

National Union company of New York, and will investigate its workings, etc.

At a joint meeting tonight of the Alliance and Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association, the third party movement was endorsed amid the wildest enthusiasm. The Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association elected T. S. Agauze, of Missouri, president; J. P. Steele, of Illinois, secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

There was a very fair attendance of Sabbath School workers at the Union meeting November 16th, held in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall. The meeting was presided over by Stake Superintendent Thomas C. Griggs. The Fifth ward Sunday School furnished the excellent opening and closing musical exercises under the direction of Brother Sylvester H. Reeves. Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. R. Jones.

All the city schools were represented except the following: Second, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second.

Elder S. R. Marks was the first speaker. He said that the schools where graded had been very much improved in many respects. It resulted in a decided increase in attendance, particularly of young men and young women, who, under the old methods, could seldom be induced to attend. As there was so much more for them to learn under the new methods, and as a better opportunity for becoming acquainted with the principles of the Gospel was presented, the schools were becoming more attractive to the children of all ages; better order was also a result of the graded work in the Sunday schools. Teachers, in order to obtain and retain the attention of the children, should thoroughly prepare themselves in their lessons beforehand, and be prepared to lead and instruct the minds in the principles of truth.

Elder John Alford said this is the time of year when superintendents should look after the warmth and comfort of the children attending the Sabbath schools. The school rooms should be made warm, comfortable and attractive. An icy atmosphere was not conducive to good feelings on a Sunday morning. If Superintendents would have their school exercises pass along smoothly and harmoniously they should look well to the material comfort of their children as one of the first essentials.

Elder J. H. Parry spoke upon the subject of the grading of Sabbath schools, and dwelt upon the necessity and importance of its being adopted in order to accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number, and illustrated its practicability and ease of adoption if Superintendents, officers and teachers were only willing to try and carry out the suggestions of the Sunday School Union.

Supt. T. C. Griggs expressed his pleasure in noting the good attendance at this meeting. He was gratified at the progress made in many of the schools towards having a graded system of work. He thought that Sunday school workers sometimes forgot that what we want is a Sunday school—a place where children may be trained

and schooled in the principles of the Gospel. Hence the necessity of preparation on the part of teachers and pupils. The best work was done where something was given the children to do, something to think about and learn during the week. A very pleasing feature of a teacher's roll call the speaker had noticed in a few of his visits was the one where the teacher was expected and required to answer whether they were "prepared" or "not prepared" on their special lessons of the day. Again referring to the grading of the Sunday schools, the speaker said that where it had been adopted much better progress was being made in all respects. The question of the conduct and indifference of the Sabbath school children in the after part of the Sabbath, the neglect of the other meetings of the ward, was referred to by the speaker, and he invited the attention of Sunday school teachers to the consideration of this matter.

Asst. Supt. R. S. Horne suggested that if the superintendents could occasionally visit other schools, especially schools which were graded or partially so, they would get new ideas and suggestions that would aid them very much. He especially urged upon superintendents not to oppose the work now being done in the schools, as it was going to be adopted successfully in all the schools of Zion.

The choir excellently rendered Geo. A. Mearns' "Light and Truth," to the tune of "Men of Harlech."

Benediction was pronounced by Asst. Supt. W. C. Burton.

J. H. PARRY, Sec'y.

EMERY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake was held at Orangeville on Sunday and Monday, November 10th and 11th, 1891. On the stand were Apostles F. M. Lyman and Anthon H. Lund, President C. G. Larsen and Counselors and representatives from the various Bishops' wards and Stake organizations. The Saints came from all parts of the Stake and filled the house. Two meetings were held on Sunday and two on Monday and most of the time was occupied by the Apostles.

Apostle Lyman was the speaker at the first meeting. He treated minutely on a variety of subjects, most prominent being the construction of meetinghouses, and how officers should report the conference so that a correct idea may be given. The leading Priesthood should consult with each other on all matters concerning the general welfare of the people. Take young men into the service, he said, as Teachers, and send them along with older men. He urged the people to awake to the sense of their many duties, and showed the advisability of keeping a ward record or history in the several wards.

President Larsen gave a brief report of the condition of the Stake. He praised the Bishops for their zealous labor. The district schools are doing a good work for our children, and a corps of efficient teachers is entrusted with the education of the rising generation. Church schools are also established, but the support is not yet as great as could be wished.

In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered and Apostle Lund occupied part of the time. He read from the New Testament: "For I have received of the Lord," etc. We should examine ourselves before partaking of the holy emblems that we may not eat and drink unworthily. Sabbath day should be kept holy by every professor of Christ. He encouraged the Saints to be liberal in their tithes and offerings, so that the Lord may be liberal to us. The speaker dwelt at length upon the great necessity of training our children morally and religiously.

Apostle Lyman occupied the remainder of the time, encouraging the people in doing good. He urged the great need of Sabbath school work in our midst, and explained about the monthly free will offerings.

On Monday morning conference was resumed, and a large number of Saints were present.

Apostle Lund was the first speaker. He dwelt upon the simplicity of the Gospel of Christ. Its doctrines were no new patch on the old garment, but as they were fitting to the few believing members in the days of the Savior, so also in the year 1830 for the few who received them when the Church was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and they are completely fitting to the hundreds of thousands who now in obedience and faith subscribe to its rules. Truth remains truth and cannot be changed. The Gospel was so perfect that any attempt of change will molest it.

Apostle Lyman presented the authorities, and all were unanimously sustained. He gave some good instructions concerning home missionary work among the people and spoke with firmness on the Word of Wisdom. As a people we should pay our fast offerings, and remember the poor in our midst.

At the afternoon meeting Brother Lyman was the first speaker. He dwelt, with plainness, on the necessity of obeying the laws of the country in relation to plural marriage, but held that every man should provide for his families and educate his children. He urged upon the Bishops the necessity of amusements for the young in the different wards; but let them all be conducted properly, so as to be a medium towards ennobling and elevating and not towards corruption and degradation.

Apostle Lund occupied the remainder of the time by speaking of the Manti Temple, the importance of the work there, and also prepared the brethren for a call that should be made upon them before long to complete and beautify the surroundings of that holy building.

The Orangeville choir, under the management of Brother A. G. Jewkes, deserves much praise for the sweet music rendered, which greatly enlivened the hearts of all present.

O. J. ANDERSON, Clerk.

The attack by footpads upon Mr. John L. May, assistant city treasurer, while on his way, last evening, to attend the session of the City Council, suggests that the "Liberal" city government are having some pronounced object lessons on the subject of the non-enforcement of the laws under the administration of that party.