

and the Son. From his first vision Joseph was persecuted until his martyrdom at 38 years of age. He was one of the purest, noblest and best men that ever lived. He was filled with joy and gladness under all circumstances, and was full of courage, and his whole life was spent for the benefit of the people. He laid the foundation for the great work we are now engaged in, and which is being sent to the nations. This work, the Gospel, will continue to spread till it covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The list of names, before given, of those present who were acquainted with the Prophet, was read.

To the question whether there were any present who were baptized by the Prophet, Elder O. G. Workman and Sister Roxana C. Tripp stood up.

To the inquiry whether there was any one who was ordained by the Prophet, Elder Joseph C. Kingsbury responded that he was ordained by Elder by him at Kirtland, Ohio.

President Joseph F. Smith added that Elder Kingsbury was the person who made the first copy of the revelation on celestial marriage. William Clayton wrote the revelation as it came from the mouth of Joseph, and Elder Kingsbury made the first copy. President Smith said Elder Kingsbury was a man in whom the Prophet had absolute confidence; who had never betrayed a trust reposed in him; and the kind of man who will stand the test and will in the end obtain eternal life.

Elder S. H. B. Smith said he remembered the Prophet coming to his father's house, and also recalled the 27th of June, 1844, when his father left to assist Joseph and Hyrum in their distress. Elder Smith testified that he knew Joseph to be a Prophet.

Bishop R. T. Burton, who had been ordained to the Priesthood under the hands of Patriarch Hyrum Smith, was on guard at Nauvoo at the time the Prophet and Patriarch were martyred in Carthage jail. He also described the occasion when, at a subsequent time, the congregation of Saints beheld the mantle of Joseph fall on Brigham Young. While at that memorable meeting all knew that Brigham was in front of them, it was the voice, the face, and the gestures of Joseph. Bishop Burton also added his testimony that he knew Joseph to be a Prophet.

Sister Zina D. H. Smith, wife of the Prophet, also testified to the divine calling of Joseph. She corroborated Bishop Burton's statement regarding the occasion when the mantle of Joseph rested on Brigham Young.

Sister Lucy Walker Smith, wife of the Prophet, related an incident which occurred at a prayer meeting, when Joseph asked those present "Who do you suppose was with us tonight?" One of those present replied "Christ," when the Prophet responded "The Lord has revealed this unto you."

Sister Bathsheba W. Smith told of having met and talked with the Prophet. She said the pictures exhibited of him were not faithful portraits. He was a man of handsome appearance and dignified presence.

Sister Rachel Grant, who went to Nauvoo in 1843, visited friends in the Prophet's house, although she was not acquainted with him as well as others who had spoken. She had heard him

speak in New Jersey when she was a Baptist, and afterwards she had embraced the true faith.

Elder Anzous M. Cannon said the pictures exhibited of Joseph were not true likenesses. He never had seen a good picture of him, and did not know where the one from which those usually shown was obtained. He had often seen the Prophet with his wife Emma, whom he loved deeply. The night Joseph was slain there was a terrible storm in Nauvoo and vicinity. It seemed although the very elements were angry.

Patriarch John Smith also said the pictures of Joseph were not good ones. Joseph was a handsome man, six feet in his stockings and weighed 212 pounds. The speaker's father, Joseph's brother, was one-half an inch shorter, but of equal weight. The day they started for Carthage his father left his watch at home, and Patriarch Smith still carries it.

Sister Roundy read an interesting biographical sketch of the Prophet Joseph's life.

Elder Edwin Rushton was a boy when he met the Prophet at Nauvoo. Joseph spoke to him as he landed from the boat. He was an admirably built man and so strong that the speaker was satisfied that he never knew his own strength from lack of opportunity to use it all.

Elder Homer Duncan described his experience in becoming a Mormon and related the physical characteristics of Joseph, after which he corroborated the statement of Bishop Burton regarding the time when the mantle of Joseph was witnessed by the Saints to rest on President Young.

Elder Walter Wilcox said he saw Joseph in Kirtland in 1835, and recognized him at once as a Prophet. The speaker was baptized June 10, 1844, seventeen days before the Prophet was slain, and a few days afterward had acted as the representative of his (Brother Wilcox's) dead father while his mother was sealed to him in the Prophet's office a few days before the martyrdom.

Elder Claudius V. Spencer was a member of the Nauvoo legion, and knew the Prophet. Had heard him prophesy that the Latter-day Saints should become a numerous people in the fastnesses of the Rocky Mountains.

Elder Oliver G. Workman said he and fifteen others were baptized by the Prophet at Nauvoo; was present on the occasion named by Bishop Burton, when President Young was revealed as the successor to Joseph as President of the Church.

After a few remarks by Sister Zina D. H. Smith, the choir and congregation joined in singing the hymn, "We thank Thee O God, for a Prophet," and the benediction was pronounced by Elder John Henry Smith.

#### GRATEFUL SETTLERS.

MONTICELLO, Utah,  
Dec. 13, 1894.

Citizens of San Juan and Grand counties met in mass meeting to present resolutions of honor to the honorable Governor West and others. President Hammond, chairman, announced that A. P. Sorenson would read resolutions as follows:

Whereas, We the citizens of San Juan and Grand counties, having been trespassed upon by the Southern Ute Indians, who have come upon us with their flocks of sheep and goats and bands of ponies, destroying our winter ranges, eating up our substance, placing our lives in jeopardy by a threatened Indian war, and threatening to compel us to leave our hard-earned homes; and inasmuch as the honorable Caleb W. West, Governor of Utah Territory, having been quietly but earnestly appealed to by the citizens of said counties for relief, has so nobly responded;

Therefore be it resolved—First, That we the citizens of said counties by ourselves and our representatives, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby tender to said Governor C. W. West and Col. E. W. Tatlock our heartfelt thanks for their prompt and efficient aid;

Second—Be it further resolved, That we also offer our thanks to Col. Lawton for his promptness in responding to our appeal, and to all others who have interested themselves in our behalf;

Third—Be it further resolved, That we tender our thanks to the general government and the different departments thereof for their promptness in coming to our assistance and the peaceable solution of our difficulty;

Fourth—Be it further resolved, That we censure the person or persons, who ever they are, who have been the cause of the Indians coming into our midst and of our present trouble. We also positively deny the statement that the Southern Utes have occupied this country for several years as a winter grazing ground.

Fifth—Be it further resolved that the thanks of all citizens of Utah Territory are due to said Governor West for averting an Indian war, thus preserving the lives of the citizens of our fair Territory.

Sixth—Be it further resolved that we unitefully ask his honor not to cease his exertions in our behalf until our country is thrown open for settlement and the lands surveyed, that we may secure title to our homes, thus ridding us of the uncertainty of our remaining here.

Seventh—Be it further resolved that we cause a copy of these resolutions to be published in the Salt Lake *Herald* and *Tribune* and the *DESERET NEWS*.

Following the resolutions drafted by A. P. Sorenson and J. M. Cunningham, appropriate speeches were made by Governor West, Lieutenant Colonel H. W. Lawton, Colonel E. W. Tatlock, David F. Day, Ute Indian agent of Colorado, President Hammond, of Bluff City, Bishop Peterson, of Moab, J. M. Cunningham, of La Salle, and others. The Monticello choir rendered the anthem, "O, My Father." Refreshments were served. President Hammond pronounced the benediction.

E. L. THOMAS, Clerk.

#### PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held in Parowan meeting house Sunday and Monday, December 16 and 17, 1894. Present upon the stand were the Stake presidency, members of the High Council and Bishops of several wards in the Stake.

10 a. m.—After the usual exercises President Jones reported the Stake, explained some of the objects of holding