

terest and attention and better discipline. To obtain the best result the singing exercises should be made as general as possible; all who can sing should be encouraged to do so. The speaker made reference to the tonic sol fa system of music, and said he noticed with much satisfaction the introduction of this system in Utah, as it had the merit of being easily learned and could be easily introduced into the Sunday schools and be the means of making music more attractive and interesting to the children. The more general use of the Sunday school hymn book was recommended by the speaker, as it would have the effect of making the singing exercises more general.

"Our Lovely Deseret" was sung by the choir.

Elder George M. Cannon pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned for one month.

The Sixteenth Ward Sunday school will furnish the singing exercises and part of the programme at the next meeting.

JOS. HYRUM PARRY, Sec'y.

#### PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly Conference of this Stake convened in Parowan meeting-house June 22nd and 23rd, 1890, President Thomas J. Jones presiding. On the stand were the presidency of the Stake, Apostle John H. Smith, President Jesse W. Crosby, of Panguitch Stake, Elder David H. Cannon, of St. George Stake, members of the High Council and Bishops of the wards of this Stake.

The forenoon meeting was largely occupied by the Bishops reporting the condition of their several wards, which was generally favorable. Apostle John Henry Smith spoke of the effects of the Holy Spirit upon those who have received it and live under its influence.

At 2 p.m. the Sacrament was administered. Counselor Morgan Richards, Jr., reported briefly the condition of the Parowan Stake. He admonished the Saints to labor diligently for a testimony of the truth of the Gospel and to obtain that knowledge necessary for their salvation and exaltation in the Kingdom of God.

Elder David H. Cannon spoke on the quorums of the Priesthood, the settling of difficulties, and the order of the Church tribunals.

Elder W. Crosby bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel and encouraged all to become more united to sustain and help and encourage each other.

On Monday, at the morning meeting, Counselor Francis Webster said he felt greatly encouraged and spoke of the fulfilment of prophecy, both ancient and modern. It was through practicing the principles of the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints that we should obtain the blessing and be saved in the Kingdom of God.

Elder Jesse W. Crosby spoke on the necessity of and benefits derived from setting a good example before our children. He related some of his experiences while laboring in the missionary field.

Apostle John H. Smith dwelt upon the benefits of observing the Word of Wisdom and the blessings promised, the course to be pursued in settling differences that exist among the brethren, etc.

At 2 p.m. the general and local authorities and a list of home missionaries were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder David H. Cannon discoursed upon the building of temples and the various ordinances to be attended to therein.

Apostle Smith followed upon the same subject, and bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the great latter-day work.

The usual Priesthood meeting was held and much good counsel given.

President Thomas J. Jones hoped the Saints would strive to put in practice the good instructions and counsels they had received, and train up their children in the ways of the Lord.

Conference adjourned to meet in Cedar in September next.

WM. HOLYOAK, Stake Clerk.  
PAROWAN, June 24th, 1890.

#### NOTES.

A FAMOUS sportsman of New York owns a bulldog so fierce that no one but himself dares approach him. Judge of his surprise, then, recently, when he saw his coachman's little girl in the dog's pen, slapping the brute and pulling his ears with perfect impunity.

ISABELLA county, Michigan, has a genuine hermit. His hut is full of scientific instruments, and two of his brothers are professors in Leipsic and Heidelberg. His Greek and Latin are proficient enough to make the text book blush for ignorance. What fate drove him to his lonesome, friendless and studious life in the woods nobody knows.

AN eastern exchange says if our government is to go down in the abyss of political corruption and official depravity that has engulfed all earlier republics, it will be when the vote-briber stands at every ballot box and plies his nefarious traffic, when men are bought and sold like slaves in the shambles, when one political party, backed up by a venal and corrupt press, shall protect the briber of voters and screen him from condign punishment.

ENGLAND has apparently got a foothold in Mexico, despite the failure of the late revolutionary scheme in Lower California. It is reported from San Antonio, Texas, that an English syndicate has just purchased a million and a half acres of Mexican mineral and agricultural land. The next thing, of course, will be for the English owners to raise a "jolly row" over some supposed grievance, and England will step in to "protect the commercial interests of her subjects."

MR. PURCELL, of Williamsport, Pa., set out to produce a picturesque and patriotic effect in the celebration in his town by teaching a pet

eagle to ride on a horse in the procession. The eagle seemed to enjoy the situation, but the horse was not so fond of display and kicked with much vigor when he felt the eagle's talons scratching his back. Mr. Purcell was decidedly too much in the immediate vicinity when the horse kicked, and today he hears the boom of the cannon and the bang of the fire-cracker from his bed.

SIG. ARVIGO, the Italian banker, who was held by Sicilian bandits for a heavy ransom, had an exceedingly interesting time of it during his captivity. His captors kept him in the bottom of a dry well, where they lowered his food to him regularly, and conferred with him occasionally concerning his ransom. They finally compromised with his friends on \$25,000, but wanted a much larger amount. At the end of a certain time, if the money had not been paid, the banker would most likely have been murdered.

SAYS the London *Standard*: A telegram from Askabad reports that the great wooden bridge over the Oxus, on the Trans-Caspian Railroad, has narrowly escaped destruction. A mixed train of passengers and goods was just about to run on to the bridge when a wagon of cotton bales was discovered to be on fire. Thanks to the readiness of the engineer and conductors, aided by the ample preparation with which the bridge, in anticipation of such a mischance, is supplied, the fire was got under.

A BURLINGTON railroad man is authority for saying that the speed of railroad trains is restricted within three theoretical limits; first, a physical limit of eighty miles an hour, beyond which it is found impossible for the train to keep the track; second an operating limit of sixty miles an hour, which practical experience has found that trains can be run without much danger of life; third, a commercial limit of thirty miles an hour, at which rate, all things considered, it is found most economical to run a train.

AN EXCHANGE says: Hong Ah Jew, a peaceful and industrious Chinaman, has been arrested in New York for refusing to answer the census man. Considering that he can neither speak nor understand a word of English, his failure to answer the official's questions is not strange, nor is it strange that, having no notion whatever of his errand, and imagining that he was trying to play the "lost laundry ticket game," the poor fellow drove the public functionary out of his establishment. When he was brought before the commissioner he was asked through an interpreter whether they ever took the census in China, and replied that they did, once in a thousand years, but that he had no recollection of the last one. He was dismissed with a reprimand, and is now in a dazed state of wonderment as to what all the "bobbly" was about.