

had made a record to which his family could point with pride. Temporal matters were secondary with him, his whole attention almost having been given to the work of the Lord. He had kept the straight and narrow path throughout his entire life and had set an example worthy of emulation. Such men as Elder Stevenson were rapidly passing away. They had fought the good fight and had made the most of their positions here upon the earth.

President Wilford Woodruff was the next speaker. He said we had met today to follow the tabernacle of one of the Lord's anointed to the tomb. Such occasions were of frequent occurrence. Elder Stevenson's career upon the earth had been a valuable one, and he had left behind a record to be proud of. In his writings regarding the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph he had placed on record one of the best testimonies that had ever been delivered in the Church. President Woodruff said that the passing away of such men as Elder Stevenson was an occasion for rejoicing rather than sorrow, because of his having lived the life of a true and devoted Latter-day Saint. His work upon the earth would bring its own reward, for God had promised it to His faithful servants. He had left the earth to mingle with his brethren and sisters who had gone before him.

President Woodruff referred to his own work in the Church. He had done a great deal of preaching and felt that his work upon the earth was about completed. In all his labors in the ministry he had had much joy and satisfaction and he felt to urge the Latter-day Saints to live lives of righteousness, for therein was joy unspeakable as well as the reward of eternal salvation, which awaited all the faithful. The speaker referred to the position of the Latter-day Saints here upon the earth, and said that Elder Stevenson's death was not an occasion for mourning because he had fulfilled faithfully the measure of his creation. If any man in this Church and kingdom had been true unto death, it had been Brother Edward Stevenson.

President Joseph F. Smith also addressed the congregation. The speaker said he felt to endorse the remarks which had already been made with regard to Elder Stevenson's fidelity and integrity to the work of the Lord. He was a man who had exhibited faithfulness, energy and constant devotion and labor to the work in which he was engaged and he never neglected an opportunity to bear his testimony to the divinity of the Prophet Joseph. The speaker read from a revelation given in 1833, admonishing the Saints to cleave unto that which was good and to lay aside that which was evil. Such a course, ran the revelation, would lead unto joy celestial in the Father's kingdom. President Smith was satisfied that Elder Stevenson had fulfilled that injunction of the Lord. He was a man who attempted to forsake all evil and to cleave to that which was good. He also endeavored to live by every word which proceeded from the mouth of God and to lead a life consistent with his profession. In his boyhood he was placed in circumstances wherein

his life was in jeopardy, but in all this he was unflinching and remained faithful to the end.

President Smith paid a high tribute to the memory of the departed—a man whom he said had kept the faith to the very letter. He had set an example worthy for all to follow and had yielded obedience to every call made of him, even up to the time of his death. His labors in the northwestern states were discharged with a zeal characteristic of the man, and at times perhaps he had been over-zealous in his untiring enthusiasm for the Gospel.

The speaker concluded his remarks by referring to the position in which death found Elder Stevenson, and to the blessings which obedience to the Gospel brought to all those who departed this life in full faith and fellowship, after a career fraught with good works, such as the deceased had been the author of. He was a make-up of activity, never tiring in the ministry, but always restless in the thought of remaining idle in doing good to his fellow men by preaching the principles of the Gospel.

The choir sang the hymn:

Rest for the weary soul,
Rest for the aching head.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder George Teasdale.

At the close of the services the audience was requested to remain seated, while the mourners followed the remains out of the south door of the building where the carriages were entered and the procession formed to start for the cemetery. The mourners having went out of the south door, the people then moved through the north and east doors.

The procession formed with the members of the First Council of Seventies in the lead, followed by the pall-bearers, bearers, family, relatives and friends, upwards of a score of carriages being in the cortege. At the cemetery the grave was dedicated by Elder C. D. Fjellsted.

REUNION OF MALAD STAKE.

WEST PORTAGE, Box Elder Co., Utah,
January 23, 1897.

I have the pleasure to report a grand success in the reunion of the Stake authorities of Malad Stake of Zion, which occurred yesterday at this peaceful little burg on the west side of the Malad river. This affair had been on the tapis for a number of weeks. At 11 a.m. the Portage brass band assembled at the meeting house and by their lively airs called the people together. The house was nicely cleaned and decorated, the people well dressed and cheerful, and the choir looked, as they sang, full of peace and harmony. Shortly after 12 m. President O. O. Hoskins, looking the father and patriarch that he is, called the meeting to order. After singing, prayer and music, he extended a welcome, and a pleasant New Year to the vast congregation of aged veterans in the army of the Lord, both male and female, to the young and beautiful visitors, and to the members of the band and choir. In all my experience I never saw a welcome more heartily appreciated. His remarks on the duties of the presiding Priesthood in encouraging, by example, the people to improve educa-

tionally, socially, morally, and religiously, and last but not least, to care for the poor, were indeed words of wisdom. Elder John M. McCrary then followed and his remarks were in sweet touch with the remarks of Elder Hoskins's, and he urged the Saints to pay their tithes and offerings in order to have claim on the blessings of the Lord. Elder William Gibbs then gave statistical reports of the growth of the Stake from its organization in 1888 to the end of 1896, showing an increase of 381 souls and three wards during that period. Prior to 1888 five wards belonged to the Box Elder Stake and four wards in Idaho to the Oneida Stake. These were combined, forming the now Malad Stake of Zion. The report showed that the organizations necessary to the complete work of improvement in our Stake in Zion, are in excellent condition, and that the improvements made and being made in the several wards are satisfactory to the presidency of this Stake.

The forenoon meeting, or the exercises thereof, were interspersed by songs, music and short speeches by the committee of arrangements. Then came the picnic. Well, Mr. Editor, it was a feast—language is inadequate to explain it, and in fact at this writing, I am too full for utterance and I find others in the same condition.

The exercises were varied in the afternoon, when vocal and instrumental music, wit and wisdom followed each other in rapid succession for three solid hours. It would be invidious to mention names as all did well. But I must mention the remarks made by Bishop Moroni Ward of Washakie. His experience as Bishop of a ward of Lemaites of about forty families, who are now living in their own houses, cultivating their own farms, engaging in trade and commerce, attending schools, meetings, socials and other pursuits, is among the most remarkable experiences of any Elder at home or abroad.

At the close of the afternoon meeting more picnic—then at early evening the social. To see the young and the old mingle in the dance like we used to do twenty or thirty years ago was a sight pleasant and long to be remembered. Not a cross word; not an unpleasant look, but all love, peace and plenty was the order of the day. So ended a day long to be remembered by the people of Malad Stake and the hospitable people of Portage.

Committee of Arrangements—Jor. W. Dudley, Louis D. Jones, Fred E. Jones, Gerris Mansfield and J. W. Hase.

Committee on Reception—Bishop Enoch Harris, David Hall, W. H. Gibbs and Richard Rowe.

There were other committees, but I did not get their names.

In conclusion I will say that the day was really one of thanksgiving, for the reason that the people here are now free from sickness, which they have not been for nearly five months. Every family has been visited with typhoid fever, and it has taken the best efforts of our Bishop and his willing counselors in connection with the Relief Society—God bless them—to administer spiritual and temporal comforts of the afflicted ones. We have had four deaths—one father, Brother Don C. McCrary and his