

E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, of the Presidency of Salt Lake Stake; Benjamin Cluff, of the B. Y. Academy of Provo, who represented Dr. Karl G. Maeser, Gen. Supt. of the Church school system, who was unable to be present personally; Wm. B. Dougall, Elias Morris, George H. Taylor and John Nicholson, of the Salt Lake Stake Board of Education, and others.

The first session opened at 10 a.m. After the opening exercises of singing and prayer, the conference was addressed by the following brethren, who spoke directly to the object of the gathering, giving sound reasons for immediate and intelligent action in the premises, and pointing out the highly important character of the movement: Benj. Cluff, Joseph S. Rawlins, John Neff, Ishmael Phillips, James C. Hamilton, David B. Brinton, Alvin Butler, George H. Taylor, William B. Dougall and Elias Morris.

An adjournment was taken, for two hours, at noon. In the interim the representative brethren named above, and a number of others, met in the capacity of an informal committee and discussed more fully and closely the main question.

At the afternoon session of the conference the house was densely packed. After the opening services President J. E. Taylor addressed the large audience upon the urgent need of extending the educational movement in the interest of which the meeting had been called, dwelling upon the beneficial results that would inevitably flow from the establishment of institutions in which our children could be symmetrically educated, not only in secular learning, but the highest moral and religious training.

President C. W. Penrose followed in a similar strain, illustrating and embellishing his remarks with apt comparisons and anecdotes, and showing specially that money was as dross compared with correct education and true knowledge, which constitute real wealth, being indestructible. In order to initiate and conduct this movement the people will have to furnish the necessary means.

John Nicholson then presented the following motion, which was seconded and then carried unanimously:

"That a board of education be elected, composed of eight representatives from the six wards in whose interest this conference was called; that said board take immediate steps to institute one or more Church schools, as they may see fit; also, should they deem it advisable, that they, as soon

as practicable, establish a central Church school for the district embraced within the limits of the said wards."

After an explanation was given to the effect that in the matter of population South Cottonwood and Mill Creek were about equal, and that the numerical strength of each was nearly double that of the most populous of the other wards, the following nominations for members of the board were made and unanimously carried:

South Cottonwood: — Joseph S. Rawlins, Chairman; Sandra Sanders, Jr.

Mill Creek—James C. Hamilton, James R. Miller.

Big Cottonwood — Francis McDonald.

East Mill Creek—John Neff.

Union—Charles Denney.

Granite—Wm. Thompson, Jr.

Elder Nicholson then addressed the assemblage on the subject of correct education from the standard of the Gospel of Christ, and defined some of the duties of the new local board of education, urging the latter to immediately enter actively upon the work confronting them, the question involved being one that did not admit of delay.

The meeting then adjourned.

The conference was remarkable for the unanimity of sentiment and strength of purpose exhibited. This feeling and determination at once bore legitimate fruit in the immediate action of the newly-elected board, composed of energetic and capable men. They met after the dismissal of the conference and proceeded to transact business. A two-story brick building belonging to Bishop David B. Brinton, located in Big Cottonwood, was secured for the purpose of opening a school early next month. The structure is twenty by forty feet and two stories high. For the better accommodation of the pupils the proprietor proposes to introduce water, obtainable from an adjacent flowing well, into the premises. He will also furnish stabling for the animals used by those pupils who reside at a distance from the school. The board engaged the services of Brother Horace Cummings, a capable and experienced teacher, for principal, and they will, as soon as practicable, obtain efficient assistants, and procure the necessary furniture and apparatus.

SEBASTOPOL, Aug. 9 — Several of the crew of the Russian man-of-war *Lochesma* were killed by the bursting of a steam pipe.

"MORMON" VOTING IN IDAHO.

The Indianapolis *Journal* has the annexed paragraph:

"The Mormons in Idaho propose to vote at the coming election if they have to wade through blood to do it. They openly announce that they do not intend to let a little thing like perjury themselves by taking the required oath stand in their way. They also announce that they will vote the Democratic ticket straight. This announcement, however, was unnecessary; whenever any queer and vicious new force is projected into American politics it naturally falls into the Democratic party."

The *Journal*, as well as many other papers at a distance from this region, has been grossly deceived. The "Mormons" have not "proposed" or "announced" anything of the kind. No such intention has been expressed by any person or paper authorized to speak for the "Mormons" of Idaho.

If the Indianapolis *Journal* can produce anything to justify its statement that the "Mormons openly" or secretly announce that they will perjure themselves, we would like to see its evidence. We challenge the proof, also of the announcement that they will "vote the Democratic ticket straight." Further, we denounce the statement of the *Journal* as utterly and totally false.

Assertions like those copied above have appeared in the columns of the Salt Lake *Tribune*, and have been repeated in Idaho sheets which are little more than echoes of the organ of slander in this city. The press of the country should know, by this time, that at least nine times out of ten, statements in reference to "Mormon" affairs that appear in that dishonorable paper are either whole cloth lies or falsehoods so near to such sheer fabrications, as to be entirely unreliable.

From the best information we can obtain, the "Mormons" in Idaho have not manifested any intention to take the infamous oath embodied in the anti-republican State Constitution. They certainly have made no "announcement" of that character. We believe they will make no attempt to participate in the political campaign in progress in Idaho.

If they should do so, there is no reason that we are aware why they should want to "vote the Democratic ticket straight" or otherwise. Prominent Democrats who have received support in past times from the "Mormon" voters in Idaho, have gone back on their agreements, betrayed their friends, and have proven themselves unworthy the confidence of every honest man. In other