

doing all the Savior has required of them to gain their salvation.

Last summer in Pendleton county, August 13th, I was, taken ill, but since December I have been in better health. Our faith is strengthened every day by the blessings showered upon us, and we rejoice in the labor we are engaged in.

ALFRED J. BRODERICK.

AT ST. JOHN, KANSAS.

ST. JOHN, Kansas, Feb. 27, 1897.

As regards the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, things at this point, since the conference held the first of the year, have been moving along in nice shape, and a great deal of interest has been manifested in the meetings of the different branches of the work, whether Church, Mutual Improvement Association or the Sunday school, in spite of the opposition that is often manifest by one or two other denominations; and although it was expected by some that during the absence of Brothers John M. Knight and Samuel Kirkman the interest might lag, those left in charge, assisted by the numerous friends of the organization, have succeeded in keeping things moving in splendid shape, although the work of the boys, as well as themselves was greatly missed. The larger portion of the meetings held have been well attended, there having been in session during the entire time one or more revivals, or protracted meetings, which no doubt had a tendency to draw some of the regular attendants away; but all of the associates of this cause were well pleased with the attendance notwithstanding.

On the evening of February 5th was the second appearance of the Mutual paper, "The Golden Sunset," and it was well received by a larger crowd than usual. This meeting of the society was one of the best of the month. The editor of the next issue of this paper will be Elder John M. Knight, and no doubt it will prove an interesting number of the program on that occasion.

The concert given by the choir, just following the holidays, proved a winner. This was given for the benefit of a fund for furnishing a wind pump to supply water for irrigating and beautifying the Church grounds. As a result the engine is on the ground, and all in place, and as soon as the weather will permit the work of getting the ground in shape will begin. A great many of the citizens, and especially the young people are greatly pleased with the idea of this work, and not a few have volunteered their services in helping to take care of the flowers, trees, etc; a great many who have not the time to assist in this manner have promised plants, bulbs, seeds and shrubbery, and there is no reason why the scheme should not be a success.

Elders Knight and Kirkman arrived a short time ago from their tour through the south with Elder Andrew Kimball, president of the Indian Territory mission, and report a splendid time.

I am glad to record the fact that this church has the best choir of any in the city, and it has a facility of getting along splendidly whether the members are of the same belief or not; the greater number being members of no particular church, who, with Elder Samuel Kirkman as leader, and Brother Pharis W. Dunyon, as organist, handle, and to the

entire satisfaction of all who hear them, the best music it is the lot of the people of this city to listen to; and the announcement that the "Mormon choir" will give a concert is a sure signal that those who desire it will enjoy a musical treat. This organization will give a series of concerts soon for a fund to pay for the beautifying of the grounds; or in other words the fund being created for this purpose; and no doubt by the coming autumn the church grounds will be a place of beauty, that the good people will enjoy and appreciate.

We are glad to note that so far as at this date is known, the Elders in this part of the vineyard are enjoying good health, and none are seriously ill.

A FRIEND.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION MEETING.

The meeting of the Sunday school workers of this Stake, held Monday evening, March 15, 1897, was largely attended by both superintendents and teachers. All the city schools, except the Twelfth ward, were well represented, also the following country wards, Brighton, (two schools), Bingham, Big Cottonwood, south district, Cannon, Farmers, Forest Dale, East Mill Creek, East Jordan, Sugar, Union and Wilford.

The most excellent singing rendered during the evening by the Seventeenth ward choir was highly appreciated. Professor S. M. Barrett directed the music.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Hodgins.

Stake Superintendent Griggs presided. In his opening remarks he announced that of the schools with an enrollment of over 800, the Twentieth ward, having the largest average attendance (84 per cent), was entitled to the custody for the ensuing year of the beautiful silver service offered by the Sunday school union for the highest average attendance.

Superintendent Griggs announced that on March 28 the superintendents of the city schools were expected to visit the school of the neighboring ward; the superintendent of the First ward would visit the school of the Second ward, the superintendent of the Second ward school would visit the Third ward, and so on throughout the city.

The meeting then separated into the four school departments, and excellent instructions were given in each.

Professor Willard Done, in the higher department, gave a very interesting address on the geography of the holy land. Through pressure of other work Professor Done was reluctantly compelled to resign from his labors in this department. His resignation was accepted with a unanimous vote of thanks for his very efficient work in this department.

Prof. Done's address on Bible geography was both instructive and interesting. He showed by apt illustrations the relation of geography to the history and civilization of a people, both with reference to climate and physical conditions and to neighboring peoples; hence the importance of the study of geography to obtain correct ideas as to the character of the people. With a large Bible chart or atlas, the speaker showed the extent of the world as known in ancient Bible

times, with its three centers of civilization, Egypt, Canaan and Mesopotamia. The relation of soil fertility to civilization was illustrated by the comparison between our own country and bleak, sterile Patagonia. The speaker followed the geographical history of Israel, from the days of Joseph to the days of Christ and His Apostles, and the travels of the latter.

In the first intermediate department, presided over by Professor William Bradford, the subject of "Order" was discussed very profitably.

In reply to the question as to what degree of order should be expected in the Sabbath school, Superintendent Arnold G. Glaque of the Sixth ward said that perfect order should be expected and insisted upon. Rules should be understood and then carried out in the spirit of love and kindness. When order is called for, insist on getting it and proceed with no other exercises until attention is given. This is applicable both in class and general exercises.

In obtaining the attention of the children in the school and keeping order much depended upon the officers and teachers themselves, Brother Glaque continued. If they are orderly, if they give attention themselves and set a good example, attention or order will not be so difficult to obtain from the children. With exceptional cases they must be appealed to and labored with personally at their homes, or away from school, and if they are still incorrigible they are asked to leave the school, as attendance of such will not result in any benefit to themselves and are a menace to the rest of the school or class.

Order in the classes, in the school during the opening exercises, and during the passing of the Sacrament was also discussed at some length.

Upon re-assembling the meeting was favored by the rendition of Eliza R. Snow's beautiful poem, O My Father, in the mute sign language by Elder Larson Pratt, accompanied vocally by his daughter, Miss Maud Pratt.

Superintendent Griggs extended an invitation to all school workers to attend these meetings, not representatives of departments merely. All would be equally benefited.

After the singing of an anthem by the choir the meeting adjourned for one month, the Eighteenth ward being requested to furnish the music for the next meeting. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Willard C. Burton.

J. H. PARRY, Secretary.

EVANSVILLE, Indiana, March 10.—There was a wreck on the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad this morning. The train known as the "Midnight Cannon Ball," from Chicago, ran into a washout near Hazelton and was wrecked. As the train took the wires down no details are available. The accident occurred on a fifteen-foot embankment along the White River. The engine turned over, the baggage and express cars following. The smoker and other coaches remained on the track. Engineer McOutcheon escaped. Fireman Joseph Bateman of Evansville and Conductor Sears of Terre Haute were killed. All other trainmen and passengers escaped.