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The school children and the whole congregation repeated the Lord's Prayer under the direction of Elder A. S. Geddes.

Elder A. H. Cannon expressed his pleasure in meeting so many of the Sunday school children in conference capacity. He reminded the teachers that if they made an effort every Sunday to impress upon their children some moral and religious truth, much could be accomplished in training them to grow up and become bright and shining members of the Lord's kingdom. Children were easily impressed by those in whom they had confidence, and teachers should make use of every opportunity to make lasting impressions of good.

Sleep, Darling, Sleep was beautifully sung by eight little girls of Professor Bassett's singing class.

Elder C. W. Penrose was the next speaker. He desired to impress upon the children the privilege they enjoyed of attending the best Sunday schools in the world. The lessons of these schools were of greater importance than the riches and honor of the world. Referring to the work of the theological classes, he suggested that if any discussions were allowed they should be limited to drawing out the truth only, and discussions of mysterious subjects and queries should not be entertained. The importance of truthfulness was also dwelt upon by the speaker. It was cowardice to practice lying, and it showed a high order of moral courage to speak and maintain the truth.

The next exercise was the rendering of that beautiful and touching song—"Nearer, my God, to Thee," repeated in motion and song, by little Mamie Young and little Lillie Swift, of the Deaf Mute school, accompanied vocally by Miss Maude Pratt.

The Articles of Faith, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were repeated in concert by all the children of the schools, under the direction of Elder Wm. Bradford.

The first principles of the Gospel, faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sin, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, were repeated and illustrated by signs, by the primary class of the Deaf Mute school.

Supt. Griggs explained that the reason so much was given by the deaf mutes in this conference was that in the near future the State Deaf and Dumb Institute would be removed to Ogden, and the children who took part today were not expected to appear here again.

Assistant General Superintendent George Goddard made a few encouraging remarks to Sunday school workers and sang his favorite song—Who's on the Lord's Side?

President George Q. Cannon felt that praise was due to the children for coming in such goodly numbers notwithstanding the very inclement weather. He directed attention to the many gifts of God, which if used aright, would bring blessings. The gift of speech, the lack of which was illustrated by the exercises of the deaf mutes, should be appreciated and made use of to do good, to praise God, to speak the truth, and say good things

only, and should not be used to say evil of any one. If the tongue were not rightly used, it were better not to have the use of it at all. The speaker desired to impress upon the children the necessity of seeking the help of the Lord in prayer to overcome evil desires or temptations. All should make Him their friend, to rely upon in time of need, and He should be approached in faith and confidence.

"Joseph Smith's First Prayer" was the concluding hymn, and the conference adjourned till 2 p. m. Benediction by Elder Joseph Hodgins.

"Great God attend while Zion sings," was the opening hymn, rendered by the Tabernacle choir. Opening prayer was offered by Elder Joseph M. Tanner. The choir sang, "O God! our help in ages past."

The Stake secretary of Sunday schools presented for the acceptance of the conference, the general Sunday School authorities as follows:

George Q. Cannon, general superintendent; George Goddard, first assistant general superintendent; Karl G. Maeser, second assistant general superintendent; John M. Whitaker, general secretary; George Reynolds, general treasurer. Members of the Deseret Sunday School Union board—George Q. Cannon, George Goddard, Karl G. Maeser, George Reynolds, Abraham H. Cannon, Thomas C. Griggs, Joseph W. Summerhayes, Levi W. Richards, Francis M. Lyman, Heber J. Grant, John C. Cutler, and Joseph M. Tanner.

The general authorities were sustained by unanimous vote, and the Stake authorities and missionaries were presented as follows:

Thos. C. Griggs, Stake superintendent of Sunday schools; Richard Horne, first assistant superintendent of Sunday schools; Willard C. Burton, second assistant superintendent of Sunday schools; Jos. Hyrum Parry, secretary; Charles M. Cannon, assistant secretary and treasurer.

S. S. Missionaries—Edwin F. Parry, Wm. Bradford, A. S. Geddes, Wm. M. Stewart, John M. Whitaker, Miles A. Romney, Orson D. Romney, Ezra O. Taylor, Joseph W. Maynes, Henry Tuckett, Charles H. Hyde, Delbert Parratt, W. H. Chamberlin.

All were unanimously sustained.

Prof. E. K. Bassett was sustained as the S. S. musical director of this Stake.

Elder James H. Anderson, of the Sixth ward Sunday school, was the first speaker. He said it was no more necessary for the foreign missionary to seek for and obtain the spirit of his calling than that the Sabbath school teacher should be prepared and qualified for his duty in his class. Every lesson should be thoroughly prepared for by the teacher, by thought, research and prayer, and in the theological class the teacher should make a necessary part of his own preparation the writing of a brief essay upon the subject to be considered at the next session, as this would give him an advantage in accuracy and tenaciousness that could not be gained otherwise; he should also avoid indulging in speculations and private interpretations of doctrine, but should give to the class the Church doctrines as promulgated by the Church, thereby escaping disputes or mystifying statements;

and he should treat with the utmost kindness those who were making inquiries that there might be the fullest opportunity for investigating and comprehending the principles of the Gospel. This course will give the teacher the confidence and love of his class. Each member of the class should be required to take some part, however small, and the asking of questions on the day's lesson should be encouraged as an important part of the exercises; most of the work in class should be done by its members. The speaker believed that the haphazard way of providing programs in some schools should give place to a uniform system in all, graded to suit every capacity in the class. This could be done by taking the Articles of Faith as a basis, making a complete course of study in a year, and arranging this course so that it would be one of a parallel series to cover several years in succession.

Utah, We Love Thee, was very feelingly sung by Miss Maude Pratt as an accompaniment to the rendition of the same in sign language by the higher class of the Deaf Mute Sunday school, composed of Miss Libbie DeLong, Joseph Cameron, Amy Devine, Axel Amundsen, Matilda Lund and Andrew Madsen.

Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, said that the parents in Zion should, with untiring hand, sustain the efforts of those who are engaged in teaching their children in the Sunday schools, that Zion may grow and increase and become the joy of the whole earth.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor said he knew of no auxiliary church organization of so much importance, or in which he took so much interest, as the Sunday schools. He was well pleased with the excellent work done therein, and to note the interest taken in them by the children. Teachers should, he said, always seek to obtain the love and esteem of the children under their care, their labors would be more effective for good.

The anthem, From afar, gracious Lord, Thou has gathered Thy flock, was rendered by the choir.

President George Q. Cannon expressed regret that the weather was so unpropitious as to detain so many from these interesting meetings. It was very gratifying, he said, to note the progress being made in the Sunday schools in training the minds and hearts of the children of the Saints. The Sunday school was most beneficent in its results, and he regretted that all the children growing up in our city were not partakers of its good influence. Efforts should be made to bring into the school all boys and girls who were in any degree wayward or careless in their habits. He was gratified with the excellent work now done in this regard, and hoped it would continue until all the children were trained under its influence. There were now, he said, nearly 100,000 children and teachers engaged in this work, and the influence for good that could be accomplished by this host could not be estimated. If all these were properly trained, they would have a mighty influence upon this and neighboring communities—in leavening the whole lump. To teach and instruct the youth of Zion was one