

A combined Sunday school and kindergarten concert came off on Christmas eve. It was the best entertainment of the kind ever held in the place. We desire to make special mention of the efforts of the kindergarten children, as the little tots did their parts so charmingly. A Christmas tree was arranged with presents all made by their little fingers. These presents were called off and presented by the donor to loved ones. The kindergarten school has been conducted through the summer by Miss May Bullock, Miss P. E. Brown and Miss Alice Driggs, who have brought the little ones out in fine shape. Supt. S. H. Smith, of the Sunday school, with his aids have done well and deserve great credit for their efforts. "Rock of Ages" was presented in unique style. When the curtain rang up three old people were seated in rocking chairs, oscillating to and fro, and when the red lights were thrown on the effect was grand. "Joseph Smith rebuking the guard," and "The Three Witnesses," as also "The Assassination of the Prophet and Patriarch," were presented and these tableaux were very fine. A red streak of light was so arranged as to come upon the scene at the critical moment when the attempt was made to behead the Prophet. Those having the concert in charge are to be congratulated for the masterly manner in which everything was carried out.

Christmas was characterized by numerous dinners and social gatherings. The Scandinavians held services in the Tabernacle. A very enjoyable dance in Bear's hall wound up the day.

James D. Thorne met with a severe accident on Monday. While going down Provo hill with a load his team got the best of him and the wagon was upset upon the young man, severely injuring his shoulder. It was some time before he regained consciousness.

David Adamson and wife, of American Fork, lost their only daughter this week by diphtheria. She was seven years of age. The family have two more children ill of the same disease. Others in the town are afflicted with the malady.

TWO SAD DEATHS.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Mexico,
December 17, 1895.

I have to record some sad events that have plunged us in sorrow and affliction. Sister Laura McClellan-Whipple came to Colonia Juarez on a visit to her father and mother and enjoy with them the holidays. She was taken sick on the way and suffered from liver complaint. She had not been long at her home before it developed into jaundice with raging fever, and notwithstanding all that could be done, she died at Colonia Juarez at midnight, December 12, 1895.

Sister Laura Catherine Whipple was born June 9, 1875, at Payson, Utah county, Utah. She was the beloved daughter of William C. and Elsie Jane Richardson-McClellan, and a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Her funeral obsequies were held in the Juarez ward school house on the afternoon of Friday, December 13th, a large number of relatives and friends being present. Choir

sang "Nearer, My Savior, to Thee." Elder John C. Harper offered prayer. Choir sang "Songs of the Heart." Patriarch W. R. R. Stowell, Elders Miles A. Romney and George Teasdale were the speakers on the occasion, offering consolatory remarks. The choir sang "Sister thou wast mild and lovely," and Elder John J. Walker pronounced the benediction. At the graveyard Elder Teasdale pronounced the dedication and returned thanks in behalf of the family for assistance rendered during sickness and sympathy manifested on the occasion.

Since then we have all been painfully shocked at the loss of our beloved sister Mary Loretta P. Teasdale, the first counselor to President Dora W. Pratt, of the presidency of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement associations of the Juarez Stake of Zion, and president of the Stake presidency of the Primary associations, who has been so faithful and devoted in her much appreciated labors. Sister Teasdale has been ailing for some time but would not give up, but during the last five weeks she had been confined to her room, faithfully waited on by her family and Sister Phoebe I. Alfred, her nurse. All that affection could suggest in help given and faithful administrations and fervent prayers were offered in hope her life and usefulness might be continued on earth, but it has pleased our Father in heaven to take her from this probationary testate to labor in a brighter and higher sphere.

Sister M. L. P. Teasdale was born May 26th, 1863, at Nephi, Juab county, Utah. She was the daughter of James and Jane Pictou. She has always been devoted to the cause of the Redeemer. Nearly four years of her life was spent in the Liverpool office and many of the missionaries will remember her kindly services. She has been a devoted laborer in the Mexican mission in the Relief Societies, Young Ladies Improvement and Primary associations, advocating the principles of the everlasting Gospel and bearing a faithful testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ upon the earth in these last days. She was an intelligent woman well informed in the doctrine of Christ and the Bible and Book of Mormon scriptures, and the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Her lectures were always interesting and instructive.

Her funeral obsequies were held on Sunday, Dec. 15th, in the Juarez ward schoolhouse. The officers and members of Y. L. M. I. and Primary associations met at her residence and the children sang the Primary hymn "Great Shepherd of the Sheep." Then a procession was formed to the schoolhouse. Bishop Geo. W. Sevey presided. The house was filled to overflowing, the Relief Society, Young Ladies' Improvement and Primary associations being fully represented with all the officers and members. The choir sang the hymn: "Mourn not the dead who peacefully lay their wearied bodies down." Patriarch William R. R. Stowell offered prayer. Choir sang: "It is well." Counselor Miles P. Romney and Elder Edward Stevenson preached the funeral discourse. Their remarks were full of con-

solation and encouragement, as they testified to the faithful labors of the departed, the value of a well spent life and the certain recompense of reward in a glorious resurrection. The choir sang: "Nearer my God to Thee." Benediction was pronounced by Elder Miles P. Romney. Then the congregation took a last look of the calm, pale face of the deceased, and a long procession followed to the graveyard, where the body was consigned to the tomb, Bishop George W. Sevey offering the dedicatory prayer.

A great deal of affectionate sympathy and condolence have been manifested to the family by the Saints, for her loss is a public one; she was beloved by all.

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THE WORLD'S CONDITION.

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Indian Territory, Dec. 19, 1895.

I humbly solicit a short space in your interesting paper. We are nearing one more mile stone in the world's history, and an interesting question is, "Is the world any better for the blessings and teachings that whispering angels have dictated through the servants of Him who rules the heavens and earth?" A more terrible and at the same time calm and truthful denunciation cannot be found in any language than is contained in the twenty-third chapter of Matthew regarding those who are breaking the laws, and changing the ordinances, and thereby leading the children of God into darkness, instead of putting them in that straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life.

What is the duty of the Latter-day Saints during the trouble that is coming on the world, and their proper attitude toward the two opposing classes now so prominent throughout the universe? That some of the Saints will be in the flesh at the winding up scene is a scriptural declaration, but their positions at that time will be different from that of others; not so much that they will be miraculously saved, but in the fact that having received the word of God and lived up to the commandments that He has given for the perfecting of His Saints, they will not feel the same anxiety and hopeless dread that will come over the rest of the world. You perhaps ask why? Because they will recognize that it is the preparation according to God's plan for blessing the whole of His people, and the Saints will be cheered, and comforted through it all.

A prominent duty of Latter-day Saints is to let the world see that in the midst of the prevailing trouble and discontent, and even while they share the trouble and suffer under it, they are hopeful and cheerful, always rejoicing in view of the glorious outcome of the promises of our Lord and Savior. The Apostles tell us that godliness with contentment is great gain, and, though this has always been true, I can tell you it will have double force in these the last days, when discontent is the chief ailment among all worldly classes; to these the Latter-day Saints should be a notable exception.

There never was a time when dissatisfaction was so wide-spread; and yet there never was a time when men generally enjoyed so many favors and blessings at the hands of our Heavenly