

or mechanic, he must have some plan, some defined marks by which to go, but it has been the case that some have no plan at all in their labors in the schools and the result is no progression and a bad school. It is an excellent thing for the superintendent to meet with the teachers often and consult together, interchange ideas and talk over those things that will advance the school, and above all things to keep in harmony and full feeling with the teachers and always have their confidence. This draws inspiration for the school and has its effect. And the teachers and all should look to the superintendent as the leader, the head, and follow him in all things, for the keynote of success in life is to learn to do what we are told, and where this is neglected in the school by the students or teachers there is wanting power to do good.

There is another important thing that should not be neglected—never allow the children to sit and do nothing; it is the worst thing that could possibly happen. Keep every one engaged in doing something.

There is a great deal depends upon having prompt teachers in the school, and no person should accept such a position unless he or she intends to fulfill the same diligently and always be in their places. He or she should be in their places in time and take proper charge of the class, and so conduct him or herself as to gain the love and confidence of the pupils and then they can do anything with the children. Never ask the children to do something they can not do, but teach them to do what you do ask them. Learn them obedience, the greatest lesson in this life. If the superintendent should call any from the Theological class to preside over other classes, no complaint should ever be heard from the lips of any scholar, but a willingness to respond should be encouraged.

When a teacher comes before his class in the morning he should always breathe a silent prayer to God for blessings and influence that day, that if some one is wayward he will know how to make the correction in such a way as to remedy the evil and still have the love of the pupil. Keep the confidence of the children, and you can accomplish very much indeed. Keep your promises with your pupils, and always do as you say, and when you say yea, let it indeed be yea, and so when you say nay. The children will learn to do the same and we will have growing up in our midst a host of spirits that will be powerful in exerting an influence for the reformation of the human family. If a man will not keep his covenants and promises with his brethren here, it is doubtful whether he will keep them with his Father in heaven.

Example is the great requisite for a good teacher. Its influence is far reaching, and more potent than all the promises and pledges ever made if unkept. Gentleness, kindness, promptness and example are requisites most necessary for the conducting of a good school. By these alone the wayward are brought back, the weak strengthened, and a love instilled into the hearts of the children that is life-lasting. When you have children determined to do wrong and evil, plead

before the throne of grace for aid and wisdom to know what to do, and it will never be denied you. Many times I have done all I could to correct evil designing children, but it seemed when I was at a loss to know what to do and I had exerted all my wisdom, I have said: "Father, there goes Johnny, or Joseph, as the case may be. I have tried all my powers to get him to do better, and still he does wrong. Won't you enlighten my mind and teach me how to reach the responsive chord in his heart that will turn him to do right? Oh, Father, bless me with wisdom that I may influence him to turn unto Thee and that he may grow up to be a giant of strength in Thy kingdom." And many are the testimonies I have received of the Lord answering me, and many are the times when those wayward boys have done better and turned to the Lord and become faithful men. So the Lord will assist you and every one who will take this course, and by so doing you will become saviors on Mount Zion.

I pray God that if I have said anything that will be of a blessing and aid to you that He will sanctify it to your good and the sons and daughters of Zion may become the brightest and purest children of our Father here upon the earth, for they have a mighty work to perform, and the purer and better they are the more powerful will be their influence among the children of men. It is not the homes of wealth or the ease and luxury, but the purity of life and the good we do that count. Paved streets and homes are but the frames, while purity of life and nobility of character are the picture itself."

Apostle F. M. Lyman added his testimony to the excellent remarks of Dr. Maeser, and stated that he desired to see the school thoroughly systematized that their work may be more effectual. He would like to see the day when the schools as a whole could repeat the Articles of Faith, either as individuals or in concert, and would be in favor of extending a prize to the first school that could do it. And in our jubilees there should be greater care in making them what they are intended for, reviews in very deed, going over in an epitomized form the actual work of the past quarter. Every student in the schools should take part in these gatherings and make them profitable to all, that the review will be a succinct and condensed character of the past work of the quarter. And in all these reviews, songs, recitations and speeches should be from our own work. I am sorry the Union is behind, and trust that next year we will be ahead in finances that the necessary publications may be had for the benefit of the schools.

Apostles Heber J. Grant and Abraham H. Cannon bore testimony to the remarks made by previous speakers and invoked the blessings of the Lord upon the Sunday school cause.

The general secretary then presented the general authorities of the Sunday schools, who were unanimously sustained, as follows:

General Superintendency of Sunday Schools—George Q. Cannon, general superintendent; George Goddard, first assistant; John Morgan, second assistant.

General Officers Deseret Sunday

School Union Board—George Q. Cannon, George Goddard, John Morgan, George Reynolds, Abraham H. Cannon, Thomas C. Griggs, Joseph W. Summerhays, Levi W. Richards, Francis M. Lyman, and Heber J. Grant, as members of board; George Reynolds, general treasurer; John M. Whitaker, general secretary.

The names of the Sunday School Missionaries for the different Stakes of Zion were also presented and received the unanimous vote of the Conference.

Choir and congregation sang: "Our Mountain Home so Dear."

Benediction was pronounced by Apostle John W. Taylor.

JOHN M. WHITAKER,  
General Secretary.

## NOTES.

IT is amusing to learn from the diary of the late Christopher Columbus that on arising from his bunk on the morning of October 3rd, 1492, he became seriously alarmed lest he had sailed past the new world in the night without seeing it.

QUEEN VICTORIA's staghounds, which have cost the taxpayers of Great Britain the modest little item of \$80,000 a year, are to be abolished next spring. The Queen is a good woman as a woman, but as a ruler she comes pretty high at times.

THE newspaper organ of the Utah malcontents for the second time this fall shrieks: "To your tents, O Liberals!"

The warning is good, especially when supplemented: "When you get to your tents, O Liberals, be kind enough to stay there!"

To Elder John Nicholson, clerk of the Conference, the NEWS hereby expresses its thanks for the willing interest he has manifested in furnishing for each day's issue the full and accurate report of the Tabernacle services. The reports have been much appreciated by our readers, whose words of praise render all the more pleasant these acknowledgements to Bro. Nicholson.

THE sweetly alliterative and somewhat breezy name of *Bliss Blast* has been adopted for a young newspaper venture at Bliss, Logan County, Idaho. It plants itself upon the broad platform of "independence in all things, neutrality in none; justice to all, malice toward none; goodwill to everybody;" and then it declares itself vehemently for Cleveland and Stevenson and John M. Burke.

THE city of Bremen has lately spent \$7,500,000 in making the Weser navigable, and the biggest of steamers can now go right up to the city to discharge and take on cargoes, instead of having to do it at Bremerhaven as formerly. Some of those old-time cities have a deal of life and activity in them, which they draw on now and then without making as much fuss about it as the younger ones.

THE iconoclast is a most insatiable and tireless worker; he has no sooner upset one idol and smashed it that he peers with magnifying glasses into the realms of antiquity in quest of another victim. The fame with which the