

paper-backed literature of the vile kind. Owing to its cheapness the people have been able to obtain these, while correct histories were inaccessible.

We passed through this neighborhood not many days ago, and as usual quietly distributed our tracts and announced our mission among the people. Some had "heard of us before" and wanted as a consequence of their knowledge nothing more to do with us. Straightway all the put up stories of the shoulder dead past were cut loose and, rudely, floated on the wind that "bloweth where it listeth."

The prince and power of the air was not slow to see his chance and immediately placed his might (not mine) behind the gale of persecution designed for all who are in pursuit of, or are promulgators of principles of truth, and especially of religious truth. We were soon successful in procuring the promise of a building in which to preach, and left our appointment for Sunday, June 21.

At the appointed time we were there. Public clamor in the meantime had reached a fever heat. Some of the peace loving and law-abiding (?) citizens of this section of our boasted land of religious liberty secured to themselves a number of disciples after their own kind—each imbued with an avowed determination to get rid of the "Mormons." "They are out here for no good," said one. Another said, "They are the false prophets that are to come in the last days."

Where they got the latter idea from I don't know. We were strangers in the community and I am quite sure no prophecies had been uttered. But if such had been the case, they forfeited their right to a knowledge of the scripture which teaches "by their fruits ye shall know them;" for we had not yet been tried.

We held a service in the morning, which was attended, with the exception of two souls, entirely by men. We thought nothing of this, however, as the women are often warned not to go and hear the "Mormons" "as their doctrine is dangerous."

It was between our two services that we received a hint of the conspiracy against us. Not much attention was given it even then. But later we found that the mobocrats meant to do something. We were apprised of the 'real facts in the case by a very kind and faithful friend Mr. M. C. Kemp at whose home we were stopping. He had made our acquaintance some few days previous and had been successful in making friends for us where we were unable to make them for ourselves. All day he had been circulating the news among our friends to be there at our meeting, prepared to defend us. They were there. Numbered with this courageous band we made special mention of Messrs M. C. Kemp, B. F. Mitchell, "Line" Keuch, Gas Kemp and Shoeder. Mr. M. C. Kemp made the emphatic public announcement that if they run us away it would be over his dead body, while Mr. Mitchell stoutly declared that he would spill every drop of blood in his body in our defence. Mr. Shoeder's son had declared himself in sympathy with the mob, but when his father told him in such a case he would have to fight his father, he wisely withdrew his sympathy and so also his aid.

This news was circulated within hearing of the mob and some well disposed friend, to them, told them that if they made any attempt at violence some of them would get hurt. It had the usual effect with this, as all other such law breaking bands. All was peace and tranquility. We held our meeting and I think we succeeded in adding some of the would have been mobocrats to our already long list of friends; also many came over to us who before stood on neutral ground.

At the close of our meeting Messrs Sim and Gas Kemp insisted on giving us \$2, which we received graciously and with thankful hearts. It was their first contribution to any preacher. One man who had never in his life attended any other church than that of his own denomination—Catholic—came out to hear us, and others who had not seen the inside of a church, except perhaps through the window, in nine years, came out to hear the Mormons also, and expressed themselves as being pleased with our doctrine. Too much praise cannot be given those brave and true hearted men who protected us.

Reader if you are disappointed with the climax please consider that a source of great pleasure is our in contemplation of God's goodness in the protection of His very, very humble servants.

R. ELMER CALDWELL,
WILLIAM P. PRATT.

SEVIER SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The annual Sunday school conference of Sevier Stake was held on the 18th and 19th inst., and we were again favored with the presence of two of the members of the general superintendency, the aged veteran in the Sunday school cause, George Goddard, and the much esteemed veteran educator K. G. Maesser.

The first day's session was held at Salina, in order that more of the teachers and pupils in the north end of the Stake could have the opportunity of seeing and hearing the visiting brethren and participate in the exercises. The program of exercises from the several schools was filled creditably. Elder Goddard gave much valuable instruction to both children and teachers; commented on the exercises rendered, and concluded by singing a song as is his wont. Elder K. G. Maesser said all questions should be answered completely and not in part; all Sunday school laborers should enjoy the spirit of God while at their labor, without which the work would not amount to anything; spoke also of how a Sunday school class should be conducted, illustrating by exercising one of Salina's Sunday school classes and concluded by pronouncing a blessing upon the members of the class. By special request Elder Goddard sang another song. The general and local Sunday school officers were presented and sustained.

The second day's session was held at Elsinore, where the enterprising bishop and residents had specially prepared the grove by flooring and comfortably seating the same, and in other ways had spared no pains to make the conference a success. Out of the number of seventeen Sunday schools in the Stake, but ten answered the roll call. The exercises consisted of reports by superintendents, and the

exercises from the different schools were of a very satisfactory nature. The visiting brethren spoke both forenoon and afternoon, and were listened to with close attention, Elder Goddard never omitting to either begin his remarks with a song or conclude with one, suited to the subject treated upon. Elder Jos. Johnson, lately returned missionary from the Australasian mission, reported that the Sunday schools of the Church organized there have proven a most important factor in the spread of the Gospel in that mission. The sad news of the death of Elder A. H. Cannon caused a feeling of sorrow to pervade the assembly. Elder Goddard captivated the attention of all, both young and old, with a graphic description of interesting incidents of his own life as a missionary and of the overruling hand of Providence manifest in caring and providing for the servants of the Lord while striving to do their duty. Elder K. G. Maesser stated the object of the conference to be to educate the youth of Zion for that higher education as desired by the Lord, to prepare them for the important events in the near future to transpire, and the work destined for them; he enjoined on the young a point of great importance overlooked in Sunday schools generally, namely the bearing of testimony and learning to respond to any call made upon them; prophesied that the day will come in Zion when not a youth will be found who will not perform any duty enjoined by the Priesthood of God.

The general and local Sunday school authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Conference adjourned sine die.

JNO. A. HELLSTROM,
Secretary S. S. of Sevier Stake.

IDAHO WEATHER REPORT.

The weather of the week ending Monday, July 27th, was very warm, though slightly cooler than that of the preceding week, with hot, dry log winds over nearly the entire state. Continued high temperature and an abundance of sunshine have been very beneficial to all properly irrigated crops, which are making rapid headway. The rainfall of the week was very deficient, accompanying light thunderstorms, which were few and far between. Warm weather is ripening grain very fast, and in portions of the western section, harvest log has begun; over the remainder of the state the crops are not quite ready but advancing rapidly, too much so in some places; the yield in most cases will be above the average. Potatoes are growing well where properly irrigated; corn is doing well, as is also garden truck on irrigated land. The first cutting of alfalfa is nearly over; the yield is unusually heavy. Fruit, especially the smaller varieties, is in excellent condition; in parts of the northern section a light yield of tree fruit is expected. Squirrels are doing some damage to crops in the southeastern section.

D. P. McCALLUM,
Section Director.

Robert Stark and Abe Tinkey, the former being a merchant and the latter Postmaster at Aquim, Washington, died from the effects of drinking a decoction of alcohol made from wood