

But vain, all in vain, is the effort to trace
The great good he has done for the human
race.

We sing of the heroes, we honor the brave
Who have taken the sword their country to
save.

His, a different warfare, yet not less has he
Achieved for the world a grand victory.

Not by sword or by slaughter, but love and
peace.

He leads on to a life that never will cease;
As our Prophet we trust his wisdom to guide
Though mighty the foe, he has God on his
side.

The world would do well all his counsels to
heed.

As the Saints look to him for comfort in need.
Oh! words are too poor our thoughts to con-
vey.
Or make known to others the things we would
say.

A Prophet, a Seer, to make known God's mind
To Latter-day Saints, and the world of man-
kind
Who now grope in darkness without the sure
word
Of a Prophet to tell them "Thus saith the
Lord."

To warn them of danger, to bid them prepare
For the latter day judgments which now are
here.
Most truly do we have cause to rejoice
That we hear for ourselves a true Prophet's
voice.

Then let us each strive that in our daily lives
We may follow the wise instruction he gives;
Nor e'er turn aside, for the way is made plain,
How eternal lives in God's presence to gain.

Two paths lie before us, the narrow and broad
The broad leads to death, the narrow to God.
We are taught the right way, let us it pursue,
For crowns are awaiting the good and the true.

Oh! this life is too short to trifle away.
We all should improve each hour that we stay.
But my pen I find from my subject will stray,
I am writing of President Woodruff's birth-
day.

Many thousands today enjoy the rich treat,
This much loved servant of God to meet,
But we cannot all be in the city today.
Our respects to our aged Prophet to pay.
But for him our best wishes and prayers also
ascend
That all needful blessings his life may attend.

We wish him many returns of the day,
Till our Father sees fit to call him away.
Few so long on this earth with honor have
stood.
As this friend of mankind and the friend of
HANNAH CORNABY,
God,
SPANISH FORK, Utah, February 28th, 1897.

GRANTSVILLE, Utah, March 1st,
1897.—Yesterday in our Sunday school
we followed as near as we could the
program published in the News for
the Sabbath schools in Salt Lake City.
There was a good turn out and all
seemed to be filled with the spirit of
the occasion. There seemed to be a
gentle influence shed upon all, and
they listened with special attention to
the remarks of Brother J. R. Clark on
the life and works of our beloved
President. In the course of Brother
Clark's subject, he made mention of
the fact that our Heavenly Father
had restored to President Woodruff his
natural eyesight and a new pair of
lungs, so that even in his advanced age
he can see and read as well as ever.

While the Bishop and Counselor
Anderson were on the stand yesterday,
a few minutes before our 2 p. m. meet-
ing opened, they suddenly thought it
would be an excellent thing to have a
meeting at 10 a. m. today, in order that
we might more fully commemorate
the birthday of a leader in Israel. So
just before closing meeting, they ap-
pointed a committee of three to make
preparations and get up a program.
Every one thought it was a very short
time to get any one to take part; yet
when we convened at the appointed hour

today, the following program was
nicely and effectively rendered.

Music by the brass band while the
congregation assembled.

Meeting called to order by Bishop
Wrathall at 10 a. m.

Selection by the brass band, Sweetly
Dreaming.

Singing by the choir and congrega-
tion, We thank Thee, O God, for a
Prophet.

Prayer by Chaplain A. K. Ander-
son.

Address by William Jefferies.

Selection by the choir.

Selection from the Anderson band.

Quartet by members of the choir,
Lovely Deseret.

Speech by Sister W. J. Robinson.

Selection by the brass band.

Hawaiian song, H. E. Booth and wife
and Orlando Barrus.

Address by J. R. Clark.

Selection by the Anderson band.

Singing by the choir, organ and
string accompaniment, Our God we
raise to Thee.

Benediction by the chaplain, A. K.
Anderson.

The committee consisted of A. V.
Milward, W. J. Robinson and A.
Fawcett.

To nearly every one's astonishment
our meeting house was filled to over-
dowing. It reminded one of a con-
ference day. There were many to be
noticed in the congregation who
very, very seldom attend meeting,
but on no occasion of this kind they
were willing to come out and show
their honor and reverence for the one
whom all the Saints of God love and
revere.

In the able remarks of Elder William
Jefferies, he stated this fact (among
many others) that President Wood-
ruff has justly earned the title of Wil-
ford the Faithful; and the speaker
expressed the wish that Brother
Woodruff might live like unto Moses
of old to be a hundred and twenty
years, and as long as the Lord desired
him.

Every one remarked what a good
time we had. The Bishop said we
couldn't have done better had we have
taken a week to prepare.

H. E. B. J.

MORONI, Sanpete Co., March 2,
1897.—In our celebration of the anni-
versary of our venerable President
Woodruff's ninetieth birthday, the
Moroni Relief Society took the initia-
tive by inviting all the married folks
(members or non-members of the
Church) to send in their picnics during
the forenoon to the dancing pavilion,
where a committee of sisters took
charge preparatory to serving dinner
at 2 p. m.; when four tables filling the
main body of our spacious dancing
floor with as good a spread and variety
of luxurious edibles as would satisfy the
most fastidious epicure were freely
partaken of by the married portion of
our community. There was an ample
supply for all and some to spare for the
worthy poor; and as the streets were
muddy and the weather unsettled
carriages were provided for the accom-
modation of the more aged and in-
firm.

After dinner the tables were re-
moved. Prayer was offered by Elder
Orlando Bradley. A program appro-
priate to the day and occasion was

carried out consisting of short and
timely remarks by Elders J. S. Ferrin,
James Harvey, Orlando Bradley
and Bishop's Counselor Nathan Faux;
also, comic and sentimental songs by
James Harvey and City Marshal
Jacob Curtis, and an amusing stump
speech by Daniel C. Nelson, followed
by Sisters Hardy, Harvey and Faux
in appropriate and kindly good will
and words of welcome to all, in behalf
of the sisters of the Relief Society.
After this came a song by the audi-
ence, "Oh Saints Have you seen?
Benediction by Counselor Nathan
Faux. Then all who desired joined
in the dance until the shades of
evening set in, and all seemed to
feel that good influence which only
such as fear God and love and do the
works of righteousness know how to
enjoy and appreciate.

The day's entertainment was con-
cluded with a ball at night, in the
pavilion, to which all over fifteen
years of age were invited.

Words of commendation are due to
the sisters and their aids, for affording
us one of the most pleasant enjoy-
ments, on the day when our venerable
President passed his ninetieth mile-
stone, that the citizens of Moroni of
late years have known.

CHARLES KEMP.

WALES, Sanpete Co., Utah, March
1st, 1897.—Wales did herself hono-
r in celebrating the birthday of our aged
and beloved President, Wilford Wood-
ruff. We are an obscure little village
and far removed from our Prophet
and leader, yet he is not and never
can be forgotten by the Latter-day
Saints.

At 1 p. m. the people gathered at the
meeting house, where a short meeting
was held. Counselor Henry Rees read
a brief sketch of the President's life.
Some appropriate remarks were made
and the meeting closed. The assembly
then withdrew to the opera hall, where
a delicious feast awaited them.

About 250 persons, silver-haired
veterans, youths, maidens and golden
curled tots, partook and enjoyed the
sumptuous dinner.

After the dainties were set aside an
excellent literary treat was in store for
us.

Bishop John E. Rees made some
interesting remarks dwelling upon the
love, peace and union that existed
among the Saints. He desired that
we might be privileged to witness
many more such occasions.

After listening to songs, recitations,
etc., prayer was offered and the happy
throng wended their way homeward,
declaring it was a day long and pleas-
antly to be remembered.

A ball in the evening concluded the
day's enjoyment. Great credit is due
the committee in charge.

GRACE CANDLAND.

AMERICAN FORK,

Feb. 28, 1897.

As this is the first public celebration
of President Woodruff's birthday, we
are happy to say that no organization
is more mindful of such occasions than
are the Primary associations.

As Saturday was our regular meet-
ing day, we took advantage of this
blessed privilege; and each of our four
Primary associations held services,
with programs suitable and appropriate
for such a grand occasion.