

labors since. He also spoke of his ancestry, and traced them back to 1682 with a regular succession until the present time.

He was thankful to know that the Woolley's, with one or two exceptions, had maintained their integrity, never bringing reproach on the family name or committing overt acts. He endorsed with all his heart the reunions and gatherings like the one being celebrated. By them relatives became better acquainted and nearer and dearer to each other.

A humorous reading by Oliver Hodgson concluded the program. It was an evening spent with pleasure and profit, and it was hoped by many that as the custom had been adopted the reunion would be a periodical affair.

### DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

CENTREVILLE, Utah, Sept. 9, 1895. —The quarterly conference of the Davis Stake convened at Farmington on Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th, 1895. It was held in a large bower erected by the Saints of the Farmington ward, Saturday, September 7th, 10 a.m. There were present on the stand Presidents Wilford Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon and Jor. F. Smith, the First Presidency of the Church. Elders John W. Hess, Joseph H. Grant and Joseph S. Clark, presidency of the Davis Stake, members of the High Council and Bishops of wards.

After the opening services President Geo. Q. Cannon addressed the congregation; subject, the necessity of continuous revelation, and the need of the inspiration of the Spirit of God.

Elder John W. Hess made a few closing remarks expressing his great pleasure in having the First Presidency with us today. After the closing exercises conference adjourned until 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m. —After singing and prayer, President Woodruff spoke on divine revelation, and of the great work that President Brigham Young accomplished through the revelations of the Lord unto him. He also spoke of the many temptations that beset the path of the Elders and Saints of God; said, Satan is ever on the alert to draw them away from the path of truth and righteousness. He urged the Saints to be united.

President Joseph F. Smith then addressed the Saints. He spoke on divine authority, testified that such authority had been given to God's servants here on the earth. President Smith also spoke on secret associations and combinations; told the Saints to have nothing to do with them; said they would lead to sin and dishonor, to error and trouble.

After a few short remarks by President Cannon and President Woodruff, the conference adjourned until Sunday at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. —There were present today President Joseph F. Smith, of the First Presidency; Elders H. J. Grant and A. H. Cannon, of the Council of the Twelve, and the Stake and local authorities.

President John W. Hess gave a brief report of the Davis Stake. He said that all things being considered, we are on the improve, although during

the busy season meetings had not been as well attended as they should have been. There were no serious difficulties in the Stake. The people were paying their tithes, and were very liberal in paying their fast offerings. All organizations and associations were doing well, especially the Relief Society, which is doing a good work in helping the Bishops to take care of the poor.

Elder H. J. Grant addressed the congregation. He spoke on fault-finding and the disposition among the people to hunt out the faults and failings of others. He said, "Hastiness to trouble leads." We should not believe every idle story that floats around the country—we should not willingly believe evil of our brother—of those with whom we have been associated for years. We should overcome prejudice, and be liberal in our views. Elder Grant compared politics to the measles—not very dangerous without they strike in; if they do, they are apt to make a person terrible sick.

Elder A. H. Cannon, in his remarks, referred to the great field that was being opened for missionary labor. Spoke on Japan, its people and its great advancement in civilization during the last few years. Said he was interested in the welfare of Zion; was in favor of accepting that great boon statehood. Did not want to see personalities used in this campaign. We should remember that we are members of the Church of Jesus Christ—brothers and sisters in the Gospel.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. —After the opening exercises, the Sacrament was administered. The general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elders Rosel Hyde, J. H. Grant, J. S. Clark, Nathan T. Porter and John D. Chase addressed the Saints. They testified to the truth of this work and expressed their gratitude to God for the many blessings they had received through obedience to the principles of the Gospel.

President Joseph F. Smith then delivered an interesting and instructive discourse on the principles of government.

Conference was adjourned for three months, to be held at Kayville.

The weather was fine during conference. The people gathered from every part of the Stake. On Sunday they came in such great numbers that the bower, although it was very large, would not contain them. The Saints of the Davis Stake appreciated the rich treat they received by the visit of the First Presidency and members of the Council of the Twelve.

The music and singing during conference was furnished by the Farmington choir, under the able leadership of Brother Joseph E. Robinson.

JOHN J. SMITH, Stake Clerk.

### SALT LAKE'S NEXT MAYOR.

#### SALT LAKE CITY.

September 11, 1895.

Some names have been mentioned in our newspapers as candidates for mayor of our city, your paper contributing its mite in that direction.

At no period of our city's existence has it been more necessary to put a thoroughly safe man at the head of its affairs than will be during our next

municipal election. We have a fair city, but a fearful cloud of indebtedness hangs over her; and her affairs therefore, need to be carefully, yet tenderly managed. We much need a man for mayor so thoroughly acquainted with the affairs of our city that if given an opportunity he could so plan or map out the work of the municipality as to secure all essential efficiency in every branch; yet combined with the degree of economy that will be so imperatively necessary—a man who could so harmonize all the departments, as to prevent their working at cross purposes such as one tearing up work that another had just done, etc. And he should be entirely out of reach of railroad power or influences, with sufficient moral courage or back bone to protect the people from their aggressive and oppressive tendencies.

Eastern men visiting our city are often amazed on seeing how much of the latter the railroads have been allowed to spoil for residence purposes. The railroads are steadily encroaching upon our streets, on which they have been permitted to lay their tracks, for switch and yard purposes. And they now run their trains on our streets at as high a rate of speed as anywhere else, coming thundering and screaming along, as much as to say, "get out of the way ye worms of the earth or take the consequence!" Nowhere else in Christendom can such an utter disregard for the rights of the people by the railroads be seen as some of our citizens have endorsed all too long, so long that the railroads now act as if they have acquired rights to oppress the people.

Well, at our next municipal election a mayor and an entire City Council should be put into office that would call a halt in these matters—no man being elected, in the least encumbered, hampered or surrounded by railroad influences; and before the election all candidates should pledge themselves to accept no passes, nor any other special favors whatever, from railroad companies.

As if two railroads were not sufficient to furnish all the torment that a long-suffering people could be expected to endure, a City Council of our city, with strange disregard of the protests of the people whose rights they ought to have protected, allowed the Great Salt Lake & Beck's Hot Springs, or Bamberger railroad to lay its track on Third West street. The locomotives on that line appear to try to outdo those of the U. P. and R. G. W. roads in the matter of noise, and have caused accidents enough to entitle them to first class rank in that respect.

Well, the joint building and grounds can now perhaps, get along with less careful cursing on the part of his honor, the mayor, and the City Council, so let's try and elect gentlemen to those positions who will make it a study to harmonize the work of the department under our municipal government, and give the railway problem effective attention.

LONGSUFFERER.

The Idaho Soldiers' Home at Boise is now sheltering twenty-five aged and infirm veterans, and several more have applied for admission.