

ward, to rise, which they did. He thereupon proposed that the ward be organized (describing its boundaries) with James J. Jensen as Bishop. Both propositions were unanimously adopted. Elder Jensen then named Royal B. Young and James Hendry as his counselors and these were also unanimously sustained after having signified their willingness to serve. Bishop Driggs being left with but one counselor, Royal B. Young, formerly his first, was called upon to name his counselors and he selected Frank Y. Taylor as first and M. M. Atwood as second counselor. These were, like the others, unanimously sustained.

President Cannon at the close of the meeting made a few remarks in which he expressed the hope that he had hurt the feelings of no one, but maintained the position he had taken throughout the meeting. He invoked the blessing of peace and quiet on the congregation, after which Elder Joseph E. Taylor pronounced the benediction and the meeting came to an end.

IN UTAH COUNTY:

VERNAL, Utah, Aug. 18, 1896.—The Sunday school conference in the Uintah Stake of Zion convened in the bower at Vernal, Aug. 8, at 10 a. m. There were present on the stand the full quorum of Stake officers, several Bishops, nearly all the superintendents of the schools of the stake and a number of visitors, but there was no representative of the General Union board, which we regretted very much.

The call for order came at 10 o'clock prompt. The choir, with congregation assisting, led by Chorister Thomas Bingham of the Millward Sunday school, who led the singing for the entire conference sang. Invocation was offered by Bishop Geo. Freestone of Vernal. The Stake secretary then read the minutes of the last Stake S. S. conference which were accepted unanimously.

A few opening remarks were offered by Supt. Jas. Hacking, after which the secretary conducted the repeating of the Articles of Faith by all assembled.

Singing, We are marching on to glory.

An exercise by the second intermediate department of Millward, under direction of the head teacher, Mrs. Abigail Oaks, subject Faithfulness, closed by repeating the blessing on the bread and wine, was then given.

An exercise by the primary department of Vernal under their department teacher, Mrs. A. K. Bartlett, subject, The Creation, closed by repeating the blessing on the bread, was also given.

Second Assistant Stake Superintendent C. B. Bartlett, lately returned from a mission to New Zealand, then addressed the congregation upon the God of the world; closed by repeating the first four Articles of faith in the Maori language.

Assistant Andrew Dudley then reported the Jensen school, as did also John Searle assistant at Mountain Dell, for his school.

A few remarks offered by Bishop George Freestone, lately returned from a mission to Great Britain.

Singing, Joseph Smith's first prayer.

Benediction by Elder J. P. Rudy. 2 p. m.—Singing; prayer by Elder Robert Bodily; singing. An exercise was then given by the Second Intermediate department of Merrill's ward, under direction of their teacher, David L. Richards, subject, The Authenticity of the Bible.

An exercise was also given by the Second Intermediate department of Glens ward, under direction of Elder William Stone; subject, The Book of Mormon.

Remarks were made by First Assistant Superintendent J. P. Rudy; subject, Education and General Work in the Sunday School.

Singing, Utah the Queen of the West.

An exercise was given by the First Intermediate department of Vernal, under direction of their teacher, O. B. Calder; subject, The Ten Commandments and Blessings on the Bread and Wine.

An exercise was given by the Higher department of Mill ward, under direction of teacher Heber J. Timoth; subject, The External and Internal Evidences of the Bible.

Remarks by Superintendent Hacking on the general work of the Sabbath school.

Singing, Nearer My God to Thee.

Benediction by Elder S. D. Colton. Sunday, 10 a. m. Elder John W. Taylor of the Council of the Apostles was with us. After singing, prayer by Elder George Merkle, and singing, the Stake secretary read the annual report of the Sunday schools of the Stake and presented the general and Stake Sunday school authorities, who were unanimously sustained.

After another song, Elder Taylor addressed the people upon grumbling.

Remarks were made by Stake President S. R. Bennion, upon the duties of parents to the Sunday schools.

Superintendent Hacking followed upon the Sunday school cause.

The Stake secretary asked for the history of a few schools not yet reported.

Singing; benediction by Elder C. B. Bartlett. R. L. WOODWARD, State Secretary.

DEATH OF SISTER ELLEN CLAWSON

The sudden death of Sister Ellen Clawson which occurred at 14 minutes past 12 o'clock Tuesday, will be a shock to her many friends throughout the community as well as to her own immediate family. Although Sister Clawson had been ailing nearly three years, yet every hope was entertained of her ultimate recovery. On Sunday morning about 10 o'clock she was taken with severe pain, being similar to other attacks from which she had always recovered, and her friends were not at first seriously alarmed, but though everything was done that the best skill available, and the most intense thoughtfulness could suggest, she had not the strength to rally, however, and finally exhausted fell into a quiet sleep, from which she awoke free from pain, and in little over half an hour afterwards passed peacefully away, surrounded by her husband, children and immediate family.

Sister Clawson was one of the most patient, gentle and self-sacrificing wo-

men, lovable in every respect, and useful in the Church as well as in her own family and her large circle of friends. Her example of piety and devotion and her sterling integrity to the Gospel were beyond question.

Ellen Curtis Spencer Clawson was the eldest daughter of Orson Spencer, A. B., and granddaughter of Daniel Spencer who fought in the Revolutionary war; she was born in Saybrook, Conn., November 21, 1832. Her father graduated at Union college, Schenectady, New York, and also at the Theological college at Hamilton as a minister of the Baptist denomination.

Orson Spencer heard the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and received the truth and embraced the Gospel when his daughter Ellen was seven years of age. He immediately sold his effects and gathered to Nauvoo where he became intimately associated with the Prophet Joseph. Ellen was baptized in the Mississippi river when she was nine years old.

During the exodus from Nauvoo Mrs. Spencer died from exposure and exhaustion through leaving a comfortable home to camp out in midwinter. Ellen took charge of the family, though only a child herself, and six months later her father went on a mission to Great Britain, leaving his five little children in her care. During his absence in addition to the responsibility of family duties, Ellen with the little family crossed the plains in Brigham Young's company, taking five months to complete the journey and meantime suffering all the privations and hardships incident to such an undertaking.

Miss Spencer was married to Hiram B. Clawson in March 1850, the ceremony being performed by President Brigham Young. The union was a happy one in all respects and her fidelity and faithfulness in all the experiences of a large patriarchal family have been a remarkable example. Mrs. Clawson has been the mother of fourteen children, four sons and ten daughters—two sons and seven daughters are still living; all are married and have families except one daughter. Mrs. Clawson has been a wise and exemplary mother, though one of the most generous, tender and solicitous we have ever known. In April, 1879, Mrs. Clawson was called to preside over the Primary association of the Twelfth ward in this city, and later on to preside over all the Primary Association in the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. Sister Clawson with her counselors have traveled in Salt Lake county, organizing and visiting the several associations ever since the Stake organization was effected. Her labors have been highly appreciated everywhere, the little children love her, and pray for her. Her gentleness and her touching simplicity of manners and of language won all hearts. She has done a good and grand work, and her death will be mourned by thousands of the children of Zion. She was sincerely beloved by a host of friends and for her own dear ones the writer feels the utmost sympathy in this great bereavement, but our Heavenly Father whose laws are observed so carefully will watch over