

prepared, but sanctioned what had been said, and wished her friend might have such birthdays four times a year. Music, delightfully rendered by the family choir at intervals, added much to the general pleasure, and not a feeling except that prompted by love or friendship was manifest. At the conclusion the patriarch bestowed a fatherly blessing upon all, and we separated with a feeling that such reunions should be more frequent.

I think it well to give here a few incidents in the history of Brother Johnson: He received the Gospel in the year 1831 and is therefore one of the oldest members of the Church, and one of the few remaining who were intimate with the Prophet Joseph Smith, Father Smith, the first Twelve and the first Elders of the Church. When the Kirtland Temple was finished the Prophet invited all those who had labored upon its construction to come forward and be blessed. Brother Benjamin was then blessed under the hands of the Prophet, being the youngest and last one of all who were thus favored.

After years of persecution and sorrow, when the Saints had to leave Kirtland, Brother Johnson, with his mother, brothers and sisters, started for Missouri in Zion's Camp, and after a toilsome, weary march came to Springfield, Ill. Many of the Camp, including his mother and family, stopped here on account of sickness, but he went on to Adam-Ondi-Ahman, in Missouri. At once identified with the troublous times there, he was taken prisoner, and for eight days and nights kept under guard in the open air in snowy, freezing weather, with no shelter, no bed but some hazel brush, and no bedding or overcoat. Jeered at and insulted by his brutal guard, his life threatened continually and with no one to share his sorrows, his integrity was put to the severest test. He was offered release and honor if he would betray his brethren—death, if he would not. The wretch who shortly before had at the Haun's mill massacre killed an old soldier of eighty years with a corn cutter threatened with horrid oaths to cut him up piecemeal as he had the old man, whose blood still stained the piece of scythe with which he had backed him to pieces as he lay upon the ground pleading for mercy.

From all this he was delivered by the power of God in a marvelous manner, through the prayers of those whomet for the purpose at the suggestion of Sister Zina H. Y. Smith, then a young girl, praying without ceasing night or day until the general in command allowed him to escape. But this incident is worthy a more complete record, which it is to be hoped Patriarch Johnson may give to us at some future time. He bore his share of the sorrows of the Saints in their expulsion from Missouri and Illinois, and has been indefatigable in helping to settle Utah and Arizona, but we cannot touch farther now upon all this. Today, at 76, his faith is as firm as when confronting death at the hands of a bloodthirsty mob.

Unsolicited by any one, I have briefly reverted to a few incidents in his life, believing it eminently proper that the trying incidents through which many

of the Saints have passed should be recorded and published, that their children may emulate the faith and endurance of their parents, very many of whom have now passed beyond the rage of hireling priests and mobs.

J. H. MARTINEAU.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATIONS.

FARMINGTON, Davis County, August 1.—As it has been decided that the Primary associations of Davis Stake hold a fair in the latter part of September, we think it best to call their attention to the fact that there is a little less than two months' time to prepare for the event; and if we have an exhibit we want it to be a credit to the children of Davis county. Therefore a few suggestions may be timely.

The Fair will be held in Farmington, and we feel to thank the judge and members of the county court for kindly permitting us to use the court house.

We desire to have our boys and girls excel in all kinds of home industries and learn to do their work well.

There are some boys who are very handy with tools and can make wonderful things with only a pocket knife. Then let us see who can make any kind of machinery, such as threshing machines, reapers, mowers, tools and furniture of all kinds, brooms, toys, etc. Have we no inventors in Davis county? If they can only invent a fly-catcher.

This appeal is to all young men and boys under 20 years of age.

Smaller boys can make bee hives, screens for windows, graters, butter ladles, comb cases, mop-sticks and ornaments.

Boys as well as girls should learn music—form into musical bands, either brass, martial, string, harmonics, tin-whistle or anything else that will make music. Each band should be under the care of a proficient leader, that order may prevail.

There will be a department for girls' work—dress making, darning, mending, knitting, straw braiding, making artificial flowers and various other things.

Drawings and specimens of writing will be for boys and girls.

We want the girls to become first class housekeepers and cooks—to learn to make good bread, butter, pickles, preserves, bottle fruit, and see how thin they can peel apples and potatoes. They should study economy by making their own vinegar, starch, soap, candles, etc. The time was when we had to make these articles or go without.

A liberal donation of beans is desired.

There will be a conservatory of flowers; also a lunch table and ice cream stand.

As we wish to help ourselves financially, any article of clothing, toys, or ornaments donated by the people will be thankfully received, and will be for sale.

A 50 cent prize will be given for the best home made straw hat; 50 cents for the best made dress; 50 cents for the best darning; 25 cents for the best mending; 50 cents for the best assortment of vegetables; Mrs. Lucy Rigby offers a prize of 50 cents for the best pair of suspenders knit by a little boy.

Will some others of our patriotic citizens offer special premiums?

We trust the children will be strictly honest and not expect credit for work which they have not done themselves.

The Fair will open on Thursday, September 27, and close on Saturday, the 29th. The price of admission for adults will be 10 cents; children 5 cents.

The Primary conference will be held in the meeting house on Friday, Sept. 28th, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., and there will be but one session, to give the children an opportunity of visiting the Fair in the afternoon.

An entertainment will be given in the evening. The presidents are therefore solicited to send in their program as soon as possible.

A good attendance is desired at the officers' meeting the last Friday in August.

Respectfully,
AURELIA S. ROGERS,
JULIA HESS,
LUCY A. CLARK,
Stake Presidency.

GUATEMALA'S FIRST LADY.

Among the visitors to the United States, and who will probably come this way in a few days on her journey to New Orleans from California, is Mrs. A. de Reyna Barrios, wife of the President of Guatemala. She is accompanied on her trip by the Misses Martha and Adriana Behagel and Dr. Juan Padilla, the president's physician. Mrs. Barrios is described as a very handsome young woman, and a native of New Orleans. She met her husband a little over eight years ago, when he was in exile from his native country, at New York. It was a case of love at first sight on the part of the Central American. Mrs. Barrios was then Miss Algeria Benton. She returned the love of her suitor, and in a short time the couple were married. Barrios took his bride to his native country, and the lady became very popular with the people. Her husband, though, was not so popular with the government of Barillas, and he found it expedient to get out of the country very suddenly. Barrios is a soldier, and has the reputation of being a very brave and efficient officer. Never for a moment did his pluck and ambition desert him while he was in exile. He made his home in this city for several years, but all the while he was in communication with his friends in Guatemala, who kept him thoroughly posted on the condition of affairs. When the time for election of President drew nigh Barrios' name was put forward by his friends and his nomination was received by the people with delight.

This was two and a half years ago, and the soldier thought then that the time was ripe for his return to his country. Against the advice of his friends, who feared that Barillas would make away with him, the intrepid young officer and his wife sailed for Guatemala. Emisaries of Barillas were awaiting his arrival at San Jose de Guatemala, but he disembarked at Champerico. Numbers of his friends flocked there to meet him. The people simply went wild as Barrios and his wife drove into the city of Guatemala. Their carriage was pelted with roses and flowers were strewn along