

ever we go, the very title of the conference brings together large and spirited congregations.

Besides a preliminary meeting of the presidency and Stake superintendency, we held four meetings in Brigham City, after which one for Sunday school workers and other authorities. A number of class exercises were given by the primary and intermediate classes; also a brief lecture on the divinity of our Savior's mission, by a member of one of the theological classes. The Articles of our Faith were beautifully rendered by five young ladies from the Three Mile Creek Sunday school; and a motion song was very prettily sung by a portion of one of the primary classes. These exercises were interspersed with short reports from Stake and local superintendents during the various meetings, not only from Brigham City but Willard, Three Mile Creek, Mantua, etc. Some excellent remarks were also made by Rudgar Clawson, ex-Stake Superintendent Wixom, etc.

It was deemed wisdom, after the two crowded meetings held in Brigham City on Sunday, that an evening meeting should be held in Willard, seven miles south of Brigham, as a finale to the two days' conference. Notice of this meeting was given out by the Bishop in the afternoon, and a good sized congregation greeted us at 8 o'clock p.m. This visit brought us in pleasant contact with two old timers of between thirty and forty years—Brothers Hubbard and Dalton, whose early reminiscences afforded a rich treat.

On Saturday between four and eight o'clock our devoted Stake superintendent, Elder O. W. Snow, favored us with a drive to the elevated bench upon which their waterworks are erected, and from which Brigham city is abundantly supplied with spring water for domestic and lawn purposes. From this mountain summit the commanding view of the adjacent country is very extensive—the city of Corinne is plainly visible.

Our next drive was through the canyon, which presents a variety of mountain scenery and always affords a pleasing change to those of city life. Emerging from the canyon an open plateau presents itself, with cultivated farms, fields and orchards, and a good-sized settlement known as Mantua. We noticed a comfortable meeting house and quite a variety of commodious dwelling houses and shade trees of many years' growth.

It reminded me of thirty-one years ago, when I noticed the first house that was built there, while traveling to and from Cache valley, and thought what a lonely and exposed location for a family to risk a residence upon. Now there is a thriving settlement of between 400 and 500 inhabitants, and the once rugged and barren land yields fruitful and productive food for man and beast. What a change can be produced on the face of nature after the skill and industry of man have been manifested upon it!

Our visit to Brigham and Willard cities has been an enjoyable and, I sincerely hope, a profitable one, for that is the motive that prompts us in our labors of love towards the moral and religious training of the youth of Zion.

GEORGE GODDARD.

ELDER R. M. STEVENS DEAD.

FAGALII UPOLU, Samoa, May 23, 1894.—Since you last heard from the far-off land, the hand of death has again been among us; this time it has taken from our midst, our honored and beloved president, Elder Ransom M. Stevens. He had been complaining of not feeling well for some time, and had been confined to his bed for ten days, when on the morning of Saturday, April 28th, 1894, his noble spirit was called hence, and we were left to mourn his loss, and try to comfort and console his grief-stricken wife.

Brother Stevens had been president of the the Samoan mission for some time previous to his demise, and as president and co-laborer he won the love and esteem of the brethren and sisters who were associated with him, and his death has cast a gloom over our mission home which time and the Spirit of God only can efface.

His many, many virtues, and his deeds of love and kindness made him a great favorite among the servants of the Lord in this land, and we feel that in his death we have indeed lost a brother and wise counselor. His love and charity towards this erring people was such as only a true servant of God can bestow. He was ever ready and anxious to speak a word in defense of truth, and show fallen man the path whereby he might regain his Maker's presence.

Although we sadly feel our loss, and I long, with aching hearts, to comfort his bereaved wife, yet we realize that "He doeth all things well," and we feel to say, "Thy will be done." We invoke the blessings of God upon his parents and dear ones in their hour of great trial, and we crave His special blessings upon the devoted wife, who will leave for Zion on this steamer, with a sad, heavy heart. We have learned to love Sister Stevens as a sister during her two years' stay in this land; and her noble deeds and womanly actions shall long be remembered by us. She has every reason to feel comforted in regard to her departed husband, for his life was full of good deeds, and worthy of emulation, and we trust we may be enabled to pattern after his worthy example.

Ever praying for the welfare of Utah and her people, and for the advancement of truth,

I am your brother in the Gospel,

THOS. H. HILTON,

Clerk of Samoa Mission.

Mrs. Annie T. Stevens, wife of the deceased, telegraphed from San Francisco yesterday to Elder George E. Browning, of Ogden, the former president of the Samoan Mission, as follows:

"My husband is dead. Leave here tomorrow morning. Please inform authorities and ask them to telegraph F. Christenson, Fairview, at once."

Elder Browning did as requested, and the President's office, in this city, sent the message to Fairview, where the deceased Elder resided, and where his parents are still living. Brother Christenson is the father of the widow.

According to the foregoing dispatch Sister Stevens left San Francisco this morning and is expected to arrive in Ogden tomorrow (Sunday) evening. There she will remain the guest of

Elder Browning until Monday morning. A few hours will probably be spent in Salt Lake City, and she will take the train Monday afternoon for her home.

Inquiries from Fairview today were received by the President's office as to whether or not Elder Stevens's body was being brought home. There is nothing in either the foregoing letter from Elder Hilton or in the dispatches that have been received to indicate that such is the case.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Following is the report of Principal Done, of the Latter-day Saints' College, for the school year 1893-4:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 7, 1894.

To the President and Board of Trustees, Latter-day Saints' College Association:

Dear Brethren—I present to you the principal's report of the Latter-day Saints' College for the eighth academic year:

Term of Semesters—First, September 11th, 1893, to January 26th, 1894; second, January 29th, 1894, to June 8th, 1894.

Total, Males, 164; Females, 160.....	324
During the entire year.....	150
For 1½ semesters.....	54
For 1 semester.....	56
For ½ semester.....	64

Total..... 324

In Department—(First Semester)—Intermediate, males, 89; females, 70; total, 159. Academic, males, 45; females, 27; total, 72. Normal, males, 19; females, 12; total, 31. Males, 153; females, 109; total, 262. Second Semester—Intermediate, males, 84; females, 57; total, 141. Academic, males, 47; females, 25; total, 72. Normal, males, 16; females, 12; total, 28. Young Ladies' Course, females, 42; total, 42. Males, 147; females, 136; total, 283.

Distribution of students according to Church standards: Seventies, 5; Elders, 9; Priests, 5; Teachers, 21; Deacons, 63; Members, 215; Non-members, 6. Total, 324.

According to home address: Salt Lake City and County—First ward, 8; Second ward, 6; Third ward, 7; Fourth ward, 14; Fifth ward, 2; Sixth ward, 3; Seventh ward, 14; Eighth ward, 8; Ninth ward, 8; Tenth ward, 12; Eleventh ward, 2; Twelfth ward, 4; Thirteenth ward, 6; Fourteenth ward, 9; Fifteenth ward, 15; Sixteenth ward, 20; Seventeenth ward, 28; Eighteenth ward, 7; Nineteenth ward, 18; Twentieth ward, 16; Twenty-first ward, 13; Twenty-second ward, 16; Twenty-third ward, 2; Center, 4; Mt. Dell, 1; Farmers, 11; Pleasant Green, 1; Mill Creek, 8; East Mill Creek, 1; Riverton, 1; Taylorsville, 8; Granite, 3; South Jordan, 1; West Jordan, 1; Sugar House, 2; Granger, 8; Draper, 2; Herriman, 2.—Salt Lake county, 275. Other Stakes in Utah: Box Elder, 1; Davis, 20; Iron, 2; Kane, 1; Morgan, 5; Rich, 5; Summit, 3; Sanpete, 1; Sevier, 4; Tooele, 3; Utah, 2; Juab, 1; Oneida Co., Idaho, 1. Total other Stakes of Utah and Idaho, 49. Total attendance, 324.

The intermediate, academic and normal departments have been retained this year. The work of the