

for this was introduced at the last session of the legislature, but was defeated. The number of these sightless children was increasing in Utah, and he hoped that something would soon be done for them. One way to deal with both questions would be to consolidate schools for the benefit of the unfortunate young.

Bishop Leonard told of the charitable work done by the Episcopal church since its establishment here in 1867. Many thousands of dollars had been expended in assisting the worthy poor. St. Mary's hospital was established in 1872, and that institution grew gradually until it had assumed its present proportions. Within about eight weeks the new hospital building near the Warm Springs would be occupied, and then he hoped the usefulness of the institution would be increased.

Miss Baker, of the Congregational church, briefly outlined the work of the charitable society of that church.

TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION.

This ended the reports, and Prof. Metcalf spoke of the necessity of a territorial organization to systematize charitable work and to secure needed legislation.

Bishop Leonard heartily endorsed the suggestion and moved that a committee consisting of one representative from each of the fifteen societies represented in the conference, be appointed to consider the matter and report later on. The motion was carried and the president named Prof. Metcalf, D. W. Stafford, Dr. Pike, Bishop Leonard, Rev. Adams, Mrs. Mary Grant Majors, Mrs. C. H. Read, Mrs. L. Hyams, E. M. Allison, Mrs. J. H. Ferry, Mrs. E. B. Wells, Mrs. Dr. Pratt, Miss Emma McCornick, Miss Anna Baker, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. C. Paddock.

The conference adjourned to meet in St. Mark's school house next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, to hear the report of the committee.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion was held in the Assembly Hall at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 4th, Elder Angus M. Cannon presiding.

There were present Elder John Henry Smith; also Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake Presidency; three High Counselors; five Patriarchs; Wm. C. Duhaar of the Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum; seventeen Presidents of Seventies and sixteen Home Missionaries.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Sixth, Tenth and Twelfth city wards, and Pleasant Green of the county.

Eighteen quorums of Elders were represented by their presiding officers, viz: The First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second quorums.

The Sabbath schools of the Stake were represented by Superintendent Thomas C. Griggs.

Upon the recommendation of their respective Bishops, thirteen brethren received certificates authorizing their

ordination to the office of Elder. Each of the brethren recommended promised to honor and magnify his calling as Elder if ordained.

In response to a question by one of the brethren,

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spoke regarding the treatment of certain classes of transgressors among the Saints. He stated that in case of offenses committed against the welfare of the community, the reparation should completely cover the offense. If the act has been public, the reparation should be public also. No reason was apparent to the speaker for making public offenses not generally known, for which reparation and confession may be made privately. In all such cases the Bishop and his Counselors may make the matter right with the parties, without submitting them to the inconvenience of exposure. The speaker dwelt also upon the necessity of giving the young people a faith in their parents' religion, for the seed thus sown will produce good fruits.

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remarked that in his opinion prevention should if possible be used against the offenses named by Elder Smith. Too much latitude had been given our young people. Parents should exercise a more strict control over their children. The request was made that persons applying for baptism come to the appointed place promptly at 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the Tuesday preceding Fast-day. It will be impossible to admit any one to the rite if he applies at a later hour than 11 a.m.

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announced the Stake conference and Priesthood meeting, which will convene in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, March 4, 1893, at 10 a.m. He requested that all necessary arrangements be made, ushers being appointed for the two days—Saturday and Sunday—and all reports handed in by the various organizations.

He referred to the insidious influences exerted by some of the so-called religionists in our midst, tending to produce infidelity in the minds of the young. He requested the brethren to be vigilant in counteracting the evil effects of such efforts.

Adjourned to Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m.

TOOELE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Tooele Stake Conference was held in Grantsville, Tooele county, on Sunday, January 22, 1893, Elder H. S. Gowans, President of the Stake, presiding. Apostle Francis M. Lyman was present.

After the opening exercises at the morning meeting, President Gowans briefly addressed the congregation. He reported the Stake as in good condition generally. He also spoke of the prospects of completing the Salt Lake Temple, and said it was very gratifying to him to find the people so willing to contribute.

Bishop Wrathall, Bishop Shields, Counselor Robert Skelton and Bishop Moss reported the condition of the wards under their charge, and the Relief Society, Sunday School, Primary and Mutual Improvement organizations thereof.

On Sunday afternoon, Elder Joseph W. Young addressed the meeting on the sacrament and under what conditions it should be partaken of. He also spoke of the divine mission of Jesus Christ and of His appearance to the Prophet Joseph in this dispensation. The restoration of the Gospel and the rise of the Church in latter days were also dwelt upon by the speaker, who exhorted the Saints to live lives of purity and faith.

Apostle F. M. Lyman followed. He spoke of the Temple fund and said the people had done extraordinarily well in that respect. He wished every family to have an opportunity of donating something for finishing the Temple in Salt Lake City. He also desired the people to prepare themselves to go into that sacred house of the Lord, and to worthily partake of the blessings to be obtained therein.

On Monday morning the conference again convened, and Elder John Alstrom and Bishop John Sharp reported their wards. In St. Johns there had been so much sickness that the Sunday school had to be closed.

Elder A. G. Johnson gave a favorable report of the Sunday schools throughout the Stake.

Elder Richards congratulated the people on the generally favorable report made, and exhorted them to continue faithfully in their duties.

Elder Chas. L. Anderson addressed the congregation on the subject of temples. At the close of his remarks, the general Church authorities and Stake officers were unanimously sustained.

Elder Jos. B. Young was the closing speaker at the meeting, his subject being the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

On Monday afternoon Apostle F. M. Lyman addressed the congregation. He related his experiences at the dedication of temples built by the Saints in this generation. The divine manifestations on these occasions depended on the moral condition of the people. Tooele had taken the lead over all the other Stakes in Zion in contributing to the Salt Lake Temple, and he wished its people, if possible, to take the lead in purity and good feeling. They should settle all of their difficulties and be reconciled and true to each other, seeking the well-being of all. He also advised the brethren, both old and young, to abstain from smoking. If any insist on using tobacco they should have sufficient consideration for the feelings of those to whom it is disagreeable to at least not force this objectionable feature into their presence. Elder Lyman also gave the young people excellent advice upon their conduct in each other's society, and counseled them to be pure in thoughts, words and actions. He exhorted the Saints to live up to their duties in the Church and remember their offerings for the poor, their tithing, etc. He did not wish anybody to pay unwillingly to any of these funds. These duties should be attended to willingly or not at all.

After singing and prayer, the conference adjourned for three months.

T. WILLIAMS,
Clerk of Conference.

During 1892 Rock Springs consumed forty-eight carloads of flour.