

companion then led the three new proselytes into the waters and performed the holy ordinance which ushered them into the fold of our Lord and Savior.

"The onward march of the Lamb's kingdom, though it lies through a labyrinth of prejudice and seemingly inextricable difficulties, is sure and certain as the day star. Ministers of the day, after meeting the 'Mormon' Elders on the broad plain of religious polemics, seem vaguely and fearfully to realize that sooner or later their metaphysical sophistries and vagaries must forever sink beneath the invincible tread of divine authority and truth. The clouds of darkness and superstition with which a benighted and hireling priesthood has for centuries enshrouded the domains of Gospel enlightenment, are beginning to wax fleecy, and the shams of pure religion—undefiled and unperverted, which are sent forth by the Elders of Israel cannot but have a deep-rooted and presageful effect. Especially are we persuaded that the voice of light and certainty will have a marked result in this generation, because of the widespread doubt and dissatisfaction which at present seem to penetrate the very heart of Christendom. May God grant that His servants may have power to awaken the people from the deep religious apathy into which the world has been cast for many ages, that the light of the Gospel may penetrate unto them, lest they be consumed from the earth in the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of Sabbath school workers of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held on Monday evening, the 18th inst., in the Fourteenth Ward meeting house.

The meeting was presided over by Stake Superintendent T. C. Griggs. The singing for the occasion was by the Twenty-first ward choir, under the direction of Bro. Thomas McIntyre. Prayer was offered by Brother Joseph A. Maynes.

The calling of the roll showed there were representatives from seventeen of the city wards and from Brighton, Forest Dale and south district Big Cottonwood.

Bishop William Thorn, of the Seventh ward, addressed the meeting for a few moments. He said he was interested in the Sunday school cause, and considered it profitable for persons of his age as well as the youth to attend Sabbath school. Parents, he said, should not send their children to Sunday school merely to get them out of their way. They should take a greater interest in them and help them during the week to prepare their lessons for the Sabbath morning. They were held responsible for their children and should seek to train them in the way they should go.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor said he was deeply interested in the Sunday school work. He always made it a point to attend Sunday school wherever he happened to be on a Sunday morning. There were certain qualifications necessary to make a success in teaching. Many of these qualifications can be acquired by cultivation, by study and practice. In some theological

classes questions were sometimes brought up that were not appropriate for such places. The aim should be in these classes to teach such principles as can be understood alike by the whole class, and not to advance ideas that are only understood by a few who are always reaching out for new doctrines. A spirit of skepticism seemed to be exhibited in some localities more noticeable among the young men. Those inclined to be skeptical should not be ridiculed nor neglected. They should be labored with in a kindly spirit. Things they do not understand should be explained to them. He had heard complaints made by some Bishops that Sunday school workers in some instances neglected to attend the sacrament meetings in their wards. Because the sacrament is administered in the Sunday school people should not take license from this to absent themselves from their sacrament meetings.

Elder John Morgan, of the general superintendency of Sunday schools, referred briefly to the organization and growth of the Deseret Sunday School Union. In relation to Sunday school teaching, he said we should not overlook the important matter of presenting the practical, living principles of the Gospel to our pupils, and not confine ourselves too closely to teaching bare, moral precepts. It is possible for us to confine our teachings to mere moral lessons that our pupils will be unable to distinguish our teachings from those of the Christian world in general. The world for six thousand years has been taught morality, but the saving principles of the Gospel have not been understood, and hence the world is no better today than it was in past ages.

Superintendent Griggs suggested that teachers be as practicable as possible and always give their pupils to understand that it is the practicing the principles of the Gospel which will be of benefit and not the mere understanding of them. He urged Sunday school workers not to neglect their other duties on the Sabbath.

The Sugar House ward Sabbath school was announced to furnish the musical exercises for the next meeting.

After singing by the choir the meeting adjourned for one month. Benediction by Supt. George Alder.

E. F. PARRY,  
Assistant Stake Secretary.

#### SNOWFLAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

At 10 a. m. of May 27, 1894, in the stake house, at Snowflake, the regular quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake of Zion convened, and was called to order by President of Stake Jesse N. Smith. Each of the Stake presidency was present, the majority of the High Council, Bishops of the various wards, quite a number of visiting Saints from St. Johns Stake, and a very goodly number of the Saints from the adjacent settlements.

The conference continued in session during Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28th, holding two regular meetings each day, besides a very interesting and instructive Priesthood meeting held in the evening of the 27th.

The speakers were the Stake presidency, Elders J. N. Smith, L. H. Hatch and J. H. Richards; Patriarch

Paul Smith; Elders Chas. Shumway, J. W. Smith and A. J. Randall; also Elders David Pulsifer, Chas. Jarvis and C. I. Kemp of the St. Johns Stake. General good feelings and moderate prosperity were reported to prevail in the Stake. General and local Church authorities unanimously sustained by the vote of the conference.

A board of trade was appointed to watch the temporal interests of the people, which action, it is believed, will prove of great benefit to this locality.

On Sunday afternoon the sacrament was administered; and all seemed to enjoy the influences of the good spirit. The people were urged to live their religion more strictly; also to throw every available legal protection around their temporal interests; especially to incorporate their irrigation companies in accordance with the requirements of the laws of the land, and make every reasonable effort to obtain title to the lands they occupy and improve.

L. M. SAVAGE,  
Clerk.

#### SONS OF LEVI SAVAGE.

The well known photographer, C. R. Savage, of this city, received the following letter Tuesday, June 19 addressed to Postmaster Nash, and written from Silverwood, Fountain county, Indiana, under date of June 18th:

Mr. Postmaster:—Do you know of any people by the name of Savage living in or about Salt Lake City? If so please send me their names and state whether or not they are eastern people. My uncle, Levi Savage, moved to Salt Lake a long time ago and I have not heard from him or his folks for many years. The reason I ask concerning their whereabouts is that a large estate has been left by a man named Savage, and the indications are that we are the lucky ones. My father was born in the neighborhood where the estate is located.

By answering this you will greatly oblige,  
LEVI SAVAGE.

Mr. C. R. Savage is in no way related to the family in question, but was well acquainted with Mr. Levi Savage, who was a member of the Mormon Battalion and came to this city about 1848. He resided in the Sixth ward for a long period and moved to Willard about twenty years ago and died at that place some time afterwards. He raised a large family and has sons living at Willard, on the Weber and in southern Utah.

State Geologist Ricketts, of Wyoming, estimates that the Dillon deposit of soda has 150,000 tons in sight. The soda now being used by the Argo smelters is now laid down here from eastern points at a cost of \$29 per ton. The smelters consume 134 tons yearly. A \$30,000 deal is now in process of consummation for the use of this Wyoming soda in England.

James T. Lynch met with an accident at Alameda, Cal., a few months ago that caused his death. He was driving a four-horse team when he came into collision with an electric car. Lynch was thrown to the ground and fatally injured. His widow has now brought suit in the superior court against the Alameda, Oakland and Piedmont Electric Railway company to recover \$50,000 damages.