

battled with the world until her once robust health is gone and she is weak and baggard and learned what temptation and dissipation are. Then let her come back and she will know what true joy is.

On the whole I think, if she is the right kind of a girl, the stature of a farmer's daughter is equal to any lady's in the land; and in some instances in points of virtue it is superior. Some one would say: "But that kind of girl never marries." Yes, she does. Providence always directs the right kind of man to her and she is never in danger of getting the wrong one, as the girls often are who see a great many men. Sorrow is often the result of marrying the wrong man. But the farmer's daughter never gets the wrong one unless she is foolish enough to do so, which is seldom the case.

LIBBIE DELONG.

PANGUITON, Utah, Aug. 16, 1895.

### WILLIAM B. MAXWELL.

MECA CITY, Arizona, August 27, 1895.—Elder Wm. B. Maxwell who was born in 1822, died at the home of his daughter in Alma ward of this Stake, Sunday, the 25th. Brother Maxwell was a man of great integrity, of generous and noble impulse, a true friend to God and His kingdom. He was among the most valiant through the fatigues, sacrifices and hardships of the Battalion experience, and in the Utah troubles of 1857-8 he was in the front rank for defence of our rights. He was from 1856 to 1859 associated in the re-colonization and presidency of Sataquin in Utah county, since which time he spent his life in the south in pioneering and colonization. In 1857 I found him in La Ascension, Chihuahua, Mexico, where with Brother Johnson and others he was seeking a settlement for our people at Diaz near that place. Bro. M. was an efficient Indian missionary and always sustained a good influence with the native people.

He came here for his health from Graham Co., where his family still reside. With Pres. Nokes and others, I was with him but a few hours before he died. He was full of bright hope and joy in the Gospel, and bore a vigorous testimony of its truths and of a knowledge that his Redeemer lived.

With the anointing we sealed upon him all former blessings dedicating him unto the Lord, if not to live, to go in peace, which he did at 10 o'clock the same evening.

B. F. JOHNSON.

### MILLARD STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Millard Stake of Zion convened in the large hall in the district school house at Scipio, 10 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 25th, 1895.

Present on the stand were: Elders John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles; C. D. Fjeldsted, of the Seventies; Ira N. Hinckley and Daniel Thompson, of the Stake presidency, and other leading Elders of the Stake.

After singing and prayer, President Hinckley made a few opening remarks, and reported the condition of

the Stake; said we have all kinds of people from the very best to some of the worst; spoke in terms of praise of some of the societies and organizations, but said it appeared very hard for some to be consistent Latter-day Saints.

Bishops Thor. Yater, of Scipio, and H. B. Bennett, of Meadow, and T. C. Callister, of Fillmore, gave reports of their respective wards which agreed with the report already given by President Hinckley.

Elder C. D. Fjeldsted then addressed the conference. He referred to the time when the Pioneers arrived in Salt Lake valley, when Pres. Brigham Young called upon Elder Orson Pratt to dedicate this land for the gathering of the Saints, who there and then, in humble prayer, covenanted with the Lord in behalf of the people that if he would bless the land and make it fruitful, temper the elements and increase the water, that the Saints would pay their tithing, observe the Sabbath day and keep His commandments. The speaker asked how the people kept their side of the bargain. The Lord never fails to keep His covenant, but it is different with the majority of the people. How are we observing the Sabbath day? Are we gambling? Are we swearing? Are we drinking strong drinks? We cannot indulge in these things without breaking our covenant with the Lord.

Elder John Henry Smith congratulated the people of Scipio on their public enterprise, and advised the Saints to copy everything that is good, regardless of where we find it. He spoke about persecution and said it had sometimes been caused by unwise zeal on the part of the Elders. Our missionaries have no right to persuade wives to leave their husbands or children to run away from their parents.

After singing and prayer conference adjourned until 2 p. m.

At 2 o'clock conference was again called to order by President Hinckley, and after the usual opening exercises the Sacrament was administered. Elder Daniel Thompson, of the Stake presidency, then addressed the congregation for a short time on the gathering of Israel and the duties of the Saints.

Elder Heber J. Grant said it requires a constant effort to live the lives of Saints. We all find excuses for our wrong doing. We should not quarrel over politics or anything else. We are under obligations to try and overcome our weaknesses. Equal suffrage, he thought, would purify politics here as it had done in Wyoming.

Elder Joseph W. Darrow, a returned missionary from the South Sea Islands, gave a very interesting report on his labors and experiences while on his mission.

At the evening meeting, the resignation of Alma Greenwood as stake superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement association was read and accepted.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke about the duties of ward Teachers and other officers in the Church. Many Teachers fall far short of performing their duties as they should. There is too much ignorance and indifference among the laboring Priesthood. We send hundreds and thousands of missionaries to the nations of the earth,

and many thousands of dollars are expended on missions in other lands. At the same time the youth of Zion are not reached, and in many cases are neglected by the laboring Priesthood and parents at home. Our girls and boys should be instructed in regard to the sacred responsibilities that are before them. There is too much false delicacy on the part of parents respecting the evils into which many of the young are falling. With the youth of Zion, honor and virtue should be dearer than life. The blighting curse of God will fall upon the libertine.

Elder Heber J. Grant suggested the planting of trees and the beautifying of the surroundings of our public buildings. He reminded the people of the Pioneer monument, and thought we ought to feel liberal towards that mark of honor. He spoke also at some length against hypocrisy and deception.

It was decided to have but one meeting next day, as Elders Smith and Grant had to travel about forty miles to fill another call.

At 10 o'clock Monday morning the Saints again assembled. After singing and prayer the general and local authorities of the Church were presented by Elder C. Anderson and they were sustained. Joseph W. Darrow Jr. was chosen to succeed Alma Greenwood as Stake superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. associations. All the voting was unanimous.

Elder C. D. Fjeldsted likened the Church to a large garden with a head gardener and a great many assistant gardeners, each with his part to look after and care for, and spoke upon the responsibilities resting upon the various officers in the Stake.

Elder Heber J. Grant proved in the course of his remarks how a number of scientific theories had been proven to be false. Positive knowledge is better than theory. He related a number of instances of remarkable manifestations of the power of God. His discourse was very faith inspiring and instructive.

Elder John Henry Smith referred to the clear and practical comparisons made by Elders Fjeldsted and Grant, which he thought could not fail to carry conviction to friends and strangers. He spoke with great power and eloquence upon the greatness and importance of the missionary work done by the Elders, the gathering of the Saints and establishing them in the mountains where they, through industry and skill, aided by the inspiration of the Almighty, had made the wilderness blossom as the rose. He advocated with much earnestness the erection of the Pioneer monument.

Conference adjourned at 1 p. m. with singing and benediction, and it was remarked by President Hinckley and others, at the close, that this was the best conference we have ever had. The speakers enjoyed much freedom and seemed to be specially inspired for the occasion. The beautiful singing by the large Scipio choir, lead by Elder Thomas Mammoth, was charming, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

C. ANDERSON,  
Stake Clerk.

FILLMORE, Aug. 27, 1895.