

Bishop Warburton. Brother Rasmussen was ordained a High Priest.

The removal to another ward (Crescent) of Elder Joseph Booth, formerly first counselor, was the reason for the changes made.

The presidency of the Stake, Elders Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, addressed the meeting briefly and in a spirited manner, the burden of their remarks being the great importance of humility on the part of the Latter-day Saints, and their constant perseverance in the performance of every good deed.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, OCTOBER 26.

Elder William Thone, Bishop of the Seventh ward, called at the "News" office today, at the age of 82. The venerable Bishop is hale and hearty and expects to live many more years an expectation and wish in which the members of his flock heartily join.

Today the "News" received a call from Elder A. F. Young, of the First ward of this city, who reached home on Oct. 22, on his return from a mission to Scandinavia. He left home on June 5, 1896, and on arrival in Scandinavia was assigned to the Stockholm conference, where he labored until his release. He enjoyed his missionary labors, and was treated with the greatest kindness by the people. His health was not good, however, and it became necessary in the judgment of the presidency of the mission, to release him to return home.

The "News" had a pleasant call from Elder Joseph Bindrup of College ward, Cache county, Utah, on his return from a mission to the Southern States. Elder Bindrup left home August 25, 1895, and was called to labor in north-western Virginia, where he reports the work of the ministry prospering and in good condition. The people as a rule treat the Mormon Elders with much courtesy and many are investigating the principles of the Gospel and are slowly being converted to the faith. Meetings are held quite regularly and in some cases the Elders are unable to accept the invitations extended them, so numerous are they. Elder Bindrup had good health in the main while away and returns home well pleased with his labors in the ministry.

#### WILLIAM PAXMAN.

I met the above-named in 1890 and he was one of the Utah men who made me admire the Mormon people. In a long life filled with study of men and principles, I have met few men of so unselfish and sincere devotion to what he believed to be truth and right as this little-man-with-a-great-heart who has just now passed beyond the reach of mortal eye.

At a time when I was traveling and talking in Utah as the most hated and maligned person in the Territory, simply because my conceptions of right were a little in advance of what was coming, Mr. Paxman made me as welcome in his home as if I had been a "brother" in fact as well as deed.

He was one of the sunniest men I ever met, and I am sure as sure can be that if all men were as good as he the literal heaven-on-earth would be here today.

If there were any disappointments in his life I believe he never told them. If there are any records for honesty and purity of existence here I believe he has secured them.

I shook his hand in friendship a few weeks ago, but unconsciously I shook his hand in parting for the long sleep then. If it be my lot to meet friends in the undiscovered bourne I will "shake" with none more gladly than William Paxman.

CHARLES ELLIS.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### Y. M. M. I A CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, commenced in the Tabernacle, Sunday, October 24, 1897, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. In the morning an officers' meeting was held at which valuable instructions in Mutual Improvement work were given by the general and Stake superintendency, the remarks touching upon the methods to be pursued and the steps to be taken in inducing the young men to attend the associations.

In the afternoon the principal speaker was Elder B. H. Roberts; although a portion of the time was taken up by President Joseph F. Smith.

The choir sang the anthem:

All hail the glorious day  
By Prophets long foretold.

Prayer was offered by Elder James E. Talmage.

The choir further sang:

Great God attend while Zion sings  
The joy that from Thy presence springs.

The general and Stake authorities of the Y. M. M. I. A. were then presented by Stake Superintendent R. R. Lyman, the voting being unanimous in each instance. The Stake officers are as follows:

Superintendent, Richard R. Lyman; assistants, Joseph F. Merrill, Heber C. Iverson. Secretary and treasurer, Jesse B. Higgs; corresponding secretary, Wm. G. Sears; musical director, Jno. J. McClellan.

Aids—Danl. J. Lang, Horace D. Barber, Joseph A. West, T. A. Clawson, Jas. R. Rawlins, Geo. S. McAllister, Louis R. Wells, Arthur E. White, Peter Jas. Sanders, Joseph S. Mousley, Alvin A. Beesley, Gideon M. Mumford, Benj. R. Brown, Ernest S. Heusser, Fred'k Best, Zachariah Butterfield, Albert Spencer.

The M. I. A. quartet rendered a vocal selection entitled Lord we come before Thee now.

Elder B. H. Roberts of the superintendency of the M. I. associations addressed the congregation. He began by beseeching an interest in the faith and prayers of those assembled that his remarks might be beneficial to all who had gathered together. He first referred to the vantage ground thrown open for the young men of Zion, taking up the belief of the Saints as to the opening up of this last dispensation and the heavenly revelations received by the Prophet Joseph Smith at the time when the Father and the Son appeared unto him and told him that none of the churches then organized upon the earth were true. This fact, said the speaker, the Latter-day Saints believed in, and they also believed that some three years distant from that time the Lord had restored to the earth, thus giving unto ancient inhabitants of this continent, by giving unto the Prophet Joseph the plates which contained those writings. Later the power of the Priesthood was restored to the earth thus giving unto those receiving it the authority to go forth and preach the Gospel to those who were in darkness. Subsequent to this time the Prophet was granted the power which Moses had and was also made recipient of the keys which Elias held, with respect to the gathering, and the power of turning the hearts of the parents to their children and those of the children to their par-

ents before the coming of the terrible day of the Lord.

Thus were the authorities and powers given to the Saints here upon the earth, continued the speaker. They were revelations which were self-evident to all the Saints of God, and being so, thrust upon the Saints great responsibilities—responsibilities which required that they live in harmony with that they had received. This imposed upon them a duty which exacted of them the doing of the Father's will, because of the knowledge received concerning His purposes. A departure from His ways would bring upon the disobedient a scourge that was laid up for those whose actions did not merit the blessings following a strict adherence to His laws and commandments. These were the happenings in which Mormonism had its origin, and, believing in them, it behooved all such to exercise their faith by their works, by following out their dictates. To do this, the Holy Spirit had to be sought after, that the grace of God would ever strive with the Saints in helping them to overcome their inherent weaknesses and living in the manner appointed. Human effort was always necessary in an adherence to religious matters, but with it should be coupled that humility to seek after divine assistance wherein the people might be able to build upon their own efforts and thus add strength to their individual energies in that direction.

The speaker took the responsibility resting upon the young men among the Latter-day Saints, referring principally to the duty of preaching the Gospel to the nations of the earth. This duty, said Elder Roberts, was one of the most important in the Church. The work of disseminating the principles of the Gospel to those who knew it not, was a task—it was an undertaking which required not only the physical and financial strength of the community but one which required the assistance of the Lord at all times. It was a work which made of those engaged in it saviors upon Mount Zion, teaching them to unite links which could never be severed, ties which never would be broken.

In speaking to those who were about to engage in the ministry, the Lord gave unto them a commandment teaching them to fast and pray and to converse with one another on the principles which they were to disseminate among the people. These instructions had been given to the Elders in this dispensation over sixty years ago, and were just as binding upon them today as they were at that time. The field was one which covered the whole ground of divine knowledge and gave unto the servants of the Lord ample opportunity to study the Gospel, to seek after new truths and to qualify themselves for the ministry in which they would be called to engage. The mission of the Saints was to open up the way for their fellow-men, by giving unto them the knowledge that they themselves had received, so that their light would shine and become a glorious star in the firmament of the Gospel work.

Home missionary work was next referred to by the speaker. This was a great essential among the Saints of God. Statistics of the Mutual Improvement association in the Church showed a total enrollment of 17,000. While this was a very good representation it was not what it should be, said the speaker, as the same statistics also showed that there were 10,000 of Mutual Improvement age who were not enrolled in the associations.