

about polygamy. I cannot contradict the statements of alleged facts nor dispute the figures, because I do not know. But I would like to ask my fellow ministers of Jesus Christ, what good they expect such statements to effect? Do they believe their publicity will bring the erring to repentance; or did they feel compelled to state the case, as they believed it, to their home boards? In the latter case, it would seem that publicity, where it could not fall to wound and estrange, could have been avoided. However, admitting all that is alleged, let me ask, is the successive polygamy of South Dakota or of New England worse than the simultaneous polygamy of Utah? Which is worse: having five wives one at a time, or having five wives at a time? I do not mean which the wives would prefer, but which most conduces to uphold the basic unit of society, namely the family?

Come, brethren, let us be fair, let us judge righteous judgment. Let me ask, who keeps the saloons, the "tough dives," the low "flonts," gambling dens and bagnios? Not the Mormons. I doubt if there is one Mormon saloon or brothel in town.

As my personality has nothing whatever to do with the pertinence of my remarks and reasonings, and it might be the occasion of sectarian feeling, I sign myself simply

A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

CEDAR CITY NORMAL SCHOOL.

Cedar City, Iron County,
August 30, 1898.

The State Normal Academy, or branch of the State University, erected here during the past year is not only a grand addition to the educational building that adorn the cities of Utah, but a monument to the untiring energy and executive ability of the people of this city of Cedar. Save a contribution from Kanarra, the citizens of this place have erected the magnificent structure alone, and at a cost of twenty thousand dollars.

The site upon which it stands is particularly adapted for the purpose to which it is dedicated. The people owned a portion of the site, but an expenditure of two thousand dollars was necessary to secure the fifteen and one-half acres of land which is now, or will be, deeded to the State, together with the spacious building thereon.

The building consists of a massive basement of rock—outside measurement 66x101, with 42 feet to the square. The basement will contain the heating and ventilating apparatus, also the manual training department and the physical laboratories. In the first story there are three class rooms, 24x37, and offices of the principal and reception room; on the second story we find the main hall, 37x58, and two class rooms, 30x37.

The people have generally donated their labor and means very liberally. John Parry has the honor of donating about twelve hundred bushels of lime. The committee in charge of the building, T. J. Jones, T. Webster, John Parry, Thomas Blazden and William Dover, have been untiring in their efforts thus far. With them are associated Henry Leigh, Uriah Jones and David and Robt. Bullock. They are not moneyed men, but have borrowed the necessary money for this noble purpose, pledging their stock in the celebrated Cedar Sheep association in security for its payment.

The work of finishing the building is being pushed with earnestness, in order to have it in readiness for the coming term of school. The arrangement of the offices in the first story has been supervised by Principal Milton Bennion, who will be assisted in the conduct of the school by G. W. Decker, Howard R.

Driggs and Miss Annie Spencer. J. H. Tipton will superintend the Normal Training department.

The citizens of Cedar have, in this instance, shown a spirit that is to be commended in their earnestness to provide the youth of the southern portion of our State with a suitable building wherein they may be educated, and the liberality with which they have devoted their time and means for this purpose, should be appreciated by the people of the State and their representatives by appropriation of public funds to help in part to lift the weight from the weight from the shoulders of the noble men and women who are carrying the burden today.

A general committee to arrange for the holding of a fair for Iron county at Cedar City are having preliminary meetings, with Andrew Coray Esq. as chairman; and the prospects are that the affair will be a decided success.

ALBERT JONES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT HYRUM.

The Sunday school annual Stake conference convened at Hyrum August 20, 1898.

Assistant Superintendent Apperly called the conference to order. Conference was opened by singing. Bishop J. W. Wright offered the opening prayer. The choir then sang, "Give Us Room That We May Dwell."

Elder George Goddard of the General Superintendency; Elder C. D. Fjeldsted, of the General Board; members of Stake superintendency and others were present, and timely and instructive addresses were made.

Assistant Superintendent Apperly made a brief address of welcome.

Assistant Superintendent W. G. Reese addressed the conference a short time.

The class exercises on the Ten Commandments were given by Cottage ward school.

Song by the Millville school.

Elder S. B. Mitton made remarks on singing speaking of the necessity of music in the Sunday schools.

Elder Goddard then sang, In Our Lovely Deseret, and desired those present to join in the chorus. He also spoke on singing, and hoped that at the next conference each child would be provided with a song book. He tried to impress upon the minds of the children the necessity of keeping these books clean.

He closed his remarks by singing, Children, Praise the Lord.

Bishop Samuel Oldham reported the Paradise school.

The articles of faith were recited by the Wellsville school. A letter was read and the answer to it, by the Providence school.

Elder C. D. Fjeldsted spoke upon the importance of keeping the Word of Wisdom.

Elder Samuel Oldham Jr., a recently returned missionary from the South, stated the difference between the Sunday schools here in Zion compared with those of the world.

After singing, benediction was pronounced by Elder C. C. Shaw.

In the afternoon, Assistant Superintendent W. H. Apperly presided and Elder H. F. Liljenquist offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of forenoon meeting were read, after which the theological department of Mt. Stearns gave an exercise.

Elder J. M. Tanner made encouraging remarks to the young, advising them to study the Scriptures.

Elder H. J. Grant followed with an address upon the necessity of training the children while young to respect and honor those who are ordained of God.

Elder M. F. Cowley, who spoke next,

dwelt upon the importance of being a member of the Sunday school and striving to learn there the principles of the Gospel.

An anthem was sung by the choir, after which the general and Stake authorities of Sunday school organization were presented and sustained.

Elder Orson Smith made a brief address, congratulating the schools. He tried to impress upon the minds of those present that they should cultivate a spirit of appreciation.

Remarks were also made by Elders L. John Nuttall, J. W. Summerhays and Seymour B. Young.

Song by Wellsville school.

Superintendent C. O. Ormsby spoke of the necessity of children being taught to respect the aged.

Elder George Goddard spoke next, and dwelt upon the necessity of prayer. God, he said, never fails to answer the prayers of those who approach him in humility.

At the close of his address the choir sang a hymn and Elder C. D. Fjeldsted pronounced the benediction.

Smithfield, Utah, Aug. 24, 1898.

A VISIT TO POCATELLO.

Ammon, Bingham Co., Idaho,

August 31, 1898.

On my trip to this part of the country by request I again visited Pocatello. The people of this ward on Thursday August 25th, gave an entertainment in their meeting house in honor of Bishop Carl J. Cannon's birth day as also to honor two young men who had just returned from the missionary field. Tables were spread and supper was served to about 500 people, many being non-members of the Church. A nice program was rendered. The Pocatello silver band gave some excellent music and the ladies of the Relief Society presented the Bishop with a silk umbrella with his name engraved on a silver plate thereon. Since the organization of this Stake of Zion at the beginning of this month, much interest has been awakened in Pocatello. The preaching of Elders Cowley and Grant of the Council of the Apostles has done much good in this town. Many attend the Church meetings on Sunday evenings. Elder Heber J. Grant's impressive sermon on the Sunday evening of their conference has left a lasting impression upon the minds of the people and if a course of lectures on the principles of the Gospel were delivered here by men who could make them plain to the understanding, as did Elders Grant and Cowley, I am of the opinion that there is no better field of labor for missionary work.

Iona is the principal ward of Bingham Stake of Zion! They are excavating the foundation for a new church to be built from a plan by Architect Woods of Salt Lake City. The building when finished will be a handsome one, as the white sandstone is here in abundance and with lava rock facings makes pretty buildings, from Pocatello also from Cache Junction the fields show immense crops, not yet hauled, and the strangers smilingly say, a month too early, wait till thrashed. All the towns are very much scattered or rather the people are. Nearly all live on ranches miles apart. An inquest was held yesterday on the Anderson boy who was killed on Sunday and he will be hurried at Ammon today. Word comes from a settlement north of here of a man being killed on Sunday last, jumping from a spring board used for diving into the river, it sprang more than usual and flung him with such a force as to break his neck. It is better to keep the Sabbath day holy as it is much safer.

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