

that we may be enabled to accomplish it in such a way that the Lord and his faithful Saints will accept of it. We have printed already eight sheets or forms; there will be about 50 altogether, making a handsome book of about 800 pages.

The gospel is making fine progress in these lands. During the last nine months about 900 have been added to the Church in Scandinavia by baptism, and we have already the present season shipped to Utah about 800 "Mormon" emigrants. The prospects for the future progress of the work is very encouraging and promising. Our meetings in this great city are invariably well attended, and the Lord is with us and gives us the spirit of testimony and enables us by his power to speak with effect like men of God. I glory more and more in the great latter-day work, and my desires are to labor with all the ability and strength which the Lord in his great mercy has bestowed upon me for the promotion of his work upon the earth, whether at home or abroad.

BEAVER, Sept. 28, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

If the facts set forth are not of themselves a sufficient apology for my frequent communications then I have none to offer, only that I regret the necessity of trespassing so much on your valuable space, yet with it all I confess that I am only a long hand reporter. I think your readers ought to know that when the "Liberals" (?) of Beaver County learned after the August election that several precincts were likely to be thrown out they were quite jubilant over the matter. The legality of the move was not questioned, it was just to their hand; they could show some dozen or fourteen illegal votes cast in Beaver precinct and this would break up the entire election, of course they would like to see that done "just for the fun of the thing." Well there must be a beginning somewhere. So an honorable attorney and leading "Liberal" goes before the District Clerk and files an affidavit that the Assessor and Collector had never called on him to register and that his name was illegally on the registry list. He of course walked in before the canvassing board, big as life, affidavit in hand, to break up the vote of Beaver precinct, but alas for fallen humanity, the wicked county clerk, who was one of the board, stepped to a pigeon hole in his secretary and pulled out the affidavit of the said attorney, sworn to before the assessor and collector as required of every voter, and behold it had the signature of the said attorney in his own hand-writing. Others came to enquire after their affidavits, with the same result, but took the precaution to merely assert that they had not been visited without filing affidavits. It was almost too bad that all their "fun" should be spoiled by the county clerk preserving those affidavits of registry. Why, sir, they were on little slips of paper not wider than your hand, and it would perhaps have taken a dozen of them to light one fire, but small as they were they saved the election and spoiled the "liberal fun."

I understand that Ben Tasker has been seen in Arizona on his way to Mexico, and may be in the latter dominion soon if not at present writing. As there is no extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico, once across the line he will be as safe as a Mexican raider, and will probably join some of these marauding bands; justice must and will overtake him sooner or later. Possibly the Arizona report may not be correct, but it comes from what is apparently an authentic source.

D. TYLER.

Monthly Meeting of The Deseret Sunday School Union.

The monthly meeting of the Deseret Sunday School Union was held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, October 7th.

General Superintendent George Q. Cannon presided.

The opening exercises were singing two of the songs out of the Union song book by the 15th and 16th Ward choirs, and prayer by Bishop B. F. Johnson.

The following Stakes were represented: Bear Lake, Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Millard, Salt Lake, St. George, Tooele, Utah, Weber and Wasatch.

Supt. Goddard said he would like

to hear from the Stake superintendents whether quarterly reviews or annual jubilees were held in the different Stakes, also if the sacrament was administered in the Sunday Schools, and if the teachers were set apart and blessed and whether the children were encouraged to commit to memory the articles of faith, and if all the schools were well supplied with the *Juvenile Instructor*, first and second readers and song books, and if the published rules were being generally carried out.

Supt. Ballantyne of Weber Stake responded to the call by saying that the efforts of the Union in introducing suitable reading matter for the children was very much appreciated in the Weber Stake. The sacrament was administered in most of the schools, also the children generally had committed to memory the articles of faith. They were endeavoring to carry out the rules as published, and held annual jubilees. They were not as well supplied with the readers and song books as they should be, but hoped soon to be so.

Supt. David John said the sacrament was administered in all the Sunday Schools in Utah Stake. Most of the children had committed the Articles of Faith to memory. Had taken great interest in our Sunday Schools for a number of years, and showed the benefits arising from them to the youth in preparing them for future ministry. He said great efforts were being made to induce our children to attend sectarian schools, but with little success.

Assistant Supt. Powell gave a brief and favorable report of the Sunday Schools in Millard Stake.

President J. D. T. McAllister said the superintendents of Sunday Schools in the St. George Stake had all been set apart, but not the teachers. In visiting the Stake, himself and counsellors made it a rule always to visit the Sunday Schools, and noticed that most of the Bishops attend, presiding and directing the administration of the sacrament. He thought it incorrect to ask strangers, when visiting our Sunday Schools, to address our children. The superintendents were instructed to advise the children to attend to baptism, and thought that great responsibility rested on parents who neglected to attend to this duty.

Supt. J. B. Maiben said they had held two Sunday School jubilees the

past year, in the Sanpete Stake, when the progress of the children was very much noticed; said they were as much appreciated by the children as our Conferences are to good Latter-day Saints.

O. C. Ormsby, Stake superintendent of Cache County, reported 28 Sunday Schools, with about 5,000 members. They have annual jubilees and quarterly reviews, the object being to refresh the minds of the children in the things they learn from Sunday to Sunday. They have primary classes organized to prepare and qualify the members for teachers, and have instituted through the Seventies a way to get the children to attend Sunday Schools and thus keep them off the streets on Sunday, and the plan works so well that there are none to be found running the streets now.

Apostle W. Woodruff, by request, gave a brief account of the Sunday schools in Arizona, he stated that in Sunset where he stayed some months, every child over five years of age attended Sunday school, and while there he never heard a person use an oath, or saw a quarrel, and there is no tea, coffee, tobacco or intoxicating drinks used in the settlement.

Apostle Moses Thatcher said he had labored over ten years in our Sunday schools, and the time spent there had given him great pleasure, and while not wishing to draw comparisons, yet he said he always enjoyed his visits to the Wellspring Sunday school where there is such order, quietness, respect and reverence.

General Superintendent Geo. Q. Cannon said he had noticed in hearing the report read that our children under eight years of age numbered about one-third of our population. This would give some idea of the emigration of spirits that was going on as spoken of by Brother Woodruff. Respecting the movement made in Cache County to keep the children off the streets on Sunday, he thought it a good one; he wished the Bishops of this Stake would send out the teachers to gather in the children to our Sunday schools. Great pains had been taken to publish books, also songs and music, and hoped the Union would be sustained in their endeavors in this direction, and no one in purchasing them need be afraid of contributing to private

speculation. He strongly recommended the setting apart and blessing the teachers and officers of Sunday schools; said that the sacrament should be administered in every school, as counseled by President Young, and since referred to the Twelve Apostles.

Another matter before us as a Sunday School Union, we have been asked to furnish gratuitous catechism for the Sandwich Island mission, and after a while books will be needed for the Lamanites, and what organization can better attend to this than the Deseret Sunday School Union, and how shall we meet this call. Would the superintendents be in favor of a five cent subscription?

A motion was made and seconded that the children of the Sunday schools be requested to give a donation for this purpose, which was unanimously carried. And it was then announced that the donation after being collected was to be handed in to John C. Cutler, treasurer pro tem., Salt Lake City.

Meeting was then adjourned for one month.

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