

papers on different subjects pertaining to Sunday school work.

Our visiting brethren spoke at some length upon the example that should be taught in our Sunday schools, that every teacher should make it a study as to how he should appear before his class Sunday morning, teach by example as well as by precept, and that all teachers should observe the Word of Wisdom. We had excellent instructions also from the Stake president and the Sunday school Stake superintendency, endorsing what had been said during our conference. The result of our conference will doubtless have the desired effect, and a new resolve will be made to make our Sunday schools ideal in every particular.

JOS. QUINNEY JR., Secretary.

SANPETE COUNTY NOTES.

MANTI, Sanpete county, Sept. 22, 1894.—The loss of crops in Kansas and Nebraska has drawn the attention of stock feeders to Utah and much stock will be fed in Sanpete county. Last year about 1,500 head were fed at Gunnison and this year 2,500 head will be fed on Mr. I. N. Parker's ranch in South Gunnison where Messrs. Sanders and Tisdale are gathering their cattle. This makes a local market for all the surplus hay and most of the grain of the district, and will put in circulation immediately at least \$25,000 for the benefit of the people. Mr. Parker has put up 1000 tons of hay this season, and has a feeding yard covering twenty acres of land, to which water is supplied by a power pump, all arranged in the best method. Others are following in this example, since the question of feeding for market has assumed definite shape. The most of the heavy hay and grain crop, and the new land that has been brought into cultivation, is the result of the excellent reservoir system that now supplies irrigation water to this vast area in the south end of Sanpete county. It is stated that the dam is to be strengthened and raised so that the water supply can be increased and more of the uncultivated land brought into use.

Most of the towns in south Sanpete have harvested heavier crops this year than ever before, and all that is wanted to produce good times is an improvement in the markets.

Judge W. H. King, of the First judicial district, held court in Manti on Saturday and the naturalization mill ground out a big grist—before noon there had been over 150 applicants put through. One official estimated that about one-third of the "new citizens" lean toward Republicanism and two-thirds are inclined toward Democracy. Many more were awaiting their turn.

TRAVELER.

MART PECK'S FUNERAL.

KANOSH, Millard Co.,
September 25, 1894.

An article in the NEWS of September 21st, conveys the impression that there was some uncertainty about the identity of the boy who recently came to his death in a storm in the mountains near this place. This perhaps arose from the statement in the earlier dispatch that the boy's home was

thought not to be at Provo, as it was known that his father had left that place.

Subsequent inquiry showed that the boy had lived there all his life, recently with his grandmother. He came from Provo with John Chesley, a Provo man. Mr. William Cummings, one of our citizens was acquainted with his father; also Richard Chesley told us in the presence of the Reeves's that he knew the boy's mother well, and the boy as her son, also both of his grandfathers. Those gentlemen expressed themselves after their visit here as perfectly satisfied that the buried boy was not Sidney Reeves.

Saturday last a letter was received from the dead boy's father, E. M. Peck, now residing at Richfield, Cache county, thanking the people of Kanosh for the kindness shown towards his unfortunate son.

Your correspondent, as a juror, examined every inch of the boy's body, it being washed by men in the presence of the jury. It had not the faintest resemblance to the picture of young Reeves, whose hair and eyes are dark, while Peck's eyes and hair were remarkably light. We dressed the boy in a new made suit of white, covered the coffin also with white, had the corpse open at the meeting house where the funeral services were held under the direction of our Bishop, and the writer and Mr. D. S. Dorrity were named to speak. Everything was done by the people here for this boy with the same tender regard for the dead as though he was one of their own children; and although the boy had been dead for several days, the cold of the mountains had preserved the body without the least smell of death, nor was it the least swollen, and almost as limber as in life. Thinking this explanation may be satisfactory to all interested, I am,

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE CRANE.

THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS.

CONINGS, Gilmer Co., W. Va., Sept. 15th, 1894.—The NEWS is a welcome visitor and read by many who are investigating the Gospel as taught by the Elders in these parts. Thinking these few lines may encourage them and also be a source of pleasure to those who are connected and familiar with the circumstances I submit them. J. S. Morgan of Colwater, Doddridge county, West Virginia, some months ago, heard two sermons preached by O. A. Robinson and Emuel Bachman, traveling Elders of the Pennsylvania conference. The result was that Mr. Morgan sent and got the Book of Mormon, Voice of Warning and the Elders have furnished tracts, etc., all of which he has read with great care. He lost track of the Elders, but as West Virginia is divided partly in the Southern States and part in the Northern States mission, he met two Elders from the former part and they gave him the name of Elias Kimball, president of the Southern States mission. The letter was forwarded to David F. Stout, president of the Northern States mission, and then to this conference I communicated to Elders Bachman and Perkes, as it was in their field of labor, and they visited Mr. Morgan again, held two more meetings and Mr.

Morgan concluded to be baptized at our conference October 20th.

The Elders left his house on Wednesday and came here; and on Friday following we had been out visiting and talking with the people and came back to William Krester's, when, to our happy surprise, Mr. Morgan was there having come sixteen miles; he concluded that when the Spirit prompted it was time to act. The word was given out and at 4 p. m. a large crowd gathered on the bank to witness the first Mormon baptism their eyes had ever beheld. The people were orderly and paid strict attention to what was said.

I pray that those that are convinced as Mr. Morgan was may have the stamina to act as he did; there are hundreds of people that are convinced in this conference, and they acknowledge it to the Elders.

Your brother,

W. J. HENDERSON.

MARIAOPA STAKE CONFERENCE.

MESA CITY, Sept. 18, 1894.—The Forty-seventh quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake of Zion convened under the large bowery at Mesa, September 16th and 17th, with a large attendance.

The opening prayer of the services was fully realized, for the Spirit of truth was poured out in power on both the speakers and hearers, causing the Saints to rejoice in the possession of a Gospel so pure and comprehensive and one that opens the way to salvation to every son and daughter of Adam. Over a score of Elders stood forth and bore powerful testimonies to the divinity of the Gospel, exhorting the Saints to be steadfast to the truth, and declaring to them if they did so they would have joy in this life and life eternal in the one to come. A variety of subjects were spoken upon both the signs of the times and the Savior's second coming received more attention than any other.

The general Church authorities and Stake authorities were all unanimously sustained. Changes were made in the Stake organizations of the Mutual Improvement associations, the old officers being honorably released and tendered a vote of thanks for past duties. James L. Patterson was sustained as Stake president of Y. M. M. I. A., with Brigham Johnson and Marland Richins as counselors and W. Boyd Passey as secretary. As Stake president of Y. L. M. I. A., Mrs. Ann Eliza Leavitt was sustained, with Janette Johnson and Lula Macdonald as counselors and Barbara Phelps as secretary. Nephi J. Bates was sustained as Stake chorister, instead of William B. Langs, the latter being incapacitated through sickness.

The hard times seem to be gliding off our shoulders and the Saints feel that this conference has marked a dawn of better times, for they separated with a feeling of determining more fully to serve the Lord in the future than in the past.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

FRANK T. POMEROY,

Assistant.

A new Congregational church has been completed and dedicated at Lyons, Colo.