

Elder G. S. Bastian of the Stake Presidency spoke a short time, bearing his testimony to the greatness of the Sunday school work. He also spoke on other subjects of interest to Sunday school workers.

President Joseph Eckersly spoke of the good works of one of our most earnest co-laborers, Abraham H. Cannon, whose funeral services were being held at the present time in Salt Lake City.

Elder Maesser gave us what he said a funeral sermon for Brother Cannon. He held his course in life up for the youth of Zion as an example that could be followed with profit.

A dialogue by second intermediate department of the Lyman school and a class exercise by primary department of Loa school, were then given, and Elder Maesser spoke a short time giving general instructions and mentioned the small hymn book recently got out.

Superintendent Eckersly spoke a short time, and conference adjourned for one year.

A good spirit was manifested throughout the entire conference. The attendance was large with the exception of Saturday morning, when a heavy rain fall prevented those from a distance from coming. One of the most enjoyable times the Saints of Wayne Stake have is the annual Sunday school Stake conference, and we hope this will ever be the case.

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Assistant Secretary.

### A LOST CHILD.

RAYMOND, Idaho, Aug. 3, 1896.

July to this part of the country has been a fine growing month. The hay crop is unusually good; grain could not look more favorable—in fact the season has been admirable for all kinds of produce. Up to this date we have had but one frost, and that came on the 24th of June and did but little damage.

There is some immigration from the East passing through to the coast, some to settle in Oregon, Washington, and Nevada; some are stopping in Jackson valley to make homes. A man whose name I did not learn left Jackson valley for the Teton Basin and arriving at Raymond, put up at the Jones House, and during the night died. He was buried at the Raymond cemetery; he had been sick for some time.

On Saturday, August 1st, Brother Griffith and family went to the mountains foruckleberries. When leaving the wagon to reach for berries they left their little five-year-old daughter in care of an older child. These two started off to hunt for berries and became separated, and the youngest was lost. Brother Griffith on returning and learning of the absence of his child, commenced searching and with the aid of some neighbors they hunted all night. The next morning the assistance of a faithful dog was had; he took the child's track and followed it until he came to where the little darling lay down to rest. Being weary, the child had fallen asleep, and if I am not wrongly informed, was asleep when found by her father, who took up the child and many kisses mingled with tears were impressed on her

cheeks. He gave the glad news to the other searchers, who soon came up to behold the little darling eating a bit of bread while sitting on a boulder.

The writer some eighteen years ago was called one cold, blustry night, early in the spring, to go and help hunt a child that had strayed from home. We took all the lanterns that could be had and then built a number of fires to assist in keeping ourselves in shape in trying to trace the child. I never can forget that weeping mother, and her pitiful moans could be heard above the howling of the fierce winds. The search was kept up until 10 o'clock the next day, when a man noticed a pair of bald eagles wheeling around in a circle. He immediately proceeded to the spot directly under the birds and found the child with its head resting on its arm, and the arm on a rock. The cold, stormy night had done its work and the gentle spirit had taken its flight.

Too often do we read of children being lost; watch them, they are our precious charges and we can not be too careful with them.

NE PLUS ULTRA.

### TWO MUSICAL GENIUSES.

I have just spent an hour of exalted delight in the company of youthful genius—a product of our own "mountain home." I have often dreamed of what a pleasure it would have been to have had the privilege of associating with and watching the great development of the wonderful Mozart, or the later and perhaps more refined Mendelssohn as their great musical gifts opened into perfect bloom, while yet in the sunshine of youth. But dreams became a reality today, and lost none of their charms by the transition, as I sat and listened to the charming and intricate work of the Bear Lake boy, Arthur Shepherd.

How my heart warmed up to him as he dashed out, without overboldness or restraint through the intricate windings of his "prelude and fugue" so modernly and unobtrusively! Not merely wonderful for a Rocky Mountain lad, but wonderful for a lad of any land and more; fitting for a musician of any land. It was music the sort of which the community has not yet begun to learn the significance of. My heart fails me when I think of the trials that must have beset him in creating such gems, so seldom to be understood, hence the more appreciated.

There is no halting here. It is on, on, with the freedom of a swallow on the wing. And only seventeen! Heaven-blest boy, may you be the man that you are the musician, and if so the world will be brighter and better for your having dwelt to it. Happy the teacher and able need he be to direct such a talent as yours. It may be well that he has to struggle, and has parents who struggle for him, as it may develop self-sustaining characteristics that do not always accompany genius. But it would be an honor to a community to see to it that the progress of such a one was never retarded by the struggle for the "wherewith." Had I confidence that the people would arouse to merit the acoustic properties of our great Tabernacle would serve at once to relieve him of all financial concern for one year at least, and of

giving the people upon whom his genius will reflect with much credit the opportunity of hearing and honoring him.

His best work as yet is written for piano, though I have a four-part piece, for voices and accompaniment, which shows the same genius, if not the same facility of treatment. All in all, it is a delight to speak of him as a modest, unassuming, wonderfully talented boy.

As I gaze on this "star of the north" I cannot forget a companion star in the south. A few years farther along on the path of life and perhaps without the rugged strength of the younger, but an incomparable, amiable vein of charming melody bubbling forth and taking upon itself the beautiful harmonic garb that "masters" only conceive of, and made doubly interesting in the conception of orchestral coloring with which he adorns his music—young J. J. McLelland of Payson, (soon to be of Salt Lake where he will give us the benefit of his talented labors.)

Before discovering the young shepherd I had riveted my gaze upon him as the sole rising star of real magnitude; now that there are two, his light shines none the less bright, they are similar only in that they are both geniuses. The latter conceives his beautiful music more in the massive form, for chorus and orchestra than does the former. The former, though in a narrower channel as yet, travels with a firmer step, sweeps ahead with a more unobstructed rush. Both are strictly modern in their tendencies—the first excelling in a general refinement, the latter in noble strength.

Travel on, my boys, on your glorious career; and let me assure you there is one that I can speak for, whose heart leaps to your music. Help as you move along and bring the people you adorn, up to appreciate not only your own inspired works, but those of masters who next to the Creator of all, have lent us inspiration to strive and accomplish. EVAN STEPHENS,

Salt Lake City, August 5, 1896.

### APPLICATION OF STATE LAWS.

In an opinion to the State Board of Equalization, Attorney General Bishop says:

I have before me your favor of August 1st, in which you ask to be advised upon the question submitted by the county assessor of Sanpete county, to-wit: "Does the county pay the assessor and deputies in full and draw on the State for one half, or must we look to the State directly for one half of our pay; the county does not know how to interpret the law on that subject."

I am of opinion that the provisions of section 166 of the county government bill, found on page 571 of the laws of Utah of '96 sufficiently answer the above inquiry; it provides in substance that the treasurer and auditor of each county shall, at such times as the board of county commissioners may designate, prepare, in duplicate and verify under oath full and complete itemized statement \* \* \* \* \* of all warrants drawn for the salaries of county attorney, county treasurer and county assessor, setting forth the number of the warrant; date of the same;