Utah Advocate: Scofield and Winter Quarters have sent to Provo more applicants for naturalization this year than all the rest of the county. The Emery county farmers are nearly through threshing. Crops were never better nor times so greatly improved.

Park City Record: The California and White Rock claims in Thayne's canyon, south of the famous sample mine, the Comstock, and owned by Jim Kennelly, have been leased by A. H. Cannon, of Salt Lake. The terms of the lease call for the erection of a concentrating plant and other necessary buildings in operating the property, the improvements to be paid for out of the ore concentrated from the present dump and taken from the mine. After that is met, Mr. Kennelly gets a per cent of the profits. Operations of a boarding house and stables, the work being done under L. G. Hardy. He expects to have the mill ready for operation early next spring, and is satisfied money is to be made from the lease.

Castle Valley News: Judge Jacob Johnson is in the city. He was at Monticello last Sunday when a tragedy occurred there. Al Holman and James Rummel, he says, had been drinking Hostetter's bitters until drunk. They rode to Ed. Hyde's corral, just outside of town, when Holman caught one of Rummel's horses and jerked it down. Rummel objected, and again Holman pulled the horse over and broke his ropes. Rummel rode up flourishing his revolver, and said, "Holman, we have always been friends, so I will not kill you." He put his revolver up and the two sparred with their hats. Suddenly Holman grabbed Rummel's pistol and fired twice at him. Rummel remarked, "You've not got me yet," when Holman said, "You — — —," and shot his friend through the heart; then he rode away.

John Carter, an old resident on Evans creek, Oregon, was killed on Saturday while out hunting, by his brother-in-law, Francis Emmons, a young man 21 years old. The two went together deer hunting, separated, and later Emmons saw emerge from the brush what he believed to be a deer. Quickly dropping his rifle he fired with deadly effect, when he discovered with horror, as he relates, the supposed deer to be his comrade, Carter. The ball entered Carter's neck, and ranging down, came out through his side, killing him instantly. Nothing is known further than Emmons' statement, who claims that the shooting was purely accidental. The dead man, about three years ago, married a sister of Emmons', but soon left her, not satisfied that she was wholly devoted to him, and later they were divorced.