

Lyman, Heber J. Grant and John C. Cutler; as general secretary, John M. Whitaker; treasurer, George Reynolds.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon called special attention to the importance of ward and Stake officers preparing and furnishing the union board with correct and full statistical reports at the end of each year. The blanks distributed or sent to stake officers from this conference should be properly distributed—the small ones two to each school, the large ones kept by Stake officers. He trusted that they would be made out promptly, forwarded by ward officers to Stake officers by January 10th, 1895, and that Stake officers would compile carefully upon the large sheet, being careful to also answer all questions, and forward to the general secretary not later than February 10, 1895. This is an important matter and should not be neglected. Another important subject, and one that he said needed special attention and remedy was the "Interruptions in the regular sessions of Sunday schools." This had been the cause of much damage to Sunday schools in the past; but in the future Sunday schools should not adjourn their sessions. Even Stake quarterly or annual conferences should not cause an adjournment excepting in the ward where the conference is held, and then the officers of the school should see to it that the school attends in a body. All other schools should remain in session, and enough competent help be appointed by the superintendent to remain to conduct the school as may be deemed necessary while those excused should attend conference. The children are thus cared for, no detriment comes to the school, and all are benefited. The children acquire the habit of regular attendance, the average attendance will be increased and more interest generally manifested. The "Visiting Book" was recommended as an aid to increase the attendance and to have all the Latter-day Saint children enrolled on the Sunday school register. The great aim of all should be to increase among

the young religious and moral training and to work to raise the young of Zion to that eminence to which a strict adherence to the Gospel will raise them. The choir sang: "O, Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord."

Prof. Evan Stephens gave an interesting paper on "Music in the Sunday School."

Elder T. C. Griggs spoke upon the grading of the Sunday schools and called special attention to the late circular, recommending a strict compliance therewith. He deprecated the practice of many who receive important instructions, but who seldom read them, and more often failed to digest their contents, as many times important questions are therein answered which the superintendents write to headquarters about, but which are fully answered in the very circular sent them. Read and study all circulars and instructions set you. Elder Griggs also called attention to the Sunday school course which has been so long in the hands of the committee, that it would soon be in the hands of the printers.

Elder H. J. Grant, in a few well chosen remarks, expressed his pleasure in seeing so great an interest taken in the educating of the youth of Zion in the principles of the Gospel. Earnestly urged every Elder and mother to do all in their power to get the children to Sunday school and have them attend regularly; to have superintendents encourage singing by the entire school. Elder Grant paid a glowing tribute to the faithful, earnest and profitable labors of the late Elder John Morgan, whose greatest desire was to advance the young, morally, religiously and spiritually, and who was always working to this great and noble end. Elder Grant was also impressed with the excellent selection to fill the vacancy thus made by Elder Morgan's demise—that of Dr. Karl G. Maeser.

General Supt. George Q. Cannon said he was gratified at the deep interest manifested in Sunday school matters. He endorsed the remarks of previous speakers and called special attention to the importance of regular

sessions of Sunday schools. He sustained the views presented by a previous speaker on the subject of "Interruptions of Sunday Schools," and trusted the local authorities would all work harmoniously to promote this desirable end, viz: regular sessions of the Sunday schools. President Cannon gave some excellent advice upon several leading and important subjects, and closed his remarks by invoking divine aid upon all interested in so noble a work—that of the training of the young.

The choir sang: "Israel's sons with one accord."

Benediction was pronounced by President Joseph F. Smith.

JOHN M. WHITAKER,
General Secretary.

As Mrs. Fulgham was retiring for the night Sunday evening at San Bernardino, Cal., a lamp exploded in her hands, instantly enveloping her in flames. Her cries brought other members of the family, who promptly extinguished the flames on her person as well as in the room. About 2 o'clock in the morning, however, the family was awakened to find the house on fire from foundation to roof. The inmates escaped, having barely time to save the most valuable contents. The loss is \$4,000 and insurance \$2,800.

One hundred Mexicans are at work at the new gold strike at Phoenix, Ariz. The lode is granite, says a dispatch. Three openings at the point of discovery disclose ore fully twenty feet wide. Immediately close to that point the ledge is covered and crops out westerly for about 1,000 yards and easterly for 600 yards. Two small arastras used to reduce the output made a clean up from 1,400 pounds of ore that yielded \$500. Their shaft is down thirty-four feet and sixty men are placing in gulches. On the day of arrival one of the party had dry washed \$26. Everybody has dust. The property is in the range that the Congress, Weaver, Jim Dandy, King Solomon and Mammoth group are situated.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS UNTIL APRIL, 1895.

| 1894. | 1895. | STAKES. |
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| October 13 and 14 (Saturday and Sunday) | January 12 and 13 | Utah. |
| October 14 and 15 (Sunday and Monday) | January 13 and 14 | Weber. |
| October 21 and 22 (Sunday and Monday) | January 20 and 21 | Box Elder and Oneida. |
| October 27 and 28 (Saturday and Sunday) | January 26 and 27 | Juab and Wasatch. |
| October 28 and 29 (Sunday and Monday) | January 27 and 28 | Cache and Tooele. |
| October 28 and 29 (Sunday and Monday) | February 10 and 11 | Bannock. |
| November 3 and 4 (Saturday and Sunday) | February 2 and 3 | Bear Lake and Summit. |
| November 4 and 5 (Sunday and Monday) | February 3 and 4 | Emery and Uintah. |
| November 10 and 11 (Saturday and Sunday) | February 9 and 10 | Sanpete and Star Valley. |
| November 18 and 19 (Sunday and Monday) | February 10 and 11 | San Lois and Morgan. |
| November 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday) | February 16 and 17 | Mexico. |
| November 18 and 19 (Sunday and Monday) | February 17 and 18 | Millard, Sevier and Cardston (Can.) |
| November 25 and 26 (Sunday and Monday) | February 24 and 25 | San Juan, Panguitch, Wayne and Snowflake. |
| December 1 and 2 (Saturday and Sunday) | March 2 and 3 | Davis and Kanab |
| December 2 and 3 (Sunday and Monday) | March 3 and 4 | St. John. |
| December 9 and 10 (Sunday and Monday) | March 10 and 11 | St. George, Malad and St. Joseph. |
| December 16 and 17 (Sunday and Monday) | March 17 and 18 | Cassia, Parowan and Maricopa. |
| December 22 and 23 (Saturday and Sunday) | March 23 and 24 | Beaver. |

F. D. RICHARDS,
JOS. F. SMITH.