

Lake 1, Bingham 9, Boise 3, Cassia 2, Custer 4, Lemhi 3, Idaho 3, La-tah 6, Kostenal 3, Nez Percés 3, Oneida 2, Owyhee 3, Shoshone 8, Washington 3, Logan 3, Elmore 3. Done at Boise City, the capital of the Territory of Idaho, this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1889.

E. A. STEVENSON,
Governor.

A MUNIFICENT OFFER.

The criticism I am about to offer is not intended as personal, neither can it be construed into a reflection upon the general intelligence of the Capitol Grounds Commissioners; because all men, however intelligent, do foolish things sometimes.

There is nothing in the title of "Capitol Grounds Commission" which indicates authority to call for plans; but we may safely assume that they have it, because they say "the successful architect is to receive \$500 for his approved plans." Now, if a real estate agent should conduct the sale of \$3,000,000 worth of property, would he do the business for \$500, even if it did not take more than a day's time? He could afford to do it, because the physical condition of the property remains the same.

The architect, to make even a preliminary sketch, must contemplate the manufacture of \$3,000,000 worth of raw materials, not made as that amount of marketable goods by some established methods, but specially designed and fitted for a peculiar and special purpose. Some faint idea that it required time to do this seems to have passed like a pleasant zephyr through the minds of the commission, because they note that "nearly seven months of time is given competing architects to furnish and deliver plans." Of course the architects will immediately suspend all other business and put their whole clerical force to work upon a competition for perhaps a chance of getting the magnificent fee of one-sixtieth of one per cent for this work if one of their number can only meet the views of the commissioners!

The man who stands in front of a jeweler's window and says he will buy a fine gold watch if he has to give 5 cents for it utters a tame joke compared with this proposition. The jeweler might offer the man a toy watch and get his 5 cents. Some architect may offer the commission a toy plan and get their \$500. If he does, such plan will not be worth what they pay for it.

WM. WARD.

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The annual meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union convened in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, April 7th, at 7 p. m., President George Q. Cannon presiding.

There were present on the stand, of the First Presidency of the Church, Wilford Woodruff and George Q. Cannon; Apostles John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant;

President Angus M. Cannon, of the Salt Lake Stake; the general officers of the Union, Stake Superintendents and others. There was a very large attendance.

The choir, composed of members of schools, sang:

"We'll sing all hail to Jesus' name."

Prayer by Elder David John, of Utah Stake.

The choir sang:

"Let the Holy Spirit's prompting."

The roll was called, showing 18 Stakes of Zion to be represented at the meeting.

The general officers of the Sunday School Union were unanimously sustained as follows: George Q. Cannon as General Superintendent, with John Morgan and George Goddard as his assistants; Levi W. Richards, Secretary; George Reynolds, treasurer, and John C. Cutler, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Elders John C. Cutler, Thomas C. Griggs, George Reynolds, Jos. W. Summerhays and Abram H. Cannon were sustained as the General Board of the Union, and William Willes as General Missionary to the Sunday schools.

The statistical report for the year ending December 31st, 1888, was read, showing 52,575 pupils enrolled, and the total officers, teachers and pupils to be 61,091.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN

said: This report shows a very marked increase over the preceding year, but it is painful to say that a large number of the children of the Latter-day Saints do not attend our Sabbath schools. Those engaged in this great work should gather all the children in, so that they may be trained in the ways of eternal life. Quite a percentage of the rising generation of Zion are not receiving that religious training which is essential to their salvation, and one of the objects in gathering here tonight is to try and infuse in your hearts a greater desire for the welfare of your children, and get them under the influence of our schools. Throw a wall of protection around about the sons and daughters of Zion, and it will be a benefit to them in their lives. Superintendents and teachers should take hold of this work with an earnestness. Seek for the Spirit of the Lord to aid you in this direction and He will bless you.

While visiting the Saints in Arizona last fall, I had the privilege of visiting the Sabbath School of the Papago Indians. They have their own choir and teachers, and the superintendent informed me that the teachings imparted are having a wholesome influence in raising these Lamanites from their fallen condition. If the Gospel has such an influence over them, how much more will it have upon the children born in the new and everlasting covenant?

ELDER GEORGE GODDARD

expressed his pleasure at seeing so large an attendance at the meeting, and remarked that the Sabbath School institution was second to

none in the Church; therefore the best talent in Israel, men and women possessing the love of God, should be selected as teachers. This is of the greatest importance, for it requires such people to instill into the minds of the young such principles as will make them disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To have a successful and flourishing Sabbath School, there should be as little interruption as possible. Nothing short of Stake and other conferences of the people or other justifiable causes should interfere with the sessions of these schools. Funerals should not interfere with them. Every teacher knows how difficult it is to get all the pupils of a school together if only one session be not held. This should be guarded against. Where the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops take a deep interest in this work, and the latter attend Sunday school regularly, as some do, the benefits are greater to the schools than where this is not done. It is also important that punctuality and order be strictly observed on all occasions.

ELDER GEORGE REYNOLDS

said: In a late circular issued by the Deseret Sunday School Union reference is made to some Sunday school lessons prepared for the use of the children of the Latter-day Saints. We have some sample lessons for distribution to Superintendents of Stakes and also to the Superintendents of schools. These lessons, which are intended to be taken up consecutively, treat on the life of Christ. The first number is dated for the first Sunday in June. We have eight lessons ready containing the following subjects: The birth of Christ; Jesus as a boy; the testimony of John the Baptist with regard to the Savior; the baptism of Jesus; the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness; the marriage at Cana of Galilee, and first miracle performed by Jesus; Jesus cleansing the temple of those who defiled it by selling oxen, sheep, doves, etc.; and Jesus and Nicodemus. These are the first eight numbers which have been decided upon by the general board of the union, and will be sent free to all the Sunday schools of the Latter-day Saints, in the proportion of one to every four of the number of children in the school. It is the intention hereafter to make a nominal charge and ask five cents for the whole of the remainder of the series of thirty-one numbers. In addition to lessons taken from the Old and New Testament, sketches will be taken from the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and other Church works. The numbers which I have mentioned are now ready at the *Juvenile Instructor* office for those who wish to get them, and the others will be sent out as soon as prepared.

Singing by the choir, "Our mountain home so dear."

APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT

was pleased to learn of the progress being made in the Sabbath schools of the Saints. Fifty thousand and