

the bishop must have been very gratifying to you. Before the advent of the bishop, Hon. Jos. Stanford had charge of the theological department as well as in physical geography, general history and orthography. Mr. Stanford also organized a special class in the art of public speaking which was very successful indeed and productive of much good. Mr. Stanford was compelled to leave us in January owing to his duties in the legislature. In the normal department the work has been well done by those students who took the course. I regret that owing to my other duties and the smallness of the faculty I was not able to give that attention to my classes that they ought to have had; nevertheless the work done was exceedingly good, all things considered. Special classes were convened in Latin, French, geometry, philology and logic, all of which were satisfactorily attended.

While we have no musical department organized as such, yet we were fortunate in securing the attendance of our gifted young brother, Mr. Squire Coop. It is not necessary for me to state anything as to the fitness and aptitude of Mr. Coop. That is well known to you all. I would strongly urge that some steps be taken to secure his services for the ensuing year.

A pleasing feature of our school this year and one which has undoubtedly been of great interest to the public was our Athenaeum meetings. To Mr. Stanford and Mr. Jones special thanks are due for their labors in this connection.

Of course you are well aware of the financial disabilities we were under during the past year and of the very discouraging circumstances surrounding the faculty. I desire to record my testimony to the faithfulness and courage of my assistants. They demonstrated themselves to be noble men and noble women and are deserving of much praise. I would like to state in this connection that it was a matter of regret to the teachers that the visits of members of your board were so very infrequent. A kind word of encouragement is a splendid inducement to work and is as good an incentive to teachers as it is to students, especially under the circumstances of last year; indeed the most assiduous student of all is the teacher.

My associations during the term of my principalship have been of the most pleasant nature and it is with regret that I sever my connection with the academy. Ogden is entitled to and will undoubtedly yet possess one of the best schools in the Territory. I trust that circumstances will soon arise that will relieve the board of the great load they are now carrying.

I would strongly recommend the board to lose no time in deciding upon the re-opening of the academy. A school is in a sense a business and ought to be conducted on a business basis. I visited most of the settlements in the interest of the Academy during the past winter and found that but a very small percentage of the people were cognizant of the full significance of the Church school system. I am well satisfied that if a good faculty were engaged now and the summer spent in advertising the

school, that the board would soon realize that treated as a business it would pay. This course was pursued at Provo and the result was an attendance the year before last of over 1,200. These suggestions are prompted by a sincere desire to see the Academy prosper and occupy the leading position which the Weber Stake has a right to expect it shall.

I trust that the spirit of peace and prosperity may attend you, and I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE F. PHILLIPS, M.A.,
Principal.

SANPETE STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Sunday school conference of the Sanpete Stake was held in Ephraim on Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd and 3rd, and was attended by Elders T. C. Griggs and J. W. Summerhays of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, who left this city on Friday afternoon, arriving at their destination at 7:30 p.m., and were soon made at home by the president of the Stake, Elder Canute Peterson, and "Grandma" Peterson, his untiring helpmeet. Elder Peterson claims that Ephraim cultivates the largest amount of land, for its supply of water, of any settlement in Utah.

The opening meeting of conference on Saturday at 10 a.m. convened in the cleanly kept and neatly furnished Tabernacle, and was most excellently attended. Stake Superintendent Geo. Christensen very gracefully made the introductory remarks, and some twelve superintendents made interesting reports of certain features of their schools.

In the afternoon a class each from Spring City, Mantli North and Mantli South wards, and Ephraim, under their respective teachers, gave examples of their class instructions and training, and so touching were some of the answers that tears came to many eyes. The exercises of the day were interspersed by brief remarks and questions by various brethren.

An evening session was held and a lecture on the S. S. teachers' work was given by Assistant Stake Superintendent Noyes, with a recitation by Sister Witbeck. Vocal music instruction in the Sunday School was treated upon by Elders Tollestrup and Griggs.

The two sessions on Sunday morning and afternoon were attended by large audiences, representatives from nearly every one of the 25 schools of the Stake being present. Spirited and instructive remarks were made by Assistant Stake Superintendent Nelson, Elders J. B. Maiben, T. C. Griggs, J. M. Tanner, Superintendent Christensen, J. W. Summerhays, President C. Peterson and Elder H. Beale. The administration of the Sacrament, presentation of S. S. authorities, reports and notices of jubilees, a violin duet, congregational singing, etc., varied the remarks of the brethren. The veteran S. S. worker, Elder John B. Maiben, identified with the pioneer work and organization of the Deseret Sunday School Union, gave appreciative countenance to the proceedings of the conference. Elder J. D. T. McAllister, president of the Mantli Tem-

ple, with members of the High Council, Bishops and leading men of the Priesthood were in attendance, and their supporting presence and influence aided much in the proceedings of the first annual Sunday school of Sanpete Stake. The genial outpouring of the Holy Spirit was generally enjoyed. The musical exercises of the Ephraim choir were of a most acceptable order; and that quite large body of singers contains a number of very superior voices.

This conference emphasized the fact that Stake Superintendent George Christensen and his assistants are not only energetic and intelligent Sunday school workers themselves, but are supported by a large body of officers and teachers who spare themselves no labor in carrying out their suggestions in endeavoring to make their schools places of most profitable and holy instruction to the youth of that Stake.

Elder Canute Peterson with his social, honest, cheerful disposition, born of his Norseman origin, is a man who blesses and is blessed; who loves and is loved; who respects and is respected, and therefore in his position as presiding officer of the Stake is a power in the Sunday school interest.

EXCITEMENT IN SEVIER.

[Richfield Advocate, June 6.]

Many of the people of Monroe are excited over the discovery of rich gold bearing quartz in the canyon about a mile and a half above town. Several prospects have been located in the Main canyon; a specimen from one assayed \$7.55 gold and \$10 of silver; from another \$11.80 gold, \$15 of silver, 35 per cent copper, and 2 per cent manganese. It is now quite certain that the red ore discovered is cinnabar, as it carries so much quicksilver. There appears to be an immense amount of it and mining men say that it is far more valuable than a gold mine. Several men are at work sinking on the gold leads and the cinnabar ledge, and new developments are expected daily. The whole country is being staked off and many farmers have suddenly become miners.

Those who are interested in the Butcher mine in the Clear Creek country are awfully excited over the developments. A great amount of money has been spent in running drifts and tunnels, sinking and running cross cuts, and their joy may be imagined when on Saturday they cut the lead and took out several hundred pounds of what they think is extremely rich gold quartz. One piece weighing 103 pounds is on exhibition at H. P. Hanson's store. August Nielson of Richfield, and McVicker, of Salt Lake, are both making tests and the exact result will soon be known.

On returning from Marysvale last week J. S. Weaver called at our office and showed us a specimen of gold quartz taken from the Horse Heaven Blind lead, which carried gold to the enormous amount of \$96,000. The property is bonded by Mr. Lyons, of Marysvale.

There is still an abundance of water in the Monroe canyon. Should the water supply from this canyon increase during the next twenty years in the same proportion as it has in the last twenty, Monroe will have water to