

and the following words: "July 21, 1847, Pratt Family Pioneer Jubilee Reunion, July 21, 1897."

An interesting letter from Elder John W. Taylor was received and read.

At the first meeting held on the 21st inst., a permanent organization of the Pratt family was effected, consisting of Parley P. Pratt, president; Nephi Pratt, vice-president; Milando Pratt, secretary; Mathoni W. Pratt, assistant secretary and treasurer, the three latter named to act as the executive committee.

A committee of three was also elected on temple work, consisting of Aaron Pratt, chairman, Jane Elizabeth Pratt Keeler and Cornelia Pratt Driggs.

MILANDO PRATT,
Secretary Pratt Family Reunion.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 26, 1897.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

RIDGEWAY, Fairfield Co.,

South Carolina, July 9th, 1897.

Your items or letters from Elders laboring in the missionary field are pleasing to one who is interested in that labor, and I trust that a few items of my experience in that line may prove interesting. I stepped from aboard the passenger train that stopped at Ridgeway, S. C., on the morning of Friday, Jan. 22nd, 1897. I found myself alone and in a strange land and went into a little waiting room. In a few moments two Mormon Elders came in and were very much pleased to grasp the hand of one fresh from the land of the Salate.

On February 18th I was assigned my companion and sent to labor in North Carolina, in Columbus and Brunswick counties, belonging to the South Carolina Conference. We fully canvassed about one-half of Columbus county and did some preaching, mostly in private houses for a time. Through fasting and prayer the hearts of the people were softened, for after laboring among them for some time we received an invitation to hold a meeting in one of their school houses. It gave us full sway and we held a week's series of meetings, being invited to come and hold more meetings. We had one baptism to our record, and a good many warm friends.

The truth is surely spreading and we are gaining sympathy and friendship on every hand. The people are beginning to see and know what a blessing it is to entertain and supply the Mormon Elders with the necessities of life, and well they may, for even those who are not in sympathy with us have expressed themselves as being unwilling to turn away a Mormon Elder as it seemed to be something crossed them if they did.

W. E. LAWSON.

MEETING OF PIONEERS.

At a meeting of the Pioneers held in the Assembly Hall at 2 p. m. July 24th, 1897, the following proceedings were had:

Horton D. Haight nominated Hon. Jos. C. Rich as chairman of the meeting and he was duly elected, and on motion of F. W. Young George W. Bean was chosen secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of making due acknowledgments to the Jubilee commission for the eminent services rendered in their behalf during the celebration of this fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the Pioneers, and suggested the adoption of suitable resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting, and that a committee be chosen from this body for the formulation of the same.

Therefore, on motion, the following persons were duly elected said committee: Hon. John R. Murdock of Beaver county, Jos. C. Rich, Horton D. Haight, Dorr P. Curtis and Nymphas C. Murdock of Wasatch county.

Director General Brigham Young being present spoke for a few minutes and the meeting adjourned till 5 p. m. at same place.

At 5 p. m. the committee presented the following:

To the Body of Pioneers Assembled—Your committee appointed under your instructions to draft resolutions expressive of our feelings for our entertainment by the Jubilee commission of Utah on this the fiftieth anniversary of our entrance into the Valley of Salt Lake, as the result of our labors present the following:

Resolved, That the Pioneers of 1847, now convened in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City, hereby express our perfect satisfaction and high appreciation of our entertainment and treatment by the Semi-Centennial Jubilee Commission and all those acting under them and with them; our hearts have been made to rejoice in beholding the wonderful revolutions and changes of a half century—we have met and renewed old acquaintance, have called the roll and found that but little more than one-fourth of our original members stand on this side of eternity.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks as a body be extended unto the Utah Jubilee commission and to all who have contributed to our comfort and joy, irrespective of creed, locality, or conditions.

Resolved, That in our pleasures of this grand Jubilee one with another we have not forgotten that silent majority of our noble band who, worn out and weary, have passed from us to the great beyond, to enjoy and receive the reward that awaited them. Many of us are now nearly ready to follow; and another fifty years will make the labors of the next Jubilee commission a light one in caring for the remaining remnants of our band.

Resolved, That we cannot part on this occasion without an expression of our feelings towards our oldest and most distinguished living Pioneer leader, President Wilford Woodruff. We thank God for his presence with us today, and can only say, "May his remaining years be free from pain, his mind preserved in strength, and the inspiration of the Almighty remain with him forevermore."

Resolved, That while we the Pioneers of 1847 have been selected as the general guests, and representing the foundation of the building up of this vast intermountain country, yet we realize that those who came us, and all who have contributed in the Pioneer movement of the West and the settlement of this great Rocky Mountain region, are equally with us entitled to all praise for the mighty achievements we now behold.

Therefore, we now say farewell to all for the present. We testify in all sincerity that we firmly believe that in our journey into the wilderness we were guided by no uncertain hand, and the

results we now behold are but the growth in the Rocky Mountains of a civilization that our Maker decreed should come in our day and generation, and to Him be all praise.

JOHN R. MURDOCK,
HORTON D. HAIGHT,
JOSEPH C. RICH,
DORR P. CURTIS,
N. C. MURDOCK,

The foregoing was unanimously adopted.

Committee.
GEO. W. BEAN,
Secretary.

On motion of G. C. Rich it was almost unanimously voted to effect a permanent Pioneer organization, and the following persons were chosen as a central committee to proceed to complete said organization, with authority to appoint the necessary clerks and assistant committees in the several counties of the State and other places: John R. Murdock of Beaver; E. M. Weiler, George Crismon, George J. Taylor and Brigham Young of Salt Lake.

STORING UP GRAIN.

PLAIN CITY, Weber Co.,

Utah, July 24th, 1897.

Pardon me for writing you on what I deem a very important subject, which I know the DESERET NEWS and also the authorities of the Mormon Church always have taken a great interest in. That is the storing up of grain in time of plenty, for a time of scarcity. Many times I have heard President Brigham Young, President Woodruff and others of the leaders of the Church counsel the people to store up grain for a time of need. President Young used to say that if the people would carry out this counsel there would never be a famine in the land. There has been so much preaching and counsel on this subject that it almost seems an idle tale; but so sure as you live, Mr. Editor, if the people do not hearken to counsel there will be suffering in the land some day. The Lord always has inspired His servants to warn the people of danger. It took very much to me that if there is not wisdom used in saving the grain this coming harvest, there will be scarcity before we get a harvest in 1898. The subject is very forcibly on my mind, so I have just returned from a trip through Cache and Marsh valleys and also the southern part of Snake River valley. On my return I came by way of Malad, Bear River flat, Collinston and Box Elder county. I took particular notice of the grain, that there is not more than half a crop, that is, our usual crop, taking it on the whole, in any of these valleys I have mentioned. So I advise all the readers of the NEWS, free of charge, to lay up a supply of breadstuff as soon as possible, or they will have to pay the rise on flour before the harvest in 1898, that is if we are fortunate enough to have one then.

There is another thing to consider, I believe the most of the granaries are relieved of their loads of storing-up grain of years ago, on account of the rise in the price of grain. I do not wish to scare anybody, but there is a saying: "The Lord helps those who help themselves." It is not reasonable to expect the Lord to do for us what we are able to do for ourseves.

WILLIAM ENGLAND, SR.