

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Held in the Third Ward School-house, May 13th, 1883.

Having been called to order by Superintendent Evans, the school sang tune No. 41, "Beautiful Day of Rest." Prayer was offered by Elder John Hastings, continued by singing tune No. 40, "Cause of Truth." The Sacrament was administered by members of the school, and the minutes of the previous school were read and accepted.

Supt. Evans made a few opening remarks, which were followed by a song entitled, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," by members of the school.

Assistant Superintendent Thomas Y. Stanford then presented the officers and teachers of the school, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

Elder Samuel P. Richards gave a short address on "Everything in its time." He endeavored to show how necessary it is for Saints to attend to their duties at the proper time. Everything glides along smoothly for those who attend to their duties promptly and such persons meet with success in life, for they are capable of holding responsible positions and filling them nobly; while others, who are slack and negligent are liable to spend their time in idleness.

The remarks of Brother Richards was followed by a song entitled, "Work, for the Night is Coming," which was well rendered by members of the school.

Elder Pearson Ballinger next gave a short address on the "Sacrament." He realized that this was a subject of much importance and should be of interest to us all. We partake of the Sacrament in remembrance of the broken body of our Savior Jesus Christ, and it has been promised, that in-as-much as we partake of it worthily, we shall have eternal lives abiding within us. But if we partake of it unworthily, we eat and drink damnation to our own souls; hence it is necessary for us to keep our hearts pure and our hands unstained, so that partaking of the Sacrament may prove a blessing instead of a curse.

The next was a trio entitled "Mark the Merry Elms," by Misses Sally Ballinger and Annie and Rhoda Read.

This was followed by an essay on "Industry" by Miss Christiana Rasmusson.

A recitation entitled "Paddle Your Own Canoe," was well rendered by Miss Lizzie Dee, and succeeded by a song "Only a Pansy Blossom," which was also well rendered by Miss Nettle Nelson.

The next was a well written essay on "The Benefits Derived from Attending Sunday School," by Miss ^{M. Ballinger, and the} followed by remarks from Elder Hyrum H. Goddard. He expressed his pleasure at meeting with the school and listening to the interesting exercises which had been so well rendered. However, he would like to have seen more of the smaller students taking parts, as he realized that the Sunday School was more particularly for their benefit, and he hoped that at the next conference they would come forward and perform their share of the exercises. These conferences were held for the purpose of inviting the parents to meet with their children and see whether they are improving or not. But they must not expect the superintendents and teachers to accomplish everything alone, for that they cannot do. It is the duty of the parents to render them all their assistance possible; they should not only teach them good principles at home, but also send them to Sabbath School regularly and have them taught the principles of truth and honesty.

The next was a song entitled "The Might with the Right," by members of the school, and followed by remarks from Bishop Winslow Farr. It was a gratification to him to see the school progressing so rapidly, and he realized that this was not accomplished without a great deal of labor on the part of the superintendents and teachers. Our teachers are doing a good work, and much benefit will result from their labors. He hoped that the Sunday School would continue to progress, and that the children would pursue such a course as would exalt them in the Kingdom of God.

Counselor John Hastings was the next speaker. He rejoiced in seeing the children fulfilling their duties so nobly and realized that they were preparing themselves to carry on the great work which is soon to be rolled unto their shoulders. "We scarcely realize," said he, "the importance of this work; our children are brought up here in peace and know nothing about the wickedness which exists in the world; they are taught the principles of the Gospel in their innocence, and if they are faithful they will reap a great reward."

Supt. Evans thanked the members who had taken part in the exercises for their services, and hoped that they would continue to labor unanimously together for the interest of the Sabbath School.

Conference was adjourned until August 17th, and the school closed by singing tune No. 37, "Songs of Zion." Benediction by Elder H. J. Newman.

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Secretary.