

pure, cold water, which is drawn up sixty feet by those useful and numerous wind mills.

We learned from Elder Ernest Taylor, who is here from the Mexican colonies in the stock business, shipping them by rail, that on Monday, 21 December, transportation will be provided for Elder Lyman and company, to the Mexican colonies, where we expect to spend three weeks visiting. Elder Taylor generously took us to his home for refreshments and made arrangements for a meeting on the closing evening of the last November before Utah becomes a state; twenty-three members of the Church, old and young, assembled in the evening. Only two of that number had ever seen the Prophet Joseph Smith, and thirteen out of that number had never seen the Prophet Brigham Young. Elder Lyman claims to be the youngest member in the Church who can remember seeing the Prophet Joseph. Our little meeting of the evening was so much refreshed, being addressed by Elders Lyman and Stevenson, that an arrangement was made for a Sacrament meeting on Sunday, Dec. 1, was made and enjoyed by an increased number of sixteen males and twenty-three females. Many of the latter are working out and are from the colonies, seemingly the only way to help themselves financially. There is no organized branch here, and it was said by Elder Taylor that he had never known so many to be present at the same time.

The Sacrament was administered by Elders Lyman and Stevenson; seven testimonies were borne and tears of joy was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord. This was the first Sacrament meeting in Deming by the Latter-day Saints. Good advice was given to the young girls who are working out, some getting as high as \$20 per month.

After meeting was warm hand-shaking which is only known to true-hearted Latter-day Saints, who are born of God. During all day not one drunk was to be seen on the streets of Deming, nor was there any more quiet unfitting point than this. Apples are sold at 5¢ per pound, onions 3¢ and potatoes 2¢ per pound; everything is sold here by the pound.

In about two hours we are off for Mexico, the land of flowers. Elder A. W. Ivins joined us yesterday and is well, and was sustained by the meeting yesterday as President of the Mexican Stake.

EDWARD STEVENSON.

WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the Wayne Stake quarterly conference, held at Loa, Wayne county, Utah, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st and 2nd, 1895, Elder Willis E. Robison presiding.

After the usual opening exercises, Elder W. E. Robison reported the Stake to be in a good condition. Every ward in the Stake has been visited during the past three months and the Saints are generally feeling well in the Gospel. The work of the Lord is growing in the Wayne Stake. The crops in Fremont valley have been very good this year and the grain has not been killed by the frost as in the years past. Although there has been some sickness, few have been called to

the other side. The people of these valleys have great cause to rejoice for the blessings bestowed upon them, temporal and spiritual.

Elder Hans M. Hansen, endorsed the report of Elder W. E. Robison. He exhorted all present to be practical Latter-day Saints; he rejoiced to know that during the political campaign just passed, the people of Wayne had not indulged to any great extent in wrong doing; little hatred or bitterness had found place in their hearts.

Elder Gearsen S. Bastian took great pleasure in bearing his testimony; referred to the great work being done by our missionaries in the nations of the earth, and counselled the young Elders present to prepare themselves for missions to the people who sit in darkness.

Bishop Benj. F. Brown reported the Loa ward in good condition. He paid a high compliment to the teachers of his ward. They were nearly all young men active and zealous, and free from the use of all narcotics.

The speaker referred to the great progress made by the people of the West during the past few years, the desert has been made to blossom as the rose, waters have sprung up in dry places, the land has been made to yield in abundance, all the result of industry and thrift. Idleness does not belong to the Gospel of Christ, the motto of every Saint should be "work while it is day."

Bishop Hiett E. Mayfield was the first speaker in the afternoon. He spoke upon the necessity of parents teaching their children the Gospel at home, and encouraging them to attend Church meetings where they might be taught the ways and will of God.

He reported the various organizations of the Fremont ward in good running order, and the priesthood active and earnest in their labors.

Bishop Matt. W. Mansfield spoke briefly upon divine authority. He gave a good report of the Thurber ward, setting forth that the people were in a healthy condition temporally and spiritually. The time of testing for the Latter-day Saints has come, but all who are humble before God will be able to retain the testimony of the Gospel.

Bishop Walter E. Hanks gave a good report of the Canaanville ward and spoke upon the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. The Gospel proclaimed by the Elders of Israel will yet revolutionize the whole Christian world.

Bishop George Coleman said we should prove by our daily walk to life that we are true Saints. He reported the Teasdale ward in good condition. Ward Teachers are doing a good work.

Patriarch Ella H. Blackburn spoke upon the hardships and poverty of the Saints in early days. The Church of Christ is built upon the rock of revelation; the Church could not move one hour without inspiration from the Lord. He spoke briefly upon vicarious work for the dead.

Sunday morning, 10 o'clock.—Elder Thomas H. Jakeman reported that the Saints of Lyman had been visited by the dreadful malady, typhoid fever, but the people are feeling well spiritually.

Bishop F. C. Mickelson said the health of the people of the Blue Valley ward has been good, and the ward is in a prosperous state. He exhorted

the people to serve the Lord faithfully in prosperity as well as adversity. God has gathered his people together that they may build up His kingdom on earth.

Elder Joseph Eckersley discoursed upon the gifts of the Holy spirit, and the ordinance of the healing of the sick.

Elder Thomas A. Jeffery bore testimony to the remarks of the previous speakers. He knew of many instances where the power of God had been made manifest in a miraculous manner. Related a miraculous case of healing that took place under his administration. The Almighty is directing His work; He has the power to heal the sick and bless all who call upon His name with the things they most need.

Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock.—Elder Seymour B. Young, of the presiding council of Seventies, and Elder Thomas A. Humphries, of Salina, were present.

After Sacrament was administered, during which time Elder G. S. Bastian spoke upon the necessity of partaking the Sacrament in a proper spirit; Elder W. C. Robison presented the general and Stake authorities and the conference sustained them by unanimous vote.

Elder Seymour B. Young occupied the remainder of the afternoon. He said this was his first visit to Wayne Stake, and he was very favorably impressed with the improvements being made in this new county. He loved the Gospel because of its saving principles. Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the living God, inspired to prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man. He then delivered a powerful discourse producing evidences of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph.

In the evening a Y. L. and Y. M. M. I. A. conference was held. After some encouraging remarks from the Stake presidents of the associations and good reports made by local officers, Elder Thomas A. Humphries spoke upon the necessity of young people being married in the Temples of God.

Elder Seymour B. Young then delivered an interesting discourse upon the history and physical evidences of the Book of Mormon, proving in a lucid manner its divine origin.

Monday morning 10 o'clock Elder Seymour B. Young presented the names of a number of young Elders to be ordained Seventies, and the conference sustained them. He then spoke at some length upon the calling and duties of a Seventy, and instructed the presidents of Seventies with regard to their duties. He read the revelation on the Word of Wisdom, and spoke upon the blessings to be obtained by being obedient to this command.

Elder Thomas A. Humphries spoke encouragingly to the young men about to be ordained Seventies, reminding them of the obligations they were about to take upon themselves. The subjects of faith and prayer were also treated by the speaker.

The brethren sustained were then ordained to the office of Seventy by Elder Seymour B. Young, assisted by Elder Thomas A. Humphries and the presidents of the Eighty-second quorum of Seventy.

Elder Hans M. Hansen rejoiced to see so many young men ordained to so