

help! Who can estimate the good that might be done if they could accompany their husbands on Sunday and thus see the wonderful possibilities of even the children. Would it not tend to make them desirous of seeing their children improve; and to improve the children is to elevate the race. Most of the animals are removed in the evening, which is another objectionable feature to the average working man who only has his evenings to devote to recreations of the kind.

I might say a word in behalf of the vast throng to be seen on our streets on conference Sunday. They have nowhere to go between services, but idly stand and admire the windows of the merchants and eat their lunches. Would it not be a good opportunity for such to profitably spend an hour or two viewing the works of art, or in admiring the skill of our thrifty farmers? Could any harm result? A lecture or two might be given on that day by some of Utah's orators on the development of our vast resources and the beneficence of nature's God. Religion is not confined to the study of purely theological questions, but everything that is lovely in its nature and in its tendencies; everything that inspires man to be better than he is, to improve his thoughts, to enlarge his charity and to extend his knowledge in religion.

Hoping some of your many readers will enlarge upon this topic and some influence be brought to bear on the honored board of directors of our Fair, in order to have the doors thrown wide open on October 7th, I subscribe myself,

Yours respectfully,
JOHN HAYES.

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WEBER COUNTY.

HARRISVILLE, Utah,

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Having been solicited to continue the crop reports as published in the News last fall, I will say, the wheat yield from 40 jobs gives an average of 24 bushels to the acre. The present low price gives less cash returns per acre than former years, causing the farmers to engage in other pursuits as wage workers to pay taxes, etc., the county road work being a golden chance for this purpose. I shall be able to give a more accurate account of yield, acreage, etc., in another week, when threshing here will be done.

Yesterday (Sunday) we were favored with a visit from Elder L. W. Shurtliff, president of the Weber Stake of Zion, who addressed the Saints upon the nobility of example; while in company with the nobles of the earth and their peers in honesty, and by observing the words of wisdom, we exhibit a practical example of morality greater than words can utter. He spoke upon the high encomiums received by the Utah delegation at the Irrigation Congress at Denver and the pinnacle of fame Utah was occupying; in all of which we need to hold a level head, being humble and filled with gratitude to the Giver of all good. He delineated in a forcible manner the purity of elections, when the mothers could have a voice in the selection and election of officers; for they could not be

bought to vote for disreputable candidates. Yours,
P. L.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

There was a very large attendance of workers at the Sunday School Union meeting, held last night, Sept. 17, in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. About half of the city schools and Union, Murray, Forest Dale, Big Cottonwood south district, and Farmers wards of the county were rather more numerously represented than usual.

Supt. T. C. Griggs presided, and the opening prayer was offered by Asst. Supt. W. C. Burton.

The excellent singing exercises were furnished by the Farmers ward school choir.

In introducing the lecture and class illustration given by Elder F. E. Barker, Asst. Supt. R. S. Horne stated that the work done by the training or normal class of the Twentieth ward was doing excellent work and expressed the hope that like organizations would be established in other wards.

Elder Barker stated that the normal class of the Twentieth ward consisted of teachers not in active work and advanced students, and they held their regular session during the regular Sunday school hour. Immediately after the close of each school session all the officers and teachers joined this class in another and more advanced and varied class of exercises, including the report of the critic, who was appointed by the superintendent. The critic was not known, however, till called upon to give his report, which covered the work of some one of the classes of the school, as to manner and methods, successes and failures and also embraced a criticism of the general exercises of the school.

The director and secretary of this normal class were elected once a month, so that all in turn would have an opportunity to learn the formulas of presiding.

The exercises of this class consisted of lectures and discussions upon psychology, or mind culture, and practical methods of Sunday school teaching and instruction. The lectures were given by members of the class, and frequently by professors and instructors of learning invited from outside the ward. The lecture is made as intelligible as possible by practical illustrations, and are open to questions and criticisms at its close. In this manner the class is taught in a practical manner the science and art of Sunday school teaching.

The normal class of the Twentieth ward was present in full force, including the officers and teachers of the school, and after the introduction as given above, the director introduced the lecturer appointed for this class exercise, Sister Agnes Sharp, whose theme for this occasion was "Sunday School Teaching—Principles and Methods," which was fully and intelligently illustrated, and was followed by a free presentation of questions by members of the class and others, which were satisfactorily answered by the lecturer.

Superintendent William Salmon then named Brother Reuben Clark as the critic who rendered his report in a

just and concise manner, reviewing the work of the various classes and of the school as a whole.

Assistant Superintendent Laron Pratt, of the Deaf Mute Sunday school, very beautifully rendered in sign language that glorious hymn, "Nearer my God, to Thee," artistically accompanied with words and vocal music by his daughter, Miss Maude Pratt.

Superintendent Griggs directed attention to the "Nickel subscription," and urged the superintendents to see to its collection and obtain from each school an average of a nickel from each one enrolled, and transmit the same when the same was complete to the Stake secretary, Joseph H. Parry, Salt Lake City, and by him transmitted to the general board of the Sunday School Union.

Benediction was pronounced by Superintendent Salmon of the Twentieth Ward, and the meeting adjourned for one month.

The Mill Creek Sunday school is requested to furnish the musical program at the next meeting.

J. H. PARRY, Sec'y.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held at Thatcher, September 9th and 10th, 1894.

On Sunday morning President Layton gave a brief report of the Stake; spoke of the prosperity of this people and our peaceable possessions, while calamities and scourges are spreading abroad in the land; felt that we should give praise to our God all the day long, for His many blessings bestowed upon us, etc.

The Bishops of the various wards reported their wards to be in a prosperous condition; good crops; there had been but little sickness, and the people were generally on hand to comply with any call made of them. Elder Johnson made a few closing remarks; felt pleased with the reports of the Bishops and thought we were a growing people.

Sunday afternoon was occupied by the young men that are called to take a mission to the Samoan islands and Southern States. All felt willing to go and perform their mission. President Layton felt that there had been six loud and long sermons spoken from the missionaries and felt that the people ought to help them and care for their families in their absence. Elder David Rancher, who has recently returned from a mission to the Southern States, gave some of his missionary experiences in behalf of those who are expected to start on missions. Elder Merrill felt it an honor to be called on a mission and spoke of the duties of the Latter-day Saints in helping to liquidate the debts of the academy in order that it might be dedicated to the Lord.

Monday morning.—Elder Johnson announced that Elder Layton had taken sick during the night, and would not be able to be with us, and he desired the faith and prayers of the people. Elder George Cluff spoke upon missionary labors and educational matters. Elder William Packer talked upon the same subject and referred to many prophecies concerning the latter days; he also referred to the talent