

committee, at the first opportunity, and later in the week the legislative appropriation bill will be brought forward by the committee on appropriations.

LOUISVILLE, 7.—The *Courier-Journal's* Owensville special says: Geo. Preiatt, a bachelor aged 70, and his sister Mrs. Elizabeth Goodpastor, some years older, lived together, five miles from the city, several years. Mrs. Goodpastor has been paralyzed and bed-ridden for months. Thursday evening, Preiatt had gotten in his wood for the night and before retiring started to throw on a back log and build up the fire. He lifted the log, and in throwing it on the fire, fell with it, and being unable to rise was burned to death. His sister was lying in bed, but unable to render him any assistance. At last, by almost superhuman effort he got out of bed and dragged her brother's body out of the fire, managed to get back in bed and there was compelled to lie, being completely exhausted and unable to turn, with her brother's dead and burned body lying in full view on the hearth. Nothing was known of the affair until yesterday, when Mrs. Goodpastor's son, who lives about a mile off, went to his mother's to help his uncle feed the stock. He stepped in the door and the blood-curdling scene was opened to view. There in bed lay his mother, with her eyes widely distended, and she looking wildly with them, while on the hearth lay the body of his uncle stiff and stark in death, badly burned, and with the eyes, ears, cheeks, and a portion of the neck eaten by cats, the whole presenting a ghastly sight. Mrs. Goodpastor had never closed her eyes.

The order retiring Gen. Ord was issued Saturday.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

ASSEMBLY HALL,
Salt Lake City,
February 5, 1881.

The Priesthood of this Stake convened at 11 a.m. There were present on the stand the Presidency of the Stake: Angus M. Cannon, David O. Calder Joseph E. Taylor, etc.

Meeting was opened by singing, "Come, let us anew, our journey pursue."

Prayer was offered by Elder Robert F. Neslen.

Singing: "Arise, O glorious Zion." The roll was then called.

There were present: 2 patriarchs; Seventies, 18; 1 counselor to President of High Priests; Elders, 15; Presidents of Seventies' Quorums, 11.

The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Elders' Quorums were represented by presiding officers; and all the wards of the Stake were represented by some of the presiding authorities, excepting the 12th and 20th Wards Salt Lake City, and the Draperville, Mill Creek, South Jordan, Union, Granite and Brighton Wards.

The Deacons' Quorums, 1st and 2nd and South Jordan Quorums represented.

The minutes of the Priesthood meeting, held December 4th, were read and approved.

The statistical report of the Stake for the month ending Dec. 31, 1880, was next read.

The statistical report having shown that some of the Wards had failed to send in reports for December,

President CANNON called the attention of the Bishops to this fact, and urged upon them the necessity of having these reports furnished promptly.

The following brethren were recommended to be ordained by the Bishops of their respective Wards: D.J. Ross, of Big Cottonwood Ward; W. T. Campbell, of the 3d Ward; Fred. A. Parker, of the 16th Ward; Wm. Cheshire, of the 10th Ward; Thos. Grow, of the 19th Ward; and W. N. Anderson, of the 6th Ward.

These brethren having expressed a determination to perform the duties of an Elder to the best of their ability, the recommendations were sanctioned by the unanimous votes of the meeting.

President CANNON having intimated that the meeting was now open for the brethren to bring forward any business they might desire,

Brother COULAM reported a vacancy in the 9th Quorum of Elders, which vacancy had been caused by the removal of Elder Horace Cummings from the 12th Ward to Logan.

Prest. CANNON suggested that Bro. Coulam call a meeting of the Elders of the 9th Quorum, when the Presidency of the Stake would meet with them. He remarked

upon the small number that attended this and other quorums, and regretted the general slackness in that respect. Even young men, who had been recently ordained, were found to be dilatory in attending their quorum meetings. This was not right, and he might say that they had an eye upon young men who came to the priesthood meeting, and promised before the Lord to attend to their duties and then failed to do so.

Elder GEORGE GODDARD, related an instance of evident infidelity exhibited on the part of a person when conversing with his Bishop and who is employed as a teacher of the children of the Latter-day Saints. Bro. Goddard questioned the wisdom of retaining such persons to instruct our children.

Bishop A. G. DRIGGS enquired what they were to do with persons who held the Melchisedec Priesthood, and showed an utter contempt for everything relating to the duties thereof. He had been told that the Bishops had no authority to deal with them.

Prest. CANNON said this subject had been discussed at our priesthood meeting. It had been argued by some that a bishop's court had a right to try and deal with any member of the Church from the apostles down. And again it was argued by some that we had authority to confer the same priesthood we hold upon others—that a high priest could ordain a high priest, a seventy a seventy, etc. Now he (President Cannon) thought if that line of argument was carried out, it might be contended that a bishop had authority to ordain a bishop, or a president of a Stake, a president of a Stake. They had been told that a bishop's court were not to cut off those holding the Melchisedec Priesthood, but that they were to disfellowship them and report to their quorum and finally to the High Council, which latter would take such action as might be deemed justifiable. However, it was unnecessary to argue the power of Bishop's courts on that occasion. They must act under the instructions received from the Almighty through the priesthood. No Seventy must ordain a Seventy, nor no Elder ordain an Elder unless instructed so to do. The time was when a President of a quorum was told to fill up any vacancy that might occur in his Quorum, but to-day the Seventies were not to do this unless instructed by the First Presidency or the Twelve Apostles, and the Elders were not to do so unless authorized by the priesthood of the Stake. It was bad, the speaker said, for them to argue upon abstract theories. It only led to contention. For instance, discussions often arose among members of the Priesthood as to which of them was the highest in office. He had heard the question debated since a child, as to which was the highest office, that of a High Priest or a Seventy. Referred to the action of the Savior, when such a disputation was among his disciples, who took a little child and placed it in their midst and told them that he who became as that little child would be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, and that if they did not become as children they should never see that kingdom. The deacon who magnified his calling in faithfulness before the Lord was justified, while the man who is called to the High Priesthood, and took delight in the name, but failed to perform the duties faithfully before the Lord, would come under greater condemnation, inasmuch as he had greater responsibility resting upon him. God is not partial, but every man will be rewarded for his deeds, not for his name or the position he holds. The speaker gave other illustrations of the equality of God's children in his sight, and showed that the more a man receives in this world, the greater is his responsibility, and that no person ought to seek after office or position, but strive to magnify whatever office God gives him, and do his best in whatever position he holds. He also touched upon the necessity of having good, faithful teachers in our schools, men of God who revere Him and inculcate by example and precept, obedience to his laws.

Elder FRANCIS COPE, president of the 6th Quorum of Elders, asked if it was lawful to ordain infants to the Melchisedec priesthood when thought to be dying. He had declined doing so in one instance lately, not feeling authorized.

Bishops Crane, McRae, S. A. Woolley and Whitney, and Elders

Levi Richards and R. F. Neslen, related instances wherein infants had been ordained, and some stated that Prest. Young had said that he knew of no authority for doing so, and there was nothing forbidding it; he thought it would do no harm, if it did no good.

Elder D. O. CALDER said that, so far as President Young's answer to this question was concerned, having been closely associated with him for a number of years, he would have regarded his answer, if given to him, as very far from authorizing the practice of ordaining young children.

Elder J. E. TAYLOR asked the question, if children should be ordained, in their infancy, to any office in the Melchisedec Priesthood, would that act preclude any necessity of their being baptized and confirmed before receiving any ordination to the priesthood in this life. Again, is there anything revealed requiring any ordinance of the gospel to be attended to for children who died in their infancy under the everlasting covenant? There is another important consideration, what about the record of these ordinations? All our official acts should be recorded.

Prest. CANNON remarked: We are required of the Lord to instruct and see that our children are baptized at the age of eight years, and will be held responsible if we neglect this important duty. He was not aware that there was anything written forbidding us to baptize children under eight years. Shall we then, out of sympathy, when they are supposed to be dying, baptize our infants, or intrust them to the Almighty, who is their parent, and has only intrusted them to us as stewards. John the Baptist was proclaimed of the Lord one of the greatest prophets ever born of woman. Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven was greater than he. Inasmuch as John the Baptist died only possessing the Aaronic Priesthood, does it argue that God will not provide a means to exalt him equally with one who received the Melchisedec Priesthood while in this life? The Lord will control all things and provide means to furnish the pure in heart with all the glory they should inherit. He said he had buried four lovely boys, the eldest near four years of age. He had never felt authorized to ordain one of them to the Melchisedec Priesthood in the absence of direct instruction, and while other men who held the High Priesthood may have done otherwise, his counsel to the people of this Stake is to remember that there is a living Priesthood to whom we should look for instructions upon all these points; and the fact of a thing not being forbidden does not authorize its performance. Otherwise, like the Presbyterians and others, we will be found baptizing our little infants and forgetting that the Twelve Apostles, with the First Presidency, are appointed to regulate and set in order the affairs of the Church in all the world.

The subject of the unpaid amount on the New Assembly Hall was again brought before the meeting, and the Bishops were instructed to take up the one day's labor from the members of their respective wards, in accordance with the vote taken at the last fall Conference.

The matter of the organization of a Board of Trade for the Salt Lake county Stake was mentioned, and on motion a meeting was appointed to be held on Monday, the 14th inst., in the Council House at 7 p.m., to consider the best method of organizing the Board. Each ward was instructed to select a representative, to be sustained by its congregation, and sent to that meeting. After some other business, the meeting adjourned until the first Saturday in March.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It will cost the government about \$3,500,000 for taking the census of 1880.

The gist of the whole question is well put by the Boston *Herald*, when it declares that the king of railroads and telegraphs in this country is the king of the United States, and he can only be put down by an organized revolt of men and money.

Prof. Riley, of the entomological corps, declares that the seventeen-year locusts will appear next summer in Marquette and Green Lake

Counties, Wis., and that the thirteen-year sort will make a general tour through northern Illinois.

The Sea of Azoff has a new island about 100 feet in diameter, and ten feet above the surface of the water. This most recent addition to the territory of Russia is the result of some subterranean disturbance. The birth of the island was attended with a marine eruption and the appearance of a fissure in the land on the shore near by.

England is disposed to renew her diplomatic relations with Mexico. Sir Charles Dilke, the Foreign Secretary, says any correspondence on the subject from Mexico will meet with careful consideration. Whether the inter-oceanic canals and international railroad schemes have prompted this sudden interest in Mexico, the Secretary does not say.

The *Scientific American* says: To deaden the noise of hammering in shops, it has been suggested to place rubber cushions under the legs of the work-benches. We have found wool, felt, or any very thick loosely made woolen texture a much better material for this purpose than rubber. Pieces suitable for these pads can ordinarily be selected from tailors' clippings, and may be had for little or nothing.

The telegraph steamer *Dacia* has laid the shore ends of the Mexican cable, and signals were exchanged with Tampoco. The steamer *International* will probably complete the section of cable between Tampoco and Vera Cruz in a few days.

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RESCUED FROM DEATH.

The following statement of Wm. J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., is so remarkable that we beg to ask for it the attention of our readers. He says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with a VIOLENT BLEEDING OF THE LUNGS followed by a severe cough. I soon began to lose my appetite and flesh. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1877 I was admitted to the City Hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I expended over a hundred dollars in doctors and medicines. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WM. HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I laughed at my friends, thinking that my case was incurable, but I got a bottle to satisfy them, when to my surprise and gratification, I commenced to feel better. My hope, once dead, began to revive, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have the past three years.

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