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President Hinckley made a few closing remarks, and announced that the conference would now be adjourned for three months, the time and place to be decided on hereafter. He also complimented the Deseret choir on their excellent singing.

Thus ended another of the best conferences held in Millard Stake of Zion.

CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, Clerk.

WAS A SEVERE ACCIDENT.

PLEASANT GROVE, Aug. 30, 1896. —Mr. Bartlett accidentally broke his arm on Thursday while descending from a hay stack. Dr. Lewis of Lehi set the injured member and he (Mr. B.) is progressing favorably.

Mrs. Sarah Mayhew and Mrs. Margaret Brown, with two children, while out riding in a one-horse rig this morning were seriously hurt by having the buggy overturned. The animal showed signs of too much spirit when the driver, Mrs. Mayhew, thought she would turn in an opposite direction, hoping to get the fractious steed quieted down. She must have turned too short, throwing the occupants out with great force. Mrs. Brown got her shoulder quite badly bruised. Mrs. Mayhew is seriously hurt and at this writing it cannot be determined how it may result. The children escaped unhurt.

Master Elmer Bezzant accidentally chopped his thumb off while making a rack stake one day last week.

Professors Fred W. Reynolds and Frank M. Driggs of the Utah University returned last Thursday from Harvard University, where they have been attending the summer school. The boys took in all the great cities in the eastern states and return after a pleasant and profitable trip. Mr. Driggs was quite ill for a few weeks but is now feeling all right. The young men will resume their positions in Utah's great school, viz., Mr. Reynolds to the University and Mr. Driggs to the school for the deaf at Ogden.

Misses Mable Varley and Ada Roberts of Salt Lake are visiting friends here.

Shadrach F. Driggs passed his 83d mile stone on Thursday, 28th; he is hale and hearty and still plying his vocation.

The gravest fears are entertained for Sister Mayhew's recovery. Drs. Rodgers and Pike are in attendance.

Later.—Pleasant Grove, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Mayhew died a few moments ago. She was the proprietor of the Mayhew house here. Her husband Elijah died very suddenly last winter. She was generally respected. She leaves a fine family. B.

The Bluebell mine near Paradise seems bound to come to the front. The ore continues to increase in richness as the work progresses, and it is reported that a flattering offer has been made on a bonding proposition which includes an option; and that another offer has been received by parties who have proposed a basis for division, if they will erect works for the reduction of the ore.

A PIONEER'S FAMILY REUNION.

OGDEN, Aug. 28.—A family reunion of the children and the grandchildren of Richard Ballantyne was held in Farr's grove, Ogden, on the 79th anniversary of Mr. Ballantyne's birthday, August 28, 1896. Elder Ballantyne is a noble and well known pioneer who bears the distinction of having opened the first Sunday school in these valleys. His career in a social, religious, business and civil way is well and favorably known. He has been a busy and fruitful life, and his old days, which we trust may be many, are now spent in the active service of the Church and of the Sabbath schools of Weber county.

The ovation given him by his numerous posterity on the occasion named, indicates that his family love and honor him, and hold him in high respect and esteem.

Nicely printed invitations had been sent, under the direction of Mrs. Meriah C. B. Brown, to every member of the family, including nearly 125. Early on the morning of the 28th the committee of arrangements, under Richard A. Ballantyne, had every detail in readiness. A table sixty feet in length was set under the shadow of the beautiful box elder trees. There were numerous swings for large and small, croquet, hammocks and places for games. By 10 o'clock there were present besides the honored heads of the family, Richard, Mary P., and Caroline Ballantyne, sixty-two grandchildren, fourteen children and eleven sons and daughters-in-law. There were also present during the day, two sisters—Mrs. Jane B. Taylor, aged 83 years, and her daughter, Annie M. Hyde, of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Annie B. Quayle, aged 77, of Ogden, and Richard J. Taylor, wife and son. There were thus 98 persons who sat down and partook of the bounteous supply of refreshments.

During the preparation of dinner, under the able direction of Mrs. Mary Stewart Ballantyne, the children enjoyed themselves with games, swinging croquet, and other amusements, led and assisted by the older boys and girls. It was a grand sight to behold—the little folks were at first scarcely acquainted with each other, as many live at a distance from Ogden, and in different wards of the city, but soon they began to feel like cousins, like one family, and had a glorious time together in their play. No less pleasant and imposing was the sight at the table, with honored grandpa at the head where he could look down the long line and behold so many of his children and grandchildren. His and their enjoyment was supreme.

Dinner over, more time was spent in amusements, rest and recreation, until 3 o'clock, when a program, with Edward H. Anderson as master of ceremonies, was presented, all having been comfortably seated in chairs, a natural elevation, upon which was seated the heads of families, serving as a stand. Miss Althea Ballantyne presided as organist, and Mr. Z. Ballantyne as leader of the singing. A touching and appropriate prayer was offered by Mr. R. A. Ballantyne. Sunday school and original songs were read and sung with spirit and feeling. Letters of regret were read from some

of the absent members—Jedediah and Heber who are in Oregon—and a beautiful poem from Mary E. B. Farr, of St. Johns, Arizona, also a note from Mr. Louis A. West, from Pocatello, Idaho. Joseph, who is in New York City studying music, was kindly remembered. Then came recitations, comic and serious, from little folks and large. A class of grandchildren rendered a pretty selection for grandpa. Prof. L. F. Moench made a felicitous address, and Elder Ballantyne made a happy and feeling response, thanking his family for the honor shown to him. He thanked God and was glad to say that all his children were members of the Church and that all were noble men and women. He impressed the necessity of living God-like lives, and invoked God's blessing upon his children and his children's children in all their generations.

It was suggested that a committee be appointed for a similar reunion next year, and the following six oldest children were selected to act: Richard A., Zechariah and Thomas H. Ballantyne, and Meriah C. B. Brown Mary E. B. and Josephine Farr.

The program over, the supper table was sought, and all enjoyed another feast together. Ice cream and lemonade were this time served. And so with joy upon every visage ended the 79th anniversary of Richard Ballantyne's birthday. The following persons were present besides those already named:

Richard A., Mary A. S., M. Delecto, Lizzie H., Richard S., Alanda B., Leona, Geneva, Priscilla and Glenna Ballantyne; John T. Ballantyne, whose wife and children were unavoidably absent; Zechariah, Martha, Rachel, Zechariah Jr., Heber G., Althea, Jane, Eva, Josephine, William, Mary, Abram, Edward, Rachel J., David B., Frances and Joseph B. Ballantyne; L. F. Moench, Annie B., David, Lucile and Ariadna Moench; Austin C., Meriah C. B., Meriah, Annabel, Delecta, Joseph, Leona, Mary and Horace Brown; Jesse G., Rose, Jesse G. Jr., Ida R., Pearl, Ray, Ruby and Clyde Stratford; Belle, Lewis A., Richard, Pearl, Eugene B. and Henry West; Edward H., Jane S., Edward H. Jr., David, Hugo Earl and Virgil B. Anderson; James E., Sarah A., Franklin and William Ballantyne; Henry J., Eliza A., Richard H., Ethel, Edna and Iona Garner; Thomas H., Martha C., Thomas Leroy, Varsel, Lucile and Juanita Ballantyne; Marcus, Josephine B., Josephine, Marcus, Lionel, Beatrice and Lorin Farr; Brigham Ballantyne; Laura Ballantyne; May Jensen; Clara Carelsen.

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NORTHERN MISSOURI.

BLACKBIRD, Putnam Co., Mo., August 9th, 1896.

Having read many interesting accounts of the missionaries laboring in different parts of the world, and being myself engaged in disseminating the principles of everlasting truth, I thought a few items from northern Missouri would be of interest to some of the many readers of the News.

I left my home September 18th, 1895, to labor as a missionary in the Northern States mission. On arriving at Council