

11. To Brother C. H. Barrell and his corps of messenger boys for the effective work performed by them;

12. To the brothers and sisters who so kindly opened their houses for the accommodations of those who were not otherwise provided for; and in conclusion to all those who took part in any manner to make this, the first Sunday School convention, the grand success which has attended its sessions."

Elder François M. Lyman moved that the convention adjourn without date. Carried.

Singing. Benediction by President Joseph F. Smith.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The bursting of a steam pipe in the Tabernacle Sunday made imperative the holding of the regular afternoon service in the Assembly Hall, which was crowded beyond its capacity, a large corps of Sunday school workers being in attendance. The services were of an interesting and instructive character, and Elder Charles W. Penrose, of the Stake presidency, presided.

The choir sang the anthem:

Light and truth the world are waking.

Prayer was offered by Elder Orson Smith.

Jesus I my cross have taken.

Elder Henry Kinsman, a returned missionary from the New England States, was introduced to the congregation as the first speaker. Elder Kinsman reported having labored for two years in the section of country to which he was assigned, his lot being especially cast with the people of Boston, where he assisted in organizing the first conference of the Church established in that section for forty years. Being a center of learning, said the speaker, it was difficult at first to break down the barriers of prejudice which there existed concerning Mormonism. But the seed was being sown by humble young missionaries, and already their work had been productive of much good. The speaker felt that he had been blessed while laboring as a missionary, and exhorted the young men of Zion to prepare themselves for such a duty.

Elder Alonzo E. Hyde Jr., who had been laboring as a missionary in Germany, was the next speaker. In relating his experience in that part of the world, Elder Hyde expressed pleasure at knowing that the Lord was with His servants while laboring in the ministry, and spoke of the blessing that had followed him in his wanderings in a foreign land. He had been privileged to preach the Gospel unto the royalty of the German empire, and although his utterances then were in broken German, he believed they had had a good effect as an invitation to call again followed. Elder Hyde was thankful for the privilege he had had in spreading the Gospel, and advised the young men to cleave unto the truth, for it was the power of God unto salvation. By request he bore his testimony in the German language, his delivery being quite fluent, and showing a marked familiarity with the language.

Elder George Maycock, an arrival from the Southern States, next spoke. He testified that nothing would bring such contentment to the young people of Zion, as truly as did a mission among strangers. Then they were forced to put their dependence in God, and in humility they went forth preaching the Gospel, feeling that the Father would fulfill His promises in their behalf. And these promises were fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the young man who a few months before had known little, if anything, concerning his maker and his attributes. Elder Maycock had been given a testimony of the divinity of the work in which he was

engaged. He knew that this Church was presided over by men fearless and undeviating in the Gospel, and expressed a belief that they who would say aught against such men, were fighting against God the Father.

Elder Nephi Y. Taylor was introduced as the next speaker. His lot, said he had been cast with the people of Switzerland and Germany, where he had experienced. Much joy and happiness in the promulgation of Gospel principles. In Dresden where the speaker last labored, the work was progressing nicely and the Elders were much encouraged at the prospects before them. Elder Taylor reported having visited the conferences in Norway and surrounding country, all of which, said he, were flourishing and in good condition. The young Elders were doing a good work and God was blessing them in their labors, so that there was no need for anxiety on the part of parents concerning the safety of their sons preaching the Gospel. Closing the speaker bore a fluent testimony in the German tongue.

Elder Francis M. Lyman of the Council of the Apostles, addressed the congregation. It was always a pleasure, said he, to listen to the testimonies of returned missionaries and his sympathies went out to them when called upon to address the Latter-day Saints. Their labors had been well performed, and on that score there was no need for fear or question. It behooved them, however, to cleave unto the Lord, to keep the harness on and be found in the future valiant workers for the cause of truth, for which they had made so much sacrifice. The evil one was always on the alert to trap and ensnare those who would do the will of the Lord and keep His commandments. Such people were his especial prey, and therefore they would guard well their actions and do nothing that in any way would tend to rob them of the Holy Spirit, which would lead and guide them into all truth.

Elder Lyman bore testimony to the saving power of the Gospel and declared that its principles were such as to commend themselves to every honest soul living, who would investigate them with a pure and honest purpose. The work of the Lord was to be perpetuated in the earth, and it was necessary that the Saints remain faithful in order to assist in its perpetuation. The Lord had spoken from the heavens. He had given unto the children of men a plan whereby they could be saved and brought back into His presence. He had revealed Himself unto mankind in this dispensation and had spoken so clearly and distinctly as to leave no doubts in the mind of man as to what was required in order to work out a salvation in His kingdom. Such being the case it was necessary that the Gospel be preached unto every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and in the due time of the Lord this would be brought about, leaving no excuse whatever for a non-compliance with His laws and requirements.

The speaker testified that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of the Lord. This testimony, he declared, was one possessed by all who were in the enjoyment of the Holy Spirit. None who were living their religion, but could so testify. It was a truth and had become an actual knowledge to those who were serving God with full purpose of heart. The authorities of this Church were men of God. If it were not so they would not be found occupying such holy and righteous positions. The Lord had established His Church here upon the earth, and had designed that it remain and His work be perpetuated. It was expedient that the young people of Zion gain an early knowledge of the divinity of the Gospel that their lives might be spent in the service of the

Father. To know God, His plans and His attributes, was a boon to the human family—a blessing above everything else, even the possession of untold worldly riches.

Elder Lyman spoke of the mission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His sufferings here upon earth, from His coming to His crucifixion. The sacrifice made for the benefit of the human family was a great one. It entailed the deepest agony and misery, yet withal, He felt to ask God to forgive His persecutors, pleading at the time, that they knew not what they did. The human family owed a debt of gratitude to their Savior, which, if they would repay exacted of them allegiance to the laws and requirements laid down for their guidance and final exaltation. If they would comply, joy was theirs, their sorrows would be eliminated and God the Father would bless them beyond measure.

President George Q. Cannon spoke of the pleasure it always gave him to listen unto the testimonies of humble Elders returning from the mission field. The Lord was raising up a band of energetic, faithful ambassadors, whose testimonies would do much to convert the world to the principles of Mormonism. President Cannon urged the young Elders to continue their labors in the Gospel, to shun evil companions and to evade everything that would in any wise tend to draw them away from the truth. Evil agencies were abroad in the land, which, if not guarded against, would cause the downfall of those who had formerly been loyal to the cause of God. Missionary work should be continued at home; the opportunities were abundant and all should strive to continue in the harness.

The choir sang the anthem;

Let the mountains shout for joy.

Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wm. B. Preston.

GOOD WORK PROGRESSING.

Lima, Montana, Nov. 12, 1898.

The Lord is still attending the labors of His servants in this portion of His vineyard. We have been traveling here for the past seven months, and we have truly been blessed in our travels. Our labors have been a pleasure to us. The people are very hospitable throughout this part of Montana and we have found many friends. We have seen the power of God made manifest by the healing of the sick through the laying on of hands and in various experiences. The Saints of Lima, Montana, as a rule are very congenial. There is no class distinction here. They are united in their gatherings and sociables. Presiding Elder Wm. Hopkins is their leader.

Sister Edith Warton and Sister Purdie who at one time resided at Logan and Sister Child, formerly from Ogden together with other sisters of the branch, contrived to give the traveling Elders a surprise before we left to attend the conference that will convene at Butte in near future. On that occasion Brothred Hopkins spoke in behalf of those present and presented us with their best wishes and a purse to help to defray our expenses in traveling to conference. Presiding Elder Hopkins is highly esteemed here by those in the Church and out of the Church.

Your friend and brother,

ANDREW KING JR.

Logan papers are requested to copy this.

John Grady, a well known employe of the Baldwin hotel, San Francisco, is indirectly another victim of the fire. Grady became greatly excited on the night of the big blaze, and his heart being weak, he has been ill with heart attacks ever since. He died this morning. He is from New York where he had many relatives.