

one of the glories of the kingdoms which represent the glories of the redeemed, from the terrestrial to the celestial, the greatest of all.

"As by one man came death, so by one came the resurrection," by virtue of which all men will be restored to that immortal state in which man was found before the sentence of death was passed upon him. The spirit and body again united will constitute the immortal soul, living where there is no death, having passed beyond the limits of its power, and where, like God, he may see as he is seen and understand all that relates to his being of the past, the present and that which is to come. In that condition he will comprehend the mercy of God in the reward of the faithful; and the justice of God in the punishment of the wicked, as planned in the councils of the eternal ones before the earth was formed or man entered upon the sphere of time—his temporary probation; and without which he could never be an immortal soul. He would remain only a disembodied spirit as before man was.

Man may, for his own individual sins, however hideous they may be, by suffering the penalty of the law, and due repentance for sin, find himself again where mercy reigns supreme, till through the catalogue of crime he reaches that of shedding innocent blood or if denying the Christ after knowing Him by the power of the Holy Ghost, so that he cannot be again renewed into repentance. When with his knowledge man of choice commits their "sin unto death," there is no his name given by which he can be saved. From such condition there is no provision in redemption's plan by which he may be ransomed from the power of him who makes these his angels to all eternity, as he did one third of the hosts of heaven, who fell with him to rise no more.

By the giving of His life and the shedding of His blood Christ became the Redeemer of the world. The sacrifice was accepted because no greater could be made. By it man was ransomed from the effects and consequences of the original transgression. All men born into the world must come in a state of innocence. The Father has recognized this condition, and afforded the necessary protection to the child by holding its parents responsible for its life until years of personal accountability are acquired; when the acceptance of the atonement by the creature must appear, by complying with the same rules, and by yielding obedience to the same laws, by which the one making the atonement is governed. By conforming his life to those requirements, he is permitted to again dwell in the presence of the Father as he did before the fall, and as Christ does now, upon His right hand, making intercession for those who are His, to the end that they may be one with the Father, as He is one with Him. To those who do this He has promised, "All that My Father hath shall be given unto them."

This is the highest consummation possible to contemplate as the glorious result of man's mission to earth, to be like God the Father, possessing thrones, kingdoms, principalities and powers, with the eternal increase of endless lives in worlds without end.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The semi-annual meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union convened in the Tabernacle Sunday, April 3d, 1892. Present on the stand were President Joseph F. Smith, General Superintendent George Q. Cannon, Assistant General Superintendents George Goddard and John Morgan, all the members of the Deseret Sunday School Union Board, and many of the Stake superintendents.

The vast assembly was called to order by Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard, and the juvenile choir of Sunday school children, numbering 1000, sang:

My country, 'tis of thee.

Prayer was offered by Elder William Fotheringham, superintendent of the Beaver Stake.

Praise God in His holiness, was rendered by the juvenile choir.

Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard said it would be a source of gratification if all Sunday school workers in the immense congregation would rise on their feet, whereupon about 6000 Saints arose. The roll of Stakes was called by the general secretary, showing representatives from all excepting Malad, Snowflake, San Juan and San Luis.

Continuing, Superintendent Goddard said: Nineteen years ago the first Sunday school statistical report showed 163 schools, 1400 teachers. Today we will see from the statistical report an increase in each year of about twenty schools, three hundred and seventy-eight teachers, and two thousand five hundred scholars.

By these figures an immense increase each year has been gained, and today the Sunday school institution embraces in its number more than one-fourth of the Latter-day Saints—it is the largest organization in Zion. The speaker felt to glorify God for this great and grand movement and the wonderful prosperity which has attended the labors of the General Superintendency and Deseret Sunday School Union Board.

General Treasurer George Reynolds, said that last fall a call was made upon all Sunday School teachers, superintendents and pupils, for a nickel donation from all Sunday School workers, the result of which has brought in about \$2000.

Also, last October, a grand concert was given by the Sunday School Union, which netted to the Union cause nearly \$750.

This means has been expended in the publishing of one thousand Book of Mormon charts and 20,000 sets of small cards, facsimile Book of Mormon charts, similar to those of Bible charts and cards. These charts illustrate the Life of Nephi from the time he left Jerusalem. (Here Brother Reynolds showed one of the Book of Mormon charts to the audience.)

As the Sunday Schools have so generously responded to the nickel donation call, the Deseret Sunday School Board decided to give gratuitously to each Sunday School in the Church one Book of Mormon chart, also twenty-five sets of the small cards. If schools desire more than one chart it is hoped the superintendents will purchase

enough to supply the primary classes, and it is also hoped that parents will purchase for their families one or more Book of Mormon charts.

These charts cost the Union more than three dollars each, but in order to get them before the people, the Union Board has decided to sell them for two dollars each. This is but the first of a series of charts to be published on the Book of Mormon and History of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The leaflets which were out of print are now re-published and can be obtained by writing the *Juvenile Instructor*. These leaflets are found to be one of the best means ever adopted for the education of the youth; so important are they that the Church Board of Education have adopted them in the theological classes.

Assistant Superintendent John Morgan

spoke upon the important movement inaugurated last fall in regard to sending out Sunday school missionaries through the various Stakes of Zion. The rapid growth of the Sunday school work has attained such magnitude that the General Superintendency and members of the Union Board find it impossible to visit all the ward schools, and hence, last fall, about fifty of the leading, active and zealous Sunday school workers were called upon to go through the various Stakes, visiting every Sunday school and also endeavoring to arouse an interest among the Saints in the Sunday school cause. These brethren were requested to furnish a written report to the Union Board. This they have done. It is a matter of regret that notwithstanding all that has been done, there is probably 25 per cent. of the Latter-day Saints' children who are not now attendants at Sunday school—in some places a still greater percentage perhaps fail to attend.

This movement of the Sunday school missionary work has been decided by the Union board to be made a yearly labor, and each Stake superintendent in Zion is expected to furnish yearly names of zealous Sunday school workers and forward their names to the general secretary in time for the brethren to be prepared and set apart at the October Conference of each year for their various Stakes.

The nickel donation has also been decided by the Union board to be a permanent yearly move, and the collection should be made on the first Sunday in September of each year. Each ward organization should immediately after that date forward the same to the Stake superintendent, who will forward it to the general treasurer, George Reynolds. All officers, teachers and pupils are expected to donate at least one nickel, and any who feel so disposed had the privilege of donating larger amounts.

By being prompt in these important matters and in the getting out of correct and complete statistical reports, keeping careful records, especially of the number of children from six to eighteen years of age, and forwarding promptly all information, means, reports, etc., to the general officers, 512 and 513 Constitution Building, Salt Lake City, they will greatly aid in accomplishing the great object in view, viz.: the education of the youth of Zion in the principles of true religion.

We have a complete statistical report