

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

From Elder George Reynolds we have received a number of lesson leaflets prepared under the auspices of the Deseret Sunday School Union, by a committee with which he is connected. They are for the use of Sunday Schools and are admirably adapted to that purpose. The series which has come to hand relates exclusively to the Savior, each leaflet embodying a division of the subject, as follows: The birth of Christ, Jesus as a boy, The Testimony of John the Baptist, The Baptism of Jesus, The Temptation of Jesus, Jesus Cleanses the Temple, Jesus and Nicodemus.

Each of these subjective divisions is treated in this way: The locality in point is named; then follow quotations from scripture, statement of the lesson, appropriate notes, historical or otherwise; what is learned from the lesson, illustrative scriptural passages.

On the back of leaflet No. 1 are the following suggestions to Sunday school officers:

1. These lessons may be used either as the regular reading lessons of the Sunday school, or as supplementary thereto.

2. The "Lesson Statement," "What we may learn from this Lesson," and the "Notes," may each be read by one scholar, or by the teacher, or each sentence may be read by the scholars in rotation.

3. The "Questions" may be regulated according to the advancement of the class. The teacher in an advanced class can add to those given as he may deem advisable, or as the exercises of the class may suggest; the teacher in a less advanced class can select the simplest questions, or those he considers the most closely connected with the more important teachings of the lesson.

4. When the lesson is learned, those leaflets, which are the public property of the school, can be put away for future use; for those dated, that fact will not preclude them from being used afterwards at any time when the officers of the school may so decide.

The leaflets should be distributed at Sunday school to the teachers, and to those scholars who will promise to study them at home during the week. All scholars who are sufficiently advanced should be encouraged to study the lessons in this way.

This method of imparting information to children is excellent, being simple and effective, its systematic character being one of its chief advantages. The brethren engaged in the preparation of the leaflets are to be commended for the ingenious way in which the work is done.

ELDER COLLETT'S DEATH.

Enclose a copy of a letter just received from Elder John D. Rogers, containing details of my brother's sickness and death, in the City of

Mexico. It is quite a lengthy communication, but I ask you to kindly insert it in your columns as we have many relatives, both in Utah and Arizona, who will be most anxious to learn the particulars of the sad affair. In justice to Brother Rogers I give you his letter verbatim and am satisfied he did everything in his power to relieve the sufferings of Sylvester.

While it has plunged the whole family into unmitigated grief—especially as we cannot, at present, obtain his remains—we feel to say, "God's will be done," and rest assured that he wears the martyr's crown. Sylvester was to have been married to the daughter of President A. F. McDonald, of Mexico, immediately on his return home. Thus, besides the sorrow of our own family, life and light have been crushed out of the heart of a young and trusting woman, whose tears of anguish now mingle with memories of the noble deeds of the departed.

Sylvester was a twin, and had just passed his twenty-second birthday. He was persistent almost to stubbornness, and, though we knew he had suffered much from chills and fever, we never suspected that he was, or had been, seriously ill; hence the suddenness of the shock added to its bitterness.

Ever praying for God's blessings to rest upon the afflicted and those who have cause to mourn,

I remain, your Brother in the Gospel,
R. S. COLLETT.

VERNAL, Uintah County, Utah,
May 18th, 1889.

The following is Elder Rogers' letter:

ACADEMIA VALBUENA,
No. 5 Rejas de la Concepcion,
City of Mexico, May 8, 1889.

Reuben Collett, Vernal, Utah.

Dear Brother—Yesterday I wrote you of Sylvester's death on the 5th instant. Having been restored, in part, of fatigue, I proceed to give you a more full account of his sickness and death. April 24th he had a fever, supposing it to be a chill, but saying it was a very curious one. He immediately began the application of quinine in order to break it up. This did him no good apparently, and the nature of the fever being different to the usual chill, I told him we would have to do something else. Accordingly we got some catnip tea, and another herb called parajillo which helped him to a certain extent, but he gradually grew worse. Our experience being limited and not knowing the nature of the disease, we did not know what to do, but as he was in no wise dangerous until May 1st, we expected every moment for him to be changing for the better. On May 1st he was very uneasy and tolerably sick; first in bed, then out, up and down. Occasion called me out for about fifteen minutes. On returning I found him bowed before the Lord, supplicating protection from an evil spirit, said he, "The adversary has just given me a terrible shaking up; internally and im-

mediately agreed with him that Satan was trying to take possession of the habitation, for I had felt him for days; hence I joined, and we continued in fasting and praying until a quarter to three, when the answer to our petitions came, apparently in a bright light, saying, "All is well; the Lord's will be done." Just at that instant I repeated the same words and, feeling filled with the Holy Ghost, spoke with power, making many declarations of the goodness of Israel's God and of His miraculous protection over us for the past two years, saying "God's will be done." Sylvester then spoke in the same strain by saying that he would eventually meet family and friends with perfect satisfaction; but the thought struck me very forcibly that he did not say he should be restored and meet with those dear to him.

For about two months past he had often made remarks about the young at Lehi and Mesa who had passed behind the veil, which appeared to me very strange, and I asked him why he made such frequent and peculiar remarks. He answered, it was another of his peculiarities. He would say, "I wonder how it will be in meeting those who have passed and gone? Will one have the same satisfaction as here, or will things appear new and strange?"

But to return. He slept not one wink the night of the 1st, nor had he done so but one hour since Sunday. Next morning we decided to call in a physician, therefore went to a friend, Douglass A. Jones, who is a nice man, for recommendation to one who could be relied upon. He sent me to Sr. Vallejo, who I think did all he could, but the disease being a serious one, he had no success. The first day he hardly thought it was typhoid, but on returning the next morning there were sufficient visible spots to discern its nature. I being alone with him, and not daring to leave, a sister came in the afternoon to straighten up the house. I sent her to tell Brother Perez—a native Elder—to come and stay with me that I might get a little sleep, as I was greatly fatigued. He came, staying that night, giving me a little rest, and expecting to return the next night but was prevented. This day I was left alone, and, sad as it was, my feelings shall never be forgotten. He was quite rational in the forenoon, apparently feeling better. He ate some bread and drank some tea, saying that it was nice, but did not come as with an appetite, and said he could not believe it to be one. At 1:40, he began to wander in his mind, and was soon entirely out of his head, talking all the afternoon. At 4 p.m. Mr. Jones came to see how he was, feeling his condition, he immediately went for the doctor, who did not get there until 9:45; therefore you may imagine my waiting in despair. He brought a young man to stay with me, but on learning the nature of the disease he got frightened, and could not be persuaded to stay, only just long enough to go out for some medi-