

son's actions under the claim of inspiration, would indicate it in any other way than by their assertions, and replied:

"Their actions and behavior would indicate it as well as their assertions. To illustrate it, a person claiming to be Jesus Christ, and acting under an inspiration, clothed himself like the Savior, gave away property, slept out of doors because the Savior 'had not where to lay his head.'"

ST. LOUIS, 26.—The *Republican's* Hillsboro, Illinois, dispatch says: Haskell & Harris, bankers, closed their doors to-day. They made assignment to Judge E. Lane. Liabilities reported at over \$100,000; assets about \$80,000. W. A. Young, the largest owner of the bank was arrested to-night at Litchfield, Illinois, while on the west bound train and taken back to Hillsboro.

FOREIGN.

SANTA DOMINGO, 23.—News that a United States war steamer will survey Samanana Bay, caused much excitement. The authorities prepared two war schooners, the *Tremendous* and *Capatito*, to watch the American men of war.

A revolutionary movement has broken out at San Diego, and President Merino, then at Puerto Plata, started to San Diego with 500 men. Eleven houses at Bam were burned. Losses estimated at \$225,000; no insurance.

Caracas, Venezuela, 11.—President Gusman Blanco has asked the legislature for authority to organize a force of 25,000 men to repress threatened revolution.

Port-au-Prince, 23.—An alarming revolution is reported broken out at Jeremi-aux-Cayes and St. Mar. President Salomon, with a strong force, landed at St. Mar and quelled the rising there, after 50 men had been killed on both sides. The Government House was sacked. Other cities were burned. President Salomon returned to Port-au-Prince to obtain reinforcements.

LONDON, 23.—No English markets on the 24th and 26th. The Lord Mayor's Fund for the defense of property in Ireland, amounts to £7000.

BERLIN, 23.—The Emperor William, gave his annual Banquet to the diplomatic body, last evening.

Reports are current at St. Petersburg to the effect that relations between Russia and China are somewhat strained.

Large purchases of Panama Canal stock are reported for Paris and American account.

Alexandria reports 32 deaths from cholera at Elwedj for the week ending the 15th inst. Some caravans broke quarantine by avoiding ordinary routes.

LONDON, 26.—Gladstone, in replying to a correspondent who had called his attention to the fact that bands of Mormon missionaries visit Great Britain annually, decoying thousands of young persons to a life of immorality in Utah, and inquired if government could not do something to prevent the practice, says, he fears it is not a matter in which he can interfere, as it is to be presumed that the young persons do it voluntarily.

ST. PETERSBURG, 26.—A plot has been discovered for assassinating the Czar in Karavanian street, which it was expected he would traverse while proceeding to the fete of St. George. It has not yet been possible to obtain full details as to the plans of the conspirators, who were arrested, a few days ago at a meeting of revolutionists in the outskirts of the town. From information which the police possess it is authoritatively stated that nothing could have saved the life of the Czar had he passed along the street where he expected to pass.

VIENNA, 26.—A telegram from St. Petersburg reports the whole naval port of Cronstadt on fire. One quarter of the town is reported already destroyed. The loss is enormous, the fire is believed to be the work of nihilists.

LONDON, 26.—The police have obtained an important clue in the case of stealing the body of the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres. They expect to make an arrest shortly.

ORAN, 26.—The flood having subsided, 204 bodies were recovered in the plain of Habra; of these 163 were natives, 33 Spaniards and five French.

WARSAW, 26.—Very serious rioting ensued on Sunday after the panic. Most of the Jewish liquor shops and many Jewish houses were sacked. The police were powerless. In several cases the policemen assisted in plundering the dramshops. There were 600 arrests.

BERLIN, 26.—The emigration from Germany in '82 promises to become more colossal than in '81. Fourteen thousand tickets have already been taken for transportation by vessels leaving Bremen for America in the spring. Almost an equal number of emigrants will go from Hamburg.

DUBLIN, 26.—Catholic priests are circulating in Ireland copies of Bishop Nutty's letter to the priests in his diocese (Meath) stating the land is the common property of all.

LONDON, 27.—Viscount Helmsley, conservative member of Parliament for the North Riding of Yorkshire, is dead.

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Quarterly Conference of the Sanpete Stake, commencing on the 30th of November, 1881.

There were present at the opening of the Conference: Of the General Authorities of the Church, F. M. Lyman and J. H. Smith, of the Twelve Apostles; of this Stake, President Peterson and Counselors, and the local authorities of the Wards, President F. Spencer, of Sevier Stake and President Ira Hinkley of Millard Stake.

10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

President Peterson spoke of the blessings the Saints enjoyed; comparatively little sickness had been among the people during the last quarter, and the death rate was actually less than that of the most favored portions of Europe, also in our crops we had been greatly blessed; commended the Saints for their liberality in helping to build the Temple; believed that the spirit of Elijah did rest upon the people.

Elder A. H. Lund Clerk of the Stake, read the statistical report.

Apostle F. M. Lyman said the prosperity that had been enjoyed by the Saints in this Stake seemed to have been general throughout the Territory, and the people seemed to be prospering in about the same ratio spiritually. It is the Lord's business to provide for His Saints, and he will do so if we learn his laws and observe and keep them; spoke upon the necessity of every individual striving to keep open the channel of communication for himself; and upon the necessity of parents cultivating the spirit of kindness towards their children.

Apostle J. H. Smith referred to the travels of the Presidency and Apostles among the Saints, and the improvement manifest; exhorted them to continue in well doing, and as an Apostle of Jesus Christ promised eternal life to all who would keep the commandments of God, and endure in faithfulness to the end. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer. Presidents John Taylor, Joseph F. Smith and W. Woodruff also Elders C. W. Penrose and G. F. Gibbs met with the Saints.

President J. F. Smith said that the prospect before the Saints was more encouraging now than it was six months ago, when this valley was full of grasshoppers, the Lord had removed them out of the way, the people, it was no doubt true, had been energetic, and had done all they could, but if the Lord had not stretched forth his hand, those efforts would have availed but little, but it is necessary in order to obtain the blessings of God that we always do all we can. Spoke upon the necessity of the Latter-day Saints showing their faith by their works, as Abraham did before those great promises were made to him. Also read from Sixth Lecture on Faith, Doctrine and Covenants, showing what is necessary to be done in order to obtain blessings like unto those that Abraham has received. Yet all we do and suffer is upon the principle of usury. The duty of building Temples wherein to attend to the ordinances for the redemption of the living and the dead rests upon us.

Elder C. W. Penrose expressed his pleasure in witnessing the spirit of improvement among the Saints. Spoke at some length upon the great amount of labor to be performed in the building of Temples and administering therein, in order to bring about the salvation of the human family. Cited the prosperity of the people in Sanpete while performing so much public labor, as an evidence of the blessing of the Lord upon them. Said that no doubt there would be some noise made by

our enemies, but exhorted the Saints to go quietly along attending faithfully to their duties, and God would take care of His own work and people.

Singing and benediction.

6.30 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises, Apostle J. H. Smith read the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy; made very interesting and instructive remarks upon the keeping of the commandments of God as witnessed by ancient Israel and His judgments upon them when they disobeyed them.

Apostle F. M. Lyman said, owing to the many influences at work among the people it requires a great amount of teaching to instruct them in the principles of the gospel; thought there was too much attention paid to money making and not enough to the instructing of the children; said it was necessary that all should have the spirit of inspiration resting upon them. When men commit sins they may repent and we may forgive them, but when will the memory thereof be effaced? It is a sorrowful thing to lay our children in the grave, but it is far better to do that than that they should run into sin and be lost. Exhorted parents to be diligent in instructing them, and do it in kindness, so that they could make confident of their children.

Elder C. W. Penrose said, God is about to build up Zion, and it is necessary for each one to cultivate the spirit of Zion and have it in our homes. Spoke upon family government and upon the essentials to that Zion of which the prophets have spoken.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. Dec. 1.

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After singing and prayer Counselor J. B. Maiben read the financial report of the Manti Temple. Prest. Peterson gave a brief explanation of the amount of labor done the past season, also of the amount of lumber and rock it was desired to get in readiness the present winter.

Apostle W. Woodruff said Our Father knows we have need of the Holy Spirit. No people ever did build up Zion without the aid of the Holy Spirit, and one great difference between us and the world is that that Spirit is given to the Saints and withheld from the world. One principle he wished to hold before the Saints is that they have been called of God to come forth in this dispensation of the fullness of times. They have been foreordained as was Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and many others. Of all the Scriptures with which we were acquainted the Doctrine and Covenants was the testament directly to us. The Elders are sent forth to teach and not to be taught by the Methodists or any other sect, neither should we allow our children to be taught by them, if we do we shall come under condemnation; should teach them ourselves, or send them to the Elders of Israel to be taught. The children of the Saints will have to bear off this Kingdom. Exhorted the Saints to continued diligence in building Temples and preparing for the great work of redemption.

Elder L. J. Nuttall took pleasure in bearing testimony to the truth; exhorted the Saints to faithfulness in the discharge of the many duties devolving upon them.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

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Singing and prayer.

The report of the superintendent of Sunday schools for the Stake was read.

Counselor Maiben presented the general authorities of the Church, all of whom were unanimously sustained. The Stake and Branch authorities were also unanimously sustained.

President Woodruff said it was the duty of the Saints to remember in their prayers President George Q. Cannon in his capacity as Delegate to Congress.

President John Taylor said: We have visited the most prominent settlements in the Territory; visited the people in their homes, and met with them in their meeting-houses, and find good feeling existing, and that they have been greatly blessed in their orchards, fields and stock. It is evident they have not suffered by rendering obedience to the ordinances of the gospel. Joseph the Prophet received the priesthood from the hands of those who had held it on the earth before, Joseph was empowered and required to confer the priesthood upon others, and they were required to go forth to the nations of the

earth, promising to those who would embrace the doctrines that they taught, the Holy Ghost; a promise no men dare to make unless they are empowered to do so. The Latter-day Saints are witnesses of the truth of the fulfillment of these promises, and you cannot keep the things of God from the faithful Latter-day Saints, the heavens are open to them. We have now the same organization of a church as the Saints had anciently, only more perfectly and more extensive, this being the dispensation of the fullness of times. We are going to build up the Zion of our God, he is on our side, and so are all the ancients who have held the holy priesthood. Let us live our religion, that the power of God may rest upon us, and that we may go on from conquering to conquer, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of God and His Christ.

Prest. Peterson said we would now thank the brethren for their visit and the instruction given to us during this Conference, and Conference would adjourn to meet again at Mount Pleasant on the 18th and 19th of February, 1882.

The Relief Society Conference will be held at Spring City on the 15th of December, 1881.

Choir sang the "Spirit of God like a fire is burning."

Benediction by Apostle John H. Smith.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Clerk of Conference.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE

The quarterly Conference of Davis Stake was held at East Bountiful Ward, Dec. 10th and 11th, at 10 a. m.

There were present on the stand: Of the Apostles, John Henry Smith; the Stake Presidency, Bishops, and members of the High Council.

The statistical reports were read, after which some of the Bishops gave verbal reports of their wards.

President W. R. Smith wished the men holding the Priesthood to take an interest in political matters and prize the liberty which God has given us.

Apostle John Henry Smith: We should unite with the majority, if the majority are righteous. Spoke of the sectarian schools that are being established among us, and deprecated, in the strongest manner, the course of those who are sending their children to such places. We should give all men their rights.

In the afternoon, the Bishops finished giving their reports. They represented the people as living in peace and the majority paying their tithes and offerings.

Apostle John Henry Smith expressed himself as being pleased with the reports of the wards. Parents should be careful to set good examples before their children. As a mother is, so will her daughters be; a mother can also imbue her sons with a faith that will influence their whole lives. We should reach out in all directions after truth.

President W. R. Smith released honorably the home missionaries, saying new men will be called into the field.

10 a. m.

The authorities were presented, and a report of the offerings to the Salt Lake Temple were read.

T. S. Smith, President of the High Priests Quorum reported the High Priests as doing well.

Bro. Wm. Taylor was pleased to meet with one of the congregations of the Saints. We should do as little harm as we can, and all the good possible. Also spoke of the advantage to be secured by co-operation.

President Jos. F. Smith: Voting as we do to sustain men in responsible positions is an important matter. A majority have never left the Church, so we are safe in following the majority. The combinations against us should not worry us at all.

2 p. m.

Prest. W. R. Smith desired the Saints to take such a course as will secure the confidence of all men. Should be willing to pay for any damage done by our stock, being as careful of another's interest as our own.

Prest. Jos. F. Smith said no affliction should cause us to forget God, but we should acknowledge His hand in all things as Abraham and other faithful men have done. We should fulfil all calls made upon us, and be careful to practice what we preach. A person who sends his children to se-

tarian schools takes a step to ruin them.

Prest. W. R. Smith advised all to secure the deeds to their land to avoid difficulty.

Throughout the conference the attendance was large and an excellent spirit prevailed.

J. H. WILCOX, Clerk.

Correspondence.

A Jubilee Party.

RICHMOND, Cache County,
December 18th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

A very social and agreeable time was enjoyed at the residence of Wm. D. Hendricks, of this place, on the 16th inst., that day being the 50th birthday of his wife, Alvira L. and her twin brother, Alma L. Smith, who with his daughter had come up from Coalville, Summit County, to celebrate this birthday. Brother and Sister Alma Lamoni and Alvira Lavoni are the twin son and daughter of Warren and Amanda Smith, who have been identified with the Church since the year of its organization, now nearly 51 years ago, and have passed through the persecutions, drivings and trials incident to the early rise of the Church.

Brother Warren Smith and a little son, nine years old, being among those who were so cruelly murdered at Haun's Mill, Missouri, in the fall of 1838. Brother Alma L. Smith was one of the three little boys who crept under the bellows in the old blacksmith shop for safety from the infuriate mob. Two of the three were killed, one of them, the brother of Alma, Sardius by name, having the top of his head blown off by a musket ball fired through a crack between the log of the shop. Alma himself, then not quite seven years old, was also badly shot, the scars of which, as large as a man's hand, he still carries. These twins were born in the Church, and have ever maintained their integrity, Brother Smith having filled with honor four lengthy foreign missions, faithfully preaching the gospel.

Sister Amanda Smith, the mother, one of the oldest veterans now in the Church, lives in Salt Lake City, but being too feeble to travel, did not attend this gathering. These twins having lived the seven times seven years in the Church, a goodly number of their friends gathered in to celebrate with them their year of jubilee, rejoicing with them that the Lord had dealt kindly with them in the fifty years past. All felt to do honor to the occasion, and make it a joyful one. No pains or expense were spared on the part of Bro. Hendricks and family to make the occasion all that could be desired.

After the guests, numbering about 30 (besides children not a few) had partaken of a sumptuous repast, the time was passed in a social conversation, music and singing, etc. After 9 p. m., supper was served, of which all partook, apparently with relish, and more music and singing enlivened the company. Quite a number of presents and tokens of respect were tendered to Bro. Alma and Sister Alvira, noticeable among which were a gold locket and chain, enclosing the portraits of both, presented by Alma to his sister Alvira, and a handsome gold ring given by Alvira to her brother, and a pair of pictures presented by Bro. Hendricks. During the evening, Bro. Alma, by request, sang and also repeated the Lord's Prayer in the Hawaiian language.

Taken altogether, a most agreeable and happy time was spent, a reunion long to be remembered, and all participating tendered to the twins their heartfelt wishes for many happy returns of the pleasant time.

Respectfully,
EDWIN SMITH.

A Holyoke, Mass., exchange alludes to the cure of D. O. Judd, Esq., U. S. Supervisor of Postal Card Manufactory, who was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of rheumatism and neuralgia.—*Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard*.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is mild and soothing in its immediate and apparent effects, and possesses far-reaching and powerful healing qualities which its persistent use will demonstrate in any case of coughs, colds, throat or lung troubles of any kind.
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