

get that they will become stronger in spirit by observing these things. The fast meetings, as a rule, are not well attended. These meetings should be for prayer as well as for testimony. When we fast we bring our bodies in subjection to our spirits, and have more power with the Lord. It would be proper in our fast meetings to call upon some one during the meeting to offer up a prayer and make known the duties of the Saints. If there is any blaspheming, Sabbath-breaking or other evils in the ward, those who are guilty of these things should be remembered, that they may overcome their weaknesses. The Lord has made us great promises, and if we live right he is bound to fulfill them.

Saturday at 2 p.m. the several wards of the Stake were reported by the Bishops. They reported that the people as a whole are improving and trying to live up to the requirements of the Gospel. There has been a marked improvement in the paying of tithing and offerings in some wards. There is a desire among the Saints to keep the Word of Wisdom and many are now keeping it who did not do so formerly. Patriarchs Jacob G. Bigler and David Uall reported their labors favorably.

Elder Brigham Young spoke of the necessity of the Latter-day Saints overcoming their weaknesses and attending to their duties. If small duties are complied with the larger ones will not be difficult for us, but if we neglect the smaller ones they will soon seem very large to us. No one can prevent us from receiving our reward if we do right. We are either saviors or destroyers of ourselves. Young men have not usually prepared themselves to preach the Gospel abroad, and it is necessary for many to spend much time when they get to their field of labor to learn the things they should have learned at home. The oil in the lamps of the Saints is their good works. We should not stuff the body and starve the spirit.

Saturday evening a Priesthood meeting was held. Elders Young and Lyman occupied the time and gave the Priesthood of the Stake valuable instructions regarding their duties.

Sunday at 10 a.m. Elder F. A. Garrett, who has recently returned from a mission to the Northern States, gave a report of his labors while in the missionary field and testified to the pleasure and satisfaction his labors had given him.

Elder Brigham Young said it is very necessary for the Latter-day Saints to live exemplary lives that those who accept the Gospel abroad will have no cause for offense when they come here. Some of the Elders after returning from missions become neglectful and forget their duties; this should not be the case.

Elder F. M. Lyman read from the Doctrine and Covenants and explained how cases of transgression should be dealt with. We cannot be saved by keeping one of the commandments of God and neglect the rest. We should not allow evil thoughts to originate within our hearts, they soil the soul. Neither should we entertain evil thoughts that come to us. When difficulties exist between two persons they should be settled without being scattered broadcast.

Sunday at 2 p.m. the General Church

and Stake officers were presented for the vote of the people, and all were unanimously sustained.

Elder F. M. Lyman continued his discourse upon the manner in which difficulties that rise in the Church should be settled. The Holy Ghost is not the only gift given to man. Repentance is a great gift. As man cannot please God without faith, so sure he cannot please Him without repentance. Sin brings a fearful calamity upon the sinner, the way of the transgressor is hard.

Elder Brigham Young said the Saints left their homes and came to these valleys for the purpose of finding a place where they could serve God, not for riches. The prayer of the Pioneers was ever "Lord, give us a place where we can worship Thee in peace." We are here not to idle away our time or walk in the ways of Babylon, but to serve God. The Saints who are scattered among the nations of the earth have a desire to come to Zion. Some work day and night to obtain means to carry out that desire, and God has blessed them upon their journey. The words of the ancient Prophets are being fulfilled. The hardships of the Saints in coming to Utah were vividly described, and the people were reminded of the great work there is to perform in building temples, where the living and dead can receive blessings. Elder Young closed his remarks by bearing a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

At the close of conference Elder Lyman and the Stake presidency made their way to Juab to reorganize that ward. Bishop Elmer Taylor, who has served as the common judge of that ward for many years, had previously stated the present conditions and future prospects of the ward to Elders Young and Lyman, and asked for a release. The authorities being assured of Bishop Taylor's weak state of health and being absent from home so much, accepted the resignation of Brother Taylor, with their blessings for his faithful labors in the past. Brother Taylor and family have been true and hospitable friends to the visitors of the ward and have been a valuable support to the ward and still manifest the same desire to be such in the future.

Brother Robert C. Stephenson now bears the title of Bishop of the Juab ward, and Brothers Charles V. Clinton and Arthur Meads are his counselors. These brethren very reluctantly accepted these positions, feeling that nothing but a sense of duty could persuade them to assume such responsibilities. They evidently were the choice of the people, as there was not a dissenting vote. A rich flow of the Spirit was enjoyed and the people and Stake authorities are hopeful of the best results of the new organization.

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### HERE'S A SCANDAL.

The arrest of the Rev. Dr. W. D. Mabry, pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, and Mrs. W. C. Reilly, wife of Attorney W. C. Reilly of the Salt Lake bar, on a charge of adultery, has created a great sensation in local circles. The complaint was

quietly sworn to between 1 and 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, in Commissioner Pratt's court, by the Rev. J. D. Gillilan, of the Liberty Park Methodist church, and the couple were taken into custody about an hour later by Police-officers Roberts and Gillespie.

The arrest was made in Dr. Mabry's study, at the Methodist church on Third South street, where he has officiated for the last five years. The two officers named proceeded to the church, and went up the stairway leading to the study, on the second floor, with noiseless tread. Then looking through the window at the rear they claim to have caught the parties in a compromising position. Having thus satisfied themselves the officers went to the west door of the study and found it locked. Suddenly forcing it open, they told Dr. Mabry and Mrs. Reilly to consider themselves under arrest on the charge above named.

The defendants were taken to the police station without any further ado. Mr. Reilly, upon learning what had happened, hastened to the police station, and had an interview with his wife, who, while protesting her innocence of anything wrong, wept bitterly.

Dr. Mabry, whose wife and children are in Los Angeles, Cal., where they have been staying with friends for the past three months, also declared there was no ground whatever for the charge, and expressed a hope that the public would suspend its judgment until the entire truth was made known, and the "motives behind the prosecution had been laid bare."

Wednesday Mrs. Reilly (who is an exceedingly good looking brunette, about 24 years of age) was released on a \$300 bond, her sureties being Attorney W. H. Dickson and Mr. Samuel Kenyon. The male defendant remained in custody until between one and two o'clock Thursday morning, when a messenger went to Commissioner Pratt's residence, awoke him from his slumbers and induced him to come into the city to accept a bond for Dr. Mabry. The commissioner fixed the same at \$500, the sureties being Messrs. H. M. Bacon, L. B. Gorham, and C. H. Jacobs.

Dr. Mabry is about 45 years of age. He is a graduate of the Illinois Wesleyan college at Bloomington, and prior to coming to Salt Lake, five years ago, had been presiding elder of the Decorah district, in Iowa.

### WAIVE EXAMINATION.

District Attorney Judd and his family being members of the church of which Dr. Mabry is the pastor here, the judge informed Commissioner Pratt Thursday morning that owing to that fact he should not himself take any part in the legal proceedings, but would leave the case entirely in the hands of his assistant, Judge Howat.

Shortly after this—about 10:30—Attorney W. C. Reilly, looking very pale, but unusually composed in his manner, walked into Commissioner Pratt's court room, accompanied by his wife, who seemed in no degree perturbed. She remained seated during the brief and hurried conversation which her husband held with the commissioner.

Mr. Reilly informed the court that