

that house reared for God's own mighty work for the living and the dead." This gentleman also saw Sister Decker take water from his father's well, to wash our beloved Joseph's clothes, after he had fallen a martyr to the cruel and relentless mob: "I heard the Prophet say on one occasion," says Mr. C., "Brethren, would you die for me?"—"Yes," came the reply in words of soberness, Joseph then said: "I shall die for you."

For several evenings we held meetings in the Brighton meeting house, and spent our time with "Father" Joseph R. Nelson. Our Elders have a friend indeed, (when any of them come this way) in this elderly gentleman. Bro. N. worked for President Brigham Young in the '50's at Chase's mill, he is a "carder" by profession. No one could speak more highly of our worthy leader than does Father Nelson. Many "old timers" in Utah are known to him, among them being President Smoot, of whom he speaks in flattering terms. Sister Lydia A. Nelson was born in Red Bank, N. J., in the year 1838. This good lady has passed from this world, her demise having occurred Dec. 28, 1894. Since Sister N— came back East she knew and maintained that "Mormonism," so called, is true. Yet she, as has Brother Nelson, joined "another church for example to their children," but both have ever known that Joseph was the Prophet, Seer and Revelator of this dispensation. The death of our esteemed mother (for she was a mother to the Elders always) has been a heavy blow to the family. There are surviving, thirteen children, most of them grown to maturity; Father Nelson has five at home. Fifteen children were born to this happy couple. It reminds one in many ways of "coming home," to be here. One reason is, we have family prayer night and morning, and "blessing" at meal times. Sister Creever, of Provo, is Father Nelson's sister.

The Saints at home should rejoice at having heavy snow storms, it means good crops next summer, while this country is simply "drying out." Wheat is nearly all killed.

Several days ago we clashed hands with one of the Dalton boys. He seemed to be a fine young man, and sometimes I fear there is much uneasiness caused by the name of a person while really he is not doing so much harm as people imagine. The Daltons are cousins to Jesse James, who was killed a few years ago.

We are going to hold conference April 15th, if all is well. Spring has surely come, and the farmers are busy. We have much walking to do, by way of notifying for meetings. Nearly every school has closed. The Elders and Saints at last accounts were well. Our Oklahoma people deserve credit for their hospitality, though they are very poor generally. Ever laboring for the cause of truth,

I am, respectfully,  
W. N. BOWRING.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Memorial services were held in the Farmington Ward meeting house on Sunday last, March 10th, in honor of Elder John A. Clark, who died of

black smallpox at Haifa, Palestine, on the 8th of the last month, while on a mission to Turkey, for which mission he started Feb. 3, 1894.

A large and tasteful floral emblem representing the Gates Ajar, presented by the Young Men's and Young Ladies' M. I. A., was placed on the pulpit; the pulpit and other portions of the room were also appropriately decorated with flowers and white drapery.

At 2:30 p. m. the meeting house was crowded to its utmost capacity with friends of the deceased who had come from all portions of the Stake to show their respect for Elder Clark. Many were turned away from the building for want of room. On the stand, besides the Stake Presidency, ward bishopric and many prominent officials from other parts of the Stake, were Elders Franklin D. Richards, Abraham H. Cannon, B. H. Roberts, Edward Stevenson, Geo. Goddard, Jas. E. Talmage, Willard Done, J. M. Whitaker and Richard Haag, for Salt Lake City.

The services were conducted as follows: The choir sang on page 257, "Thou dost not weep to weep alone;" prayer was offered by James T. Smith; choir sang on page 402.

Brother Miller then read the following resolutions of respect by the Young Men's association of Farmington, Davis county, Utah:

Whereas, Elder John A. Clark was born and raised in our midst, loved and esteemed by all who knew him, for his even disposition and his exemplary life, his moral character and his loving and affectionate attributes; and

Whereas, As a member of the M. I. A. he did continually hunger and thirst after knowledge and hence was an able and energetic worker in the cause of improvement; and

Whereas, He did faithfully and creditably perform the duties of secretary during the winter of 1889 and 1890; and

Whereas, He did promptly and cheerfully respond to the call as an "ambassador of Christ" to Turkey, to carry the message of life and salvation to all who would hear and obey his warning voice; and

Whereas, It has seemed proper in the infinite wisdom of an all-wise Creator that he should lay down his life in a land so remote from friends and home, succumbing to the ravages of that dread disease, the black smallpox;

Resolved, That a vacancy has occurred which shall ever be looked upon with the most profound feeling of sorrow and regret, and that in him we have lost a friend, a brother and a co-laborer of the highest and most estimable type;

Resolved, That we do ever hold him up as a model, which all young men should pattern after, being ever ready and willing to show our love for the truth and desire for the salvation of fellow men, even to the laying down of our lives if it needs be as he has emulated the example of our Elder Brother, manifesting a love greater than which "no man hath for his fellow creatures;"

Resolved, That we are reconciled to the providence of God concerning our dead brother, feeling that he is the better prepared to continue his mis-

sionary labors on the other side, and that as he has lost his life for "His sake and the Gospel" he will find it again, yea, even life eternal, enabling us to again co-mingle with him never to part.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions he presented to his family together with our united heartfelt sympathy and condolence, further craving the blessings of the Lord upon his respected parents, that they may be borne up in their bereavement with that solace which nothing but the Gospel can give and the knowledge that when they again behold their dutiful and affectionate son he may be wearing a martyr's crown.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the DESERT NEWS and also one placed on record in the Young Men's association.

W. W. RICHARDS,

DAVID THOMAS,

E. F. RICHARDS,

In behalf of the Young Men's Association.

Elders Hess, James T. Smith, Abraham H. Cannon, Franklin D. Richards and James E. Talmage were the speakers, and in their respective remarks they offered the greatest comfort and condolence to the parents of the young man, and each paid a glowing tribute to the merits of the departed one, as he had always been a young man of the highest morals and strictest integrity, and his loss will be deeply felt by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance during his short but well spent life. Z.

#### SELF-RELIANT ST. DAVID.

ST. DAVID, A. T., March 13, 1895.

Elder Andrew Jensen, while here several months ago, stated that he had been told previous to coming to St. David that there were but three families living here. The past two weeks have surely been notable ones for those families. There have been three weddings, nine children baptized, and one boy, weight 10½ pounds, born. This is certainly a pretty good record for the few families said to be here.

There have also been three houses erected, and more in progress. So you see our town is slowly advancing, and if we cannot get settlers from without we intend to remain here until by marriage and intermarriage we shall eventually fulfil the words of the Prophets, that "the valley will be settled from one end to the other with Saints."

There are several enterprises that could be entered into here with beneficial results. Our nearest flour mill is nearly sixty miles distant and yet there are thousands of pounds of wheat raised along the banks of the river. There are but two machines to do all the threshing of grain; and last year we had to pay the enormous sum of thirteen bushels per hundred for threshing, and then they did not get through until nearly Christmas.

Our legislature is doing efficient work in the capital, especially in the line of modeling the school system, although we now have a very complete system.

You will hear from me more in the future.

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