

weeks had passed the Priesthood of the Stake concluded to reconstruct the building. The presidency of the Stake made an apportionment to individual members in Brigham City and to the various wards outside of Brigham City, and also solicited means from persons, many of whom did not belong to the Church, living outside of the Stake. All had responded with their apportionments and subscriptions in a very satisfactory manner. The reconstruction had been conducted under a building committee of three persons who had general supervision, and they, together with the various workmen, had discharged their duties in a very satisfactory manner. The building is now completed and is a great improvement on the old structure. The arrangement is good, the painting beautiful, and the steam heating is perfect. The total cost of reconstruction is \$15,117.25. Total amount collected, \$15,095.04; leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$22.21. This amount was subscribed and paid before the afternoon meeting.

Elder Franklin D. Richards thought the people of this Stake must be united to accomplish so much work in so short a time. He congratulated the people on having so perfect a place for public worship.

President Geo. Q. Cannon also congratulated the presidency and Saints of the Stake on their efforts in constructing so beautiful a building in so short a time, without being in debt for any portion of it. The people of this Church have been able to accomplish what they have accomplished by reason of the confidence they have in their leaders.

The choir sang an anthem, and benediction was pronounced by Elder J. D. Burt.

At 2 p.m., services began by singing by the choir, followed by prayer by Elder W. L. Watkins; singing.

After the administration of the Sacrament by the Bishopric of the First ward and remarks appropriate to the occasion had been made by Bishop Wm. B. Preston and Elders H. B. Clawson and Chas. F. Middleton, the choir sang a selection.

President George Q. Cannon then offered the dedicatory prayer and the choir sang another selection.

President Cannon regretted that President Woodruff had not been able to attend these services. He had been ill for a few days and did not think it wise to venture out. The work of the Lord is increasing in the earth; there are now about 1,300 Elders out in the missionary fields.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was offered by Elder Charles Kelly.

At 7 p.m. another meeting was held and valuable instructions were given by Elder Seymour B. Young and President Lorenzo Snow and George Q. Cannon.

All three of the meetings were unusually well attended, an excellent spirit was manifested and all seemed to feel well paid for what they had contributed for the erection of so convenient, comfortable and beautiful a place of worship. No fault was found with the building in any of its details.

The dedicatory services of the Brigham City Tabernacle will live long in

the memories of the people of the Box Elder Stake of Zion.

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### JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

In the isolated valley of Carey, Blaine county, Idaho, there has been a gradual accretion of members of the Church or their descendants, who were finally organized into a branch or ward under the supervision of Cassia Stake, Brother G. H. Harris being Bishop.

The majority of these were young people of limited experience who felt themselves inadequate for religious defense and yet were subjects of controversy by non-believers and sceptics, of which there was quite a few.

There are now twenty families in connection with the Church (and about the same number of outsiders, they have no settlement, but are scattered on ranches within a radius of from two to eight miles, and the Saints have a regular western meeting house of logs, which is as comfortable and yet under contemplated improvement, a good Sunday school meets regularly, the Relief society and mutual organizations are making effort; and doing considerable good.

It is, however, a day of religious inquiry and controversy, and the visit of a Baptist exhorter strenuously inviting the people to "come to Jesus," has created a thirst for meetings and a great deal of individual and family reading of the Bible, indeed a lengthy winter seemed to afford an unusual opportunity for ministerial service.

Elders J. G. Kimball of the Seventies and H. W. Naisbitt were sent up on a tour of observation and preaching. Their reception was enthusiastic, and some twenty meetings (and many visits) have been held by them to extraordinary congregations. Bleighing was good and news circulated readily, and until a late hour listening and enquiry proved a veritable interest in religious things.

On Saturday, 13th inst., some fifteen were baptized in the warm springs four miles away by Elder Harvey Sessions of Marlon ward, who with Elder William A. Lee of Oakley had been sent over for house to house visitations by the authorities of the Stake, they supplemented effectually the preaching of the Elders, but have reluctantly returned to the Stake conference, where after reporting, they or others may return to where there is a wide field and many of scattered Israel as it were without a shepherd.

The series of meetings culminated on the 17th in a general picnic social to which all adults were invited; about 125 responded, and after an interesting program of music, song and recitation, conducted by Bishop Harris, the Relief Society seated the people and they had a really good time together, concluding with an evening's dance in which 150 participated.

The following day all the children had their feast and dance, so that most of the dwellers in this now snowed valley had a memorable entertainment.

At midday Brother Kimball and the Bishop drove over to the Warm Springs and baptized three more who had been inquiring, they were confirmed thereafter at the home of Brother Adelbert Phippen and his

wife who have borne the blunt of trouble and shown untiring kindness in entertaining the visiting brethren.

The Phippen family once of Salt Lake county are here all ardent workers in the Gospel, as are Brother Guiver and family, Brother Samuel P. Richards, also some old Coalville residents, and on Silver Creek, where the Elders visited and preached, there are the Taylor family from near Ogden, Standfords, Father Rich and some newly baptized.

The brethren leave today for the towns of Bellevue and Hailey, where there is said to be a good deal of interested inquiry, and a few who have long been out of reach of meetings and the Elders; in fact, there is over a wide area of country many a nucleus where the devoted intelligent missionary of the Gospel could find welcome and a few friends, besides many curious and some honest inquirers.

Although this section of Idaho (Blaine county) is heavily taxed, there is a good opportunity for brave colonists, who can exhibit industry, self-reliance and patience and are or wish to be good Latter-day Saints. There is water in abundance and good land, fruit, melons, tomatoes and corn can be raised here; what does well, and a grist mill on the near by waters of Silver creek would be not only a desirable but profitable enterprise. There is a daily mail brought from the railroad at Pocatello, six miles away, there are no stores nearer than Bellevue or Hailey, 20 and 25 miles distant, respectively.

Fire wood and lumber are obtainable in a two days' easy canyon trip. Wild hay grows in abundance, though lucern is being sown quite extensively; there is less demand for produce now than usual, owing to quietude at the mines, but a hopeful people are making for themselves a substantial subsistence, and are caring less for mining fluctuations; families are growing, and young married couples will soon know this country is the home of their childhood, and the more prized home of their matured experience.

It is claimed (and it is easy to be believed) that these valleys are lovely in the summer season, being green as far as the eye can reach, and the mountains and lava districts furnish abundant range for sheep, horses and stock; fish (trout) is abundant in Silver creek which never freezes, and the waters of Wood river carry abundance; also, further away is Lost river, where there is said to be a good many Saints, with or without organization. Snake river is near 75 miles from here, but on its tributaries from Shoshone and scattering there is a Mormon element waiting and anxious for recognition of the ministry and the preaching of the Word.

These items will be of interest to numbers who have kindred in the wilds, and perchance to some seeking homes where there are facilities for religious instruction and district schools.

It is regrettable that in this section the schools have only been held for three months this season and they are now suspended; it is intolerable that with a tax of 7.40 per cent so important a matter should be in statu quo, although one per cent extra was levied for school buildings besides, but these