

to obey. We left the boat and started for the house. As we approached we saw a fine-looking old lady on the front step. She asked us what we wanted, and I gave the orders of my commander. She at once became very indignant, but said that it was likely that one of her sons had shot the Yankee, and if so, she was very glad of it. She scolded me for being in the Union service, and told me that I ought to be ashamed to serve with the Yankees. With all her scolding, however, she was a lady, as you could easily see from her language. I told her I was sorry, but that my orders were imperative, and I would have to burn her house. Still, said I, I think my orders might be construed as Portia did the bond of Shylock in the Merchant of Venice, when she told him he might have his pound of Antonio's flesh, but with it he must take no jot of blood. It seems to me, said I, that while our orders require us to burn the house, they do not state that we must burn all within the house. Now, I have no doubt that you have some family pictures, furniture, dresses and other things of value which might be saved. These you cannot move out yourself, but there are eighteen of my men here, and we will, if you say, bring out all your furniture and put it on the lawn before we set fire to the house. The old lady tossed her head and replied that she did not care what we did, and that if we burned the house we might as well burn the furniture, too. She said, however, that she had a favorite rocking chair, and that she would feel obliged to us if we would take it out and set it on the bank of the river before we started the fire. We did as she directed. She then seated herself in the chair, and as the match was applied to her house she began to sing. She had a good voice, and her words rang out across the water, reaching our steamer. Her song was 'The Bonny Blue Flag.' She continued singing that song until the house was almost reduced to ashes. She was," concluded Mr. McCullagh, "the bravest woman I have ever known."

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### WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

LOA, Wayne County, Utah, June 2nd, 1896.—Minutes of the twelfth quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion, held at Loa schoolhouse, Sunday and Monday, the 31st of May and 1st of June, 1896. Elder Willis E. Robison, president of the Stake, presiding.

There were present on the stand, of the quorum of Apostles, Francis M. Lyman and John H. Smith, President Wm. A. Seegmiller of the Sevier Stake; the presidency, High Councilors, Patriarchs and Bishops of the Wayne Stake.

After the usual opening exercises, President Willis E. Robison briefly reported the condition of the Stake, in which he stated that the health of the people is good. There are no contagious diseases extant. The people are generally working hard to build up the waste places and make their surroundings beautiful. The Word of Wisdom is being strictly observed by most of the brethren and sisters in official positions. Elder Joseph Eckersley reports one Sunday school

in the Stake wherein every officer and pupil observe the Word of Wisdom.

Elder John H. Smith addressed the Saints. He said it was fourteen years ago since he last visited Fremont valley. He was exceedingly pleased to note the rapid progress that had been made by the people. He expressed great pleasure to see so many young people present, and occupied the remainder of the time in a powerful discourse upon the philosophy of the Gospel of Christ. The speaker bore a powerful testimony to the saving virtues of the Gospel and made a strong appeal to all present to accept the conditions of eternal happiness and exaltation.

Afternoon session.—While the Sacrament was being passed around Elder Wm. A. Taylor, recently returned from a mission to Great Britain, reported his labors, showing that much success had attended his work.

Elder Francis M. Lyman occupied the rest of the afternoon. After advising and counselling the Saints with regard to their temporal duties, the necessity of erecting good, convenient schoolhouses, meeting houses and dwelling houses, and beautifying and adorning the settlements with shade trees and groves, he read from the 130th section of the Doctrine and Covenants. Many people have thought after reading this revelation and what is said elsewhere about the "winding up scene," that the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the kingdom of God would take place in the year 1891. God has never revealed to any man the day and hour when Christ should come. He desired to show, however, that the "winding up scene" has come. This government no longer legislates against and oppresses the Latter-day Saints, but respects and honors them as American citizens. Surely the change has come.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock President Wm. H. Seegmiller of Sevier Stake addressed the Saints. He very much appreciated the privilege of once more meeting his friends with whom he formerly labored and the Saints over whom at one time he had watched care. It gave him pleasure to note the progress that had been made and hoped the Saints would continue on the lines of improvement. As a Church we are doing a great business; we are working hard to establish a grand and unique system of education, but there is much yet for us to do in order to accomplish the purposes of our Father. He spoke briefly with regard to Sunday school work and the necessity of parents being in sympathy with this great cause.

Elder W. E. Robison presented the general and Stake authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Hans M. Hansen endorsed the report given by President W. E. Robison yesterday. He could see much room for improvement, but felt to appreciate the progress that had been made. He reminded the Saints of the Pioneer and B. Y. monument fund, and trusted the Stake would be able to meet its allotment.

Elder Geo. S. Bastian said the Stake presidency are laboring together in perfect unity, and bore testimony to the plan of redemption, exhorting all to diligence.

Elder John H. Smith said he was much pleased to see so large an attendance this morning; it was an unusual thing to see a conference so well attended on Monday. He then spoke at some length on the subject of marriage, showed the difference between the marriage instituted by man and that established by God. Marriage is the most sacred thing on earth, and the young people in particular should so regard it. Wherever and whenever a people have sought to pervert their natures and have refused to take upon themselves the responsibilities of wedded life they have made a miserable failure; the history of the past proves that when any people have refused to marry, and have disregarded this law of heaven, they as a rule have become immortal and brutish. He counseled the young people to marry to the temples of God.

Elder Smith then turned his attention to the subject of the Brigham Young and Pioneer fund.

Elder William A. Taylor was sustained second counselor to Bishop H. E. Maxfield of the Fremont ward by the vote of the conference.

At the afternoon session President W. E. Robison expressed pleasure in having the Apostles visit us once again. During the conference very many valuable instructions had been given, which if reduced to practice will make of us better Saints. We are not by any means yet perfect, but we should seek to approximate to this nappystate.

Elder F. M. Lyman had been delighted with the singing of the choir and hoped they would continue to improve. He had entertained many reflections regarding the condition of the Saints in this valley. The system of banding and controlling water for irrigation purposes, in Loa, was a great improvement, and by far the best he had ever seen. He spoke at some length upon the benefits of irrigation, and the wealth to be gained by building reservoirs and securing good water rights. Elder Lyman continued the subject bespoken upon Sunday, showing the many wonderful things God had of late years performed for His people. He spoke with regard to the stand now being taken by many politicians against the Church. He also predicted a bright future for Fremont valley and counseled the people to stay with their homes and be contented with their lot.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn.

Two High Council meetings and a general Stake Priesthood meeting were held during conference, at which timely advice, wise counsel and valuable instructions were given to the Priesthood by Elders Lyman and Smith.

A number of vacancies were filled in the High Council.

Levi C. White was ordained bishop of Glens ward with Elders Wm. S. Rust as first, and Elijah Mayhew as second counselors.

James P. Knight was set apart as first, and Archibald Oldroyd, Jr., second counselor to Bishop C. J. Christensen of Lyman ward.

Wm. A. Taylor was set apart as second counselor to Bishop H. E. Maxfield of Fremont ward.

The weather was beautiful throughout conference. The house was filled