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FOUNDER'S DAY EXERCISES.

Interesting Ceremonies at the Bangee Stake Academy—A Large Attendance.

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To the Editor:

Today was "Founder's Day" for the Bangee Stake academy, and a date that it has once indeed. At 11 a. m. the large room in our temporary academy building was crowded with teachers, students, friends and patrons of the institution. Prof. Jos. Peterson, principal, Prof. N. E. Noyes, presiding, the following program was rendered: The way trained academy choir under the able direction of Sister Carrie Petersen, gave the opening anthem, Jesus Lovest Me, by Mrs. Lowe; prayer, Bishop L. Anderson of Ephraim North ward. The choir sang, Not Half has Ever Been Told and Miss Ruth Dorius read a brief history of the academy, which pointed out the struggles through which the academy has passed during the fifteen of late years; also the bright prospect before it if continued advancement and success. The Lesser Priesthood was represented by members from the First, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-fourth wards and from Big Cottonwood and South Cottonwood.

The Y. M. M. I. associations of the Stake were represented by Superintendent Richard R. Lyman.

On the occasion of their respective Bishops, seven young brethren received certificates authorizing their ordination to the office of Elder, each of whom promised to faithfully honor and magnify his calling as Elder if ordained.

Elder Andrew Jensen, representing the Historian's office, placed before the meeting a plan for organizing the First Presidency, and instituted for the purpose of raising means toward the erection of a new building, a work of reference on Church history, to be published under the title of Church Chronology.

On the proceeds of the sale of that work is to be used for the purpose named, and the Bishops and leading men were instructed to lay the matter before the people in their respective wards, and take each stake as they might deem proper to obtain a very large and popular war for the work of which 25,000 were being printed.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor read two circular letters received from the office of the Mutual Improvement Associations, which pointed out that manuscripts should be in the hands of all the Latter-day Saints, for it contained matter that was not only interesting but highly instructive. We were asked to see our influence to secure 1515 subscribers to make the magazine self-sustaining, and to enable the publishers to continue to send as heretofore, one copy free to each missionary who may be in the field, and to which the magazine would have such a large circulation as it merited.

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President Taylor also spoke briefly in support of the Pioneer monument fund, and suggested that companies and wards organize a procession, or meeting, and subscribe in each Bishop's ward, to collect subscriptions in order that the amount required may be secured, and that in a short time the work of the Stake, which is about $1,000 may be obtained without any unnecessary delay. The faithful performance of every duty and fulfilling every obligation resting upon us was strongly emphasized by the speaker.

Elder Richard R. Lyman also spoke in support of the Improvement Era similar to President Taylor's. He said the magazine would have such a large circulation as it merited.

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Speaking of the support of the press in this Stake of Zion he thought that the $5,000 paid out annually by the Church for this purpose, could be greatly increased. As to the need and deserving poor among us he hoped there would be sufficient means raised for all needed help, for he thought that these able to work—the young and able-bodied, who are the sons and daughters of parents and grandparents, should work for their own living. He thought that we are a people fed wrong in saving the lives of others and found that we were pauperizing some by feeding them year after year. Had it been assumed to be good upon reflecting on this subject that it would be wise for us to have a special committee to consist with the Bishopric of the several wards regarding the circumstances of those who may wish aid or support from the earnings of the tithes. The Bishop, he said, went out to seek the poor and look for the aged and infirm and otherwise helpless people, and said that it was our duty to seek out the proper objects of charity, for such individuals were not usually clamorous nor were they inclined to make their necessities known.

We have it often brought to our notice that some communities remote from Zion are independent of the Church, and support their own poor, yet at the same time have their hearts and means with Zion, he said, want not to grow rich and leave