

Elder Maeser spoke in answer to the question: "Should officers and department teachers be taken away from the Sunday schools for other duties in the ward or Stake?" That depends. If the Bishop has some higher or more important calling for them, yes; but they must be replaced by some one else. Yet we desire that the Bishop or President of the Stake and others do not interfere with our Sunday school work. That is the instruction of the President of the Church.

In answer to the question, "By Whose Authority is the Sunday School to be Organized?" he said, by the Bishop, in connection with the Stake superintendency. Singing, We Are All Enlisted.

Benediction by Superintendent H. W. Woolley.

An officers' and teachers' meeting was then held for half an hour, at which Elder Maeser instructed the teachers never to have any of their class behind them or too far to the right or left. Be so that you can look every one in the eye and make them think you are looking at every one of them all the time. He said we read too much. Better read only to a full stop or at least only one verse and then question and get the points.

Brother Nuttall said in using the leaflets the children should take them home and study them and then the teacher question them upon them and get additional points. In teachers' meetings first have a few words of prayer; then brief reports of each class. Answer any questions pertaining to their work. Give instructions for further work to the teachers and dismiss. No need of more than thirty or forty minutes for it.

Sunday, 2 p. m.—Singing, Come Along. Singing, The Lord is My Light. Prayer by Elder Joab Collier.

A class exercise was given by the theological class of Glines ward, subject, The Resurrection. Elders Wm. O'Neil and K. G. Maeser then explained the sustaining of officers, after which they were sustained unanimously.

Remarks of appreciation was made by Elder S. R. Bennion. He was followed by Dr. Maeser, stating that the superintendent had enough to do, if he did his duty, without teaching a class in the school. He said some had asked if the teachers should make plans? No. It is not their place. That was the work of the superintendent. Of course, when he made a plan for a department, say the primary, he would call in the primary teachers and receive their suggestions, and so on with all the classes. He said every school should have a Sunday School choir to lead in the singing and that the choir should never turn their backs to the congregation. When marching out they desired the organist to play Sunday school music as marches and no other.

Elder L. John Nuttall said that it was unnecessary for minutes to be kept of the separate classes; also that it was the duty for the superintendent to preside. If present, if not then the first assistant, and if neither, then the second assistant; but they should never all be absent, unless they appoint some one in their stead, as no one else has the right. He said complaints had come of some teachers who occupied all the time. This is wrong. Only the poor teachers talk much. Should monthly reviews be held in the class? Yes, and about once in three months before the whole school as you would in conference.

"What do you suggest as to teachers who do not attend to their duties?" was asked, and he said, "Call for their resignation." No one should hold an office, if they do not fill it. Teachers or officers, before leaving, over Sunday, should get some one in their places." He spoke of some theological classes

discussing frivolous questions, and said a teacher should ask for the proof of every assertion made, and if there was no proof, leave it alone. Spoke of the uses to which the nickel fund was put, and desired a nickel from every officer, teacher and pupil in our schools. He closed by speaking of the Word of Wisdom, and asked every officer and teacher who could not keep it to hand in his resignation, and for Stake superintendency and ward officers to accept them and fill up with those who would.

Secretary R. L. Woodward gave a few instructions on the nickel fund, reports for the year and the Sunday school history of each ward.

Closing remarks by Superintendent J. P. Rudy, and after singing, "Weary Not" and benediction by Elder S. R. Bennion, the conference closed.

R. L. WOODWARD, Secretary.

BEAUTIFUL SALT LAKE.

Mr. F. H. Richards of the Atlanta, Ga., Journal, has this to say in his paper of his recent visit to our capital:

"With all the prejudice which every one of the Georgians held against the Mormons, all were forced to admit that they had never visited a more beautiful, a more comfortable or a more hospitable city. Though its population is only 60,000, it has buildings which would do credit to New York, and the Mormon Temple, which was 40 years building, is the greatest religious structure in the United States, having cost \$4,000,000. The Mormon Tabernacle, adjoining, is unquestionably the greatest auditorium in this country, seating 12,000 people, and being unequalled in acoustics. This fact was demonstrated to the Georgia party at a special organ recital given in their honor. Seated more than 200 feet from the organ, the faintest whisper of the organist could be heard by the entire party, and when he dropped a little white pin, on the keyboard of the organ the sound was as clear as if he had been seated two feet from us. As to the music of that organ, I despair to speak. The organist was one of the greatest in the country and the organ is the second largest in the United States, and probably the best. The oratorios were superb, but when he touched the vocal chords and made them sing Narcissus, one could close his eyes and imagine that Patti or Nellson at her best was singing the beautiful strains of that grand song. Salt Lake City lies in the most fertile valley in this country, a valley which was reached by Brigham Young and his followers after a weary and almost despairing pilgrimage across the Great Desert. The selection of this site and the development of the surrounding territory stamped Brigham Young as one of the great pathfinders and developers of America. His name is held in honor even by the most intense anti-Mormons in Utah. He will have no successor, because there was only one Brigham Young, as there was one Caesar and one Napoleon.

"Everybody visited Salt Lake in a spirit of incredulity. We had heard that the water would hold up the human body, and this we scarcely believed, but when some of us literally sat on the water as comfortably as we would in a rocking chair, we felt remorse for all the doubts we had ever entertained. This great lake, one hundred miles long and with an average width of forty miles, is more than 22 per cent salt—about five times as salt as the sea. Hold a drop of it in your hand, and in that fine, keen air you have crystal of salt in a moment. The pleasure of our stay in Salt Lake City was greatly heightened by the courtesy of Mr. Don Palmer, the handsome host in the Kenyon hotel, who gave his time, during our stay, entirely to our service."

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The old Navajo hoisting works at Tuscarora, Nev., were totally destroyed by fire a few days ago. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Anthony Holdin, a resident of North Seattle, Wash., claims to have been held up early this morning by three men, who relieved him of \$120.

The freight blockade on the Central Pacific, caused by the fire in Tunnel No. 13 near Truckee, has been raised and trains are running as usual.

From letters just received in Denver it is learned that Brig. Gen. Irving Hale, of that city, now on duty at Manila, is failing, and that he will be compelled to return home at once.

An old mining man in the person of Knute Peterson, committed suicide at Leadville, Colo., Thursday by hanging. He was 65 years old and had met with reverses.

The miners employed in the vicinity of Silverton, B. C., have rounded all the Chinese laborers in the various camps and shipped them out of the district. The Mongolians are expected to return to China by the next steamer.

Sparks from a newly-lighted fire ignited the dress of Mrs. Preay and she was burned to death in the presence of her two small children at Oakland, Cal. Just before her death she gave birth to a child which was dead.

General Greeley, chief signal officer of the United States army, is in San Francisco. He will inspect the electrical work in the harbor. He strongly favors the establishment of a cable line between San Francisco and Honolulu.

The bodies of six Chinese have been taken from the wreck of the Stockton steamer J. D. Peters by the Whitelaw Wrecking company and five more are supposed to be on the vessel, which still lies on the mud flats at Sausalito, Cal.

After the expiration of his term as governor in January next, Governor Adams of Colorado will start on a tour around the world. He will visit first the Hawaiian and Philippine islands, and will return through India, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

Wednesday morning Edward Brown and Edward Boyles went over the falls of the Willamette, Oregon, in a row-boat. Brown jumped out of the boat on the first bench of rock and saved himself, while Boyles went over the lower falls and was drowned.

Governor Adams of Colorado has received a telegram from Adjutant General Corbin to the effect that the volunteer regiments now on duty in the Philippines are to be ordered home as soon as the troops now en route for the islands reach there to take their places.

Jutaro Kormora, the newly appointed minister from Japan to the United States, has arrived at San Francisco, with his suite, en route to Washington. He is a graduate of the Harvard law school. He says that Japan is satisfied with the steps this country is taking in the Philippines.

Chung Yet Den, a Chinese tailor, was fatally shot late Sunday night in the Chinese theater, San Francisco. The murderer, whose identity is unknown, made his escape. This is the third tragedy of a similar nature which has occurred within the last two months, all being the result of a feud between the Union and non-union tailors of the Mongolian quarter.

Governor-elect Gage of California and Senator Perkins have informed the members of the Seventh California volunteers that on proof that 600 members of the regiment are desirous of seeing further service they will interest themselves in an effort to have the men sent