

George Carter, Sixteenth school.....	30 00
Henry Cumberland, Hunter.....	30 00
Charles Hunt, Seventeenth school.....	35 00
Hans Hylander, Eighteenth school.....	20 00
James Derbridge, Nineteenth school.....	45 00
Thomas Battison, Hooper.....	25 00
James E. Wellard, Twenty-first school....	50 00
Blanche Odea, Roberts' school.....	10 00
Albertine Struhs, Cone's.....	15 00
Teachers of Davis school.....	10 00
Maggie Lordan, Heiss.....	20 00
August Nordall, University normal.....	15 00
Ontario Addition school.....	12 00
Liberty park school.....	15 00

Adopted.

#### THE SCHOOL TAX REFUND.

Mr. Young in behalf of the finance committee reported that that committee, acting under the instructions of the board, had referred the matter of the refunding of the special school taxes before the attorney and he had stated that steps would be taken to have the matter adjusted by the courts.

#### BOOK COVERING.

Mr. Baldwin stated that the idea of covering the books with paper covers had been suggested to the committee on school work and he moved that the committee be authorized to use their own judgment as to whether the idea be carried out or not. Carried.

#### BILLS ALLOWED.

W. F. Jamison, taking census Eleventh ward.....	\$ 24 00
Miss A. E. Buchanan, taking census Twelfth ward.....	13 50
L. G. Worstell, taking census Ninth ward	12 00
Isaac Hunter, rent of Hunter building July and August.....	140 00
J. A. Heise, for rent for July.....	80 00
J. B. Moreton, clerk, for postage stamps.	7 00
Mason & Co., for merchandise.....	14 25
F. B. Allen, cutting iron.....	64 03
T. O. Armstrong, Jr., rent Armstrong building July and August.....	80 00
Salt Lake Gas Co., to gas used at board....	4 80
Kelly & Co., warrant books and copy book.....	18 50
A. Stefel, freight on books.....	227 10

Total.....\$683 10

Board adjourned for one week.

### FAITH IN THE OPERATIONS OF GOD

MANY intelligent people throughout the world regard the present disturbed condition of human affairs as a manifestation of divine displeasure because of the wickedness of this generation. The cholera has been spoken of in this connection by persons who have faith in God. We have shown that such views are not inconsistent and that current events are in exact harmony with the prophecies of Joseph Smith, the theme of whose predictions deals largely with events of the times. There is also a class of cynics in the world who are always ready to sneer at people who express any belief in divine interference with human concerns. They treat with ridicule any evidence of faith in Omnipotence with respect to the present phenomenal situation of earthly matters.

Those people who exclude God from exhibiting his hand in connection with the family of man have recourse to the worn out argument, if such it can be properly called, that diseases like cholera have swept the earth at different periods of the world's history, and it is therefore absurd to regard the present visitation as a judgment of God because of wickedness, and that it is especially ridiculous to claim it to be a latter-day divine scourge. It is not claimed by any intelligent Christian that the Almighty creates a new force or condition by which to accomplish His purposes. It is only held that the existing elements are used for this

object, and that they are merely shaped and operated by divine intelligence so as to attain the end in view. Because those conditions have existed in different ages does not support the theory of the non-interference of Deity.

It is asserted by those who combat the views of people who are enabled, by faith, to see the hand of God upon the nations, that the cholera scourge is merely caused by ignorance and neglect of proper sanitation, and by peculiar atmospheric conditions. Is it true, however, that the world is retrograding in an understanding of sanitary science and its application, while advancing in every other department of learning and its use for the benefit of man? Such an assumption is not creditable to the age we live in. And with regard to atmospheric conditions, are they or are they not directed by divine intelligence? Who is prepared to assert and maintain the negative of this question? Such a position might be assumed, but its intelligent maintenance would be attended with herculean difficulty.

Who, for instance, has discovered the primary cause of cholera? It is easy to answer flippantly that the causes consist of imperfect sanitation and peculiar atmospheric conditions, but these would only operate as dependent causes, producible by others. Then, it is easy to say that the primal cause is bacteria of a specific and peculiar kind, known as cholera germs. These again are not the primary cause of the disease. To discover it one must go behind the germ. So far as known no person has been able to do this. If it were possible to do this then, the scientific production of these bacteria would be possible. If this manufacture were within reach, then the eradication of the germs would be practicable by the extinguishment of the causes of production. And even if these discoveries should be made, that would not prove that divine intelligence did not make use of such means in order to accomplish providential purposes.

There are some peculiarities about cholera which do not appear to have been explained in harmony with the theory of unbelievers in divine interference with human concerns. If, for instance, the visitations of this disease are merely due to the absence of proper sanitation and certain conditions of the atmosphere, how is it that the malady is not always present when sanitation and the atmospheric situation are precisely similar as at times when it puts in an appearance and does its deadly work?

In reasoning thus we do not wish to be understood as supporting the idea that the scourge is not encouraged and fed by uncleanness and conditions of the air. But that is merely a matter of modification or aggravation and does not belong to the present argument. Then again, it is a peculiarity of the scourge that, whenever it has swept the globe, it has, after having worked havoc upon the people, disappeared with phenomenal suddenness, without any apparent change having occurred in relation to material conditions. What has destroyed the germs and caused the malady to take its flight? It is not an unpleasant belief nor an illogical inference to attribute the disappearance to a manifestation of divine mercy.

History furnishes many proofs of the wickedness of nations being paralleled by calamitous conditions. The record of ancient Israel furnishes an object lesson in that respect. When the Romans were simple and comparatively moral, they were mighty and prosperous. When they became voluptuous, malicious and corrupt they were visited with every species of affliction. In fact it would be difficult to find a clear instance in history of a nation or generation which was comparatively righteous being visited with scourges and disruptive conditions entailing untold suffering.

A belief in the manifestation of the divine hand in human afflictions does not imply that those who possess it attribute vindictiveness to Omnipotence. It is a recognition of the operation of the laws of nature and of God. When the statutes of God's universe are trampled upon, the consequences must follow, not only that justice may be upheld, but it ensues also as a corrective process provided in the divine economy. The believer in the dispensations of divine providence recognizes the hand of God as much in the showering upon the nations of blessings, as in the infliction of chastisement consequent upon broken laws.

### DEATHS.

**SCHLUTER.**—In the Seventeenth ward, Salt Lake City, September 3rd, 1892, of typhoid fever, Josephine D., daughter of Wm. H. and Josephine A. Schluter; born August 8th, 1877.

**WISEMAN.**—On the 31st of August, in Sugar House ward, of dysentery, in her 31th year, Mary Elizabeth, wife of William Wiseman; born in London, England.

**WIGNALL.**—At Payson City, Utah County, on August 26th, at 3:45 a.m., of heart failure, Grace, the daughter of William and Grace Wignall, aged 33 years ten months and 21 days.

**IRVINE.**—At 3:20 p.m. August 22, 1892, of general debility, Mrs. Agnes M. Irvine, wife of the late R. Irvine. The deceased emigrated from Pollockshaws, Scotland, in the fall of 1873.

**WAGSTAFF.**—Died in Big Cottonwood Ward, Salt Lake County, August 22nd, 1892, caused by a kick from a horse; William, son of John and Sarah Wagstaff, in the forty-fifth year of his age.

**ARMSTRONG.**—In the Sixteenth ward, Salt Lake City, August 30th, after an illness of three weeks of cholera infantum, Olive, daughter of John and Ruth Draper Armstrong; aged 1 year, 4 months and 14 days.

**STIRLING.**—On the 31st of August, in the Ninth Ward, of this city, Ruth, twin daughter of James and Catherine Stirling, aged 10 months and 15 days. Her twin sister, Jane, died ten days ago.

**PRATT.**—In Fairview, Idaho, July 26th, 1892, of mountain fever, Cora, daughter of M. W. and Mary C. Pratt; aged 7 years and 11 months. Deceased was born in Meadowville, Rich county, Utah.

**ROHNER.**—At New Harmony, Washington county, Utah, August 23rd, 1892, after an illness of two months and twenty-one days, Gertrude, daughter of Iocinda and John Rohner, aged 3 years, 4 months and 27 days. Cause of death, bean in the lungs.—[O.O.M.]

**HILTON.**—Died in the Twentieth Ward, or this city, at 8:30 a.m. this day, (after quite a brief illness), Anna A. Hilton, wife of Allen Hilton and second daughter of the late John Lyon and his wife Jeannette. Deceased was born January 8th, 1830, at Kilmarlock, Scotland, and emigrated to this city with the family in 1853. She was a true and devoted wife and mother, and of those who had unbounded faith in the Gospel. She has gone to her reward, leaving behind her a husband and seven children, besides a host of appreciative friends. Funeral notice bereafter.

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