

that he would not permit him to enjoy the personal triumph in getting it through. No one knows that better than the Iowa representative, and it is for this reason that he is not over sanguine of having his committee called.

Senator Edmunds tells me that he will push the anti-Mormon legislation next session if the opportunity offers, but this is a very remote probability. The next session will be too limited to satisfactorily dispose of the force bill, the appropriation bills and a few others of prime importance to justify Congress in passing Utah legislation, in which not a half-dozen members feel a direct interest. The indications are that the Mormon bills, like the force bill and the Salt Lake public building, are dead for this Congress at least.—*Herald*.

An Irish Famine.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Although the London papers still discuss the subject in small type on their inside pages and have not thought it worth while to send a single staff man to inquire into the exact situation, the conviction that an Irish famine is impending is slowly asserting itself in the popular mind as the dormant topic of interest. The progress of the idea may well be called slow, for the warning that a blight had set in came from southwest Cork as long ago as the middle of May, and in July parish priests by scores had printed statements of the disaster hanging over their people, yet it is only a fortnight since Balfour spoke of having just learned that there was some little trouble with the crops in certain districts, and, as has been said, even now the London press only reprints summaries of investigations reported by the British papers, yet these are enough to show the terrible outlook. Already the dread disease known as "famine fever," words which call up such sinister memories in all old enough to remember 1847, has made its appearance in the barony of Clonakilly, which is composed of rough coast land between Kinsale and Skibbereen.

One death has occurred and numerous prostrations have been caused by eating diseased potatoes. Of the 8,000 people in this district, nearly one half will be entirely without food by the middle of September, and the gravest fears are entertained that before that date an epidemic of famine fever or English cholera will become fastened upon the country. The potatoes are so badly diseased that even the pigs are injured by eating them.

In the district round about Youghal, including the notorious Ponsonby estate, the farmers are plowing all the potato land up, with the intention of planting cabbages, in the hope of providing some sort of food for the winter. These are only illustrations chosen at random from the whole country side; thus far nothing has been done here or elsewhere in England, for that matter, except languidly to discuss the subject, but a few weeks' time will see it occupy the principal place in public talk and thought.

City School Board.

The board of education met in the City Hall at 8 o'clock August 28th, all the members except Mr. Pyper being present. In the absence of Mayor Scott, P. L. Williams presided.

The applications of Miss Dean and Evan Stephens for engagements as teachers of music were referred to the committee on teachers.

The committee on buildings reported that the old school site in the Fifteenth district would soon be vacated, and it would be necessary to obtain new grounds. The committee was authorized to procure grounds.

The committee on site reported that they had secured four rooms in the Roberts & Ellerbeck building for the use of the board at a rental of \$50 per month. Adopted.

The committee on school buildings was authorized to lease the building being erected in the Fifteenth Ward by T. C. Armstrong for one year for school purposes.

The committee on furniture reported that they had ordered a carload of desks. Adopted.

Treasurer Walden, who was authorized to collect the funds in the hands of the old trustees, reported that some of the trustees had not settled up. The matter was referred to the auditing committee for settlement.

Col. Nelson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that the burdens of school maintenance and as regards property rights be equalized, and that the committee on audits be requested to report a proper form of such adjustments.

On motion of Col. Nelson, Messrs. Pike and Colbath were appointed a special committee to ratify the action of the Nineteenth school district in the contract made with the church association regarding the division of property in that ward.

Mr. Pike moved that it be the sense of the Board that taxes assessed in any local school district, so far as practicable and necessary, shall be expended in such district until their actual necessities for school buildings are supplied.

This motion brought on a discussion which occupied considerable time. Mr. Williams opposed it strenuously on the ground that it was going back to the old district lines which the legislature intended to wipe out. The scheme of the Board was to build up one complete system, without reference to any particular district.

Colonel Nelson and Mr. Johnson both spoke in favor of the motion. They did not think it would interfere with the scheme of the Board, and it would inspire confidence in the people that the Board intended to act equitably.

The motion finally prevailed by a vote of 5 to 4, and the Board then adjourned for one week.

Emery Stake Conference.

This conference convened at Castle Dale on Sunday morning, August 10th, at 10 o'clock. On the stand were Apostles A. H. Lund

and A. H. Cannon; the Presidency of the Stake, Bishops from every ward and representatives from the different quorums and organizations. President Larsen called the meeting to order, and the choir sang: "Awake, ye Saints of God, awake!" Prayer was offered by L. C. Jorgensen.

President Larsen made a few introductory remarks, and said the last quarter had been rich in blessings to them.

J. B. Maiben followed and expressed his pleasure in finding the county in so thriving a condition.

Apostle A. H. Lund spoke on Church schools and the education of the children of the Saints.

In the afternoon the sacrament was administered.

Apostle A. H. Cannon occupied most of the time and gave an excellent address on general matters.

Brother Chase, of Huntington, made a few closing remarks and said that if we kept the covenants we have made with God we shall have power and peace.

After the singing of "This is My commandment," the benediction was pronounced by Wm. Taylor, Sen.

In the evening a Priesthood meeting was held. M. W. Molen asked to be released as first counselor to Bishop Olsen, of Ferron Ward, and E. C. Jorgensen asked to be released as second counselor to Bishop Pulsipher, of Huntington Ward, both on account of removal to other places. They were honorably released, with thanks for faithful labors.

Wm. Taylor, Jr., was sustained as first and Hyrum A. Nelson as second counselor to Bishop Pulsipher. The following brethren were sustained as additional Home Missionaries: James C. Woodward and John C. Fulmer, of Orangeville, Jos. S. Larsen, of Castle Dale, and A. J. Allen, of Huntington.

Apostles Lund and Cannon gave some excellent advice and valuable instructions regarding the holy Priesthood and the duties of every man who bears it.

Bishop Pulsipher, of Huntington, Counselors O. Seely and Wm. Howard made a few closing remarks.

After singing, the benediction was offered by John Lwahlen.

In the afternoon the general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained.

Apostle Cannon read from St. Paul, "The greatest of all is charity," and said we were very much lacking in this particular gift. We should settle our own difficulties without troubling Teachers, Bishops or High Councils.

Apostle A. H. Lund occupied the remainder of the time.

Benediction was pronounced by Peter Johnson.

Conference then adjourned for three months, to be held next at Orangeville.

The Apostles left after this meeting for Huntington, where a meeting took place in the evening.

Next day they held a meeting with the Saints at Cleveland, where a ward organization was effected. L. P. Ovesen, formerly of Ephraim, was unanimously sustained as Bishop for said ward.

O. J. ANDERSON, Clerk.