

Gomer M. Richards, Walter C. Mitchell and Morgan Richards Jr. occupied the time of the afternoon meeting, speaking words of encouragement, counsel and instruction on a number of subjects, prominent among which were restoration of the Gospel, becoming self-sustaining as far as possible, charity for each other, etc.

8 o'clock p. m.—The usual Priesthood meeting was held and business pertaining to the Stake transacted, and general instructions given.

Monday June 24, 10 a. m.—The time of this meeting was occupied by Elders Robert W. Heyborne, Uriah T. Jones, Wm. H. Corry and W. B. Douglass, and the subjects spoken upon were Church organization, duties of ward teachers, secret unions, round dancing, card playing and the evils attending the use of liquor and tobacco.

2 o'clock p. m.—The general and local authorities and list of home missionaries were presented and sustained by vote of the conference. Thomas Durham, John Parry, John Eyre and Morgan Richards Jr. each occupied a short time, treating upon subjects of interest to the Latter-day Saints and closely allied to our temporal and spiritual interests.

The Parowan choir were out in full force, and under the management of Prof. Thos. Durham, contributed largely to the enjoyment of our conference. The weather was delightful and a goodly number of the Saints on this Stake participated in the rich flow of the Spirit of the Lord made manifest through His servants who addressed the conference.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet in Cedar City.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,
Clerk.

ALMY WARD NEWS.

ALMY, Wyo., July 1, 1895.

As the "ward news" of Almy very seldom appears in your paper, it has been considered advisable by our Bishop and counselors to have a regularly duly appointed "ward reporter" so our friends and kindred in other sections of Zion may be posted on our progress, both temporally and spiritually, and to this end the undersigned has been requested to furnish the various news pertaining to the Almy ward.

On Saturday, June 20th, was held our ward reunion, and a most enjoyable time we had. The Saints met at the meeting house, as arranged, and formed a procession to the bowery, headed by the brass band under the leadership of Prof. James H. Hood. Arriving at the bowery the following program was rendered, and gave credit to all taking a part in the same:

Hymn, God Speed the Right	.....	Sunday School Choir
Prayer	.....	Elder Wm. Neil
Song, God Is Love	.....	S. S. Choir
Remarks on Unity	.....	Elder Peter Hood
Chorus, Mother's Lullaby	.....	Y. L. M. I. A.
Selection	.....	Band
Song, Hard Times Come Again No More	.....	.....
Song	.....	Miss M. Purdy
Welsh song	.....	Elder Reese Davis
Song	.....	Miss Bailey
Remarks	.....	Elder Andrew Wallwork
Song	.....	Bishop Jas. Brown
Song	.....	Miss Agnes C. Neil
Song	.....	Prof. Jas. H. Hood

After the above program was rendered—strawberries and cream were

dished out to all present, regardless of nationality, creed or social status, and I am sure great credit is due the young ladies who served on the cream and strawberry committee, as they contributed very largely by their labor in affording a most pleasant and enjoyable time to all present on the occasion.

A dance was given in the bowery at night, and was crowded to the extreme.

The somber weeds of mourning told too plainly the sorrow occasioned by the sad calamity of March 20th, in which so many of our brethren lost their lives, and were summoned to join the "great majority."

The health of our people is very fair, for which we have cause to be thankful.

A most enjoyable time was spent at the home of Brother Joseph Dean a short time ago, as his wife, Sister Dean, had made preparations to visit her relatives and old time friends in Old England, starting out on her long journey the next morning. I judge she is near the old home and loved ones by this date, and as her trip extends for three months, we sincerely wish her a pleasant time, and a safe return to husband and family.

JOS. E. BELL.

SITUATION IN CUBA.

NEW YORK, July 1.—The *World* publishes addresses from General Rafael de Quesada to the American people. Among other things this statement says:

"Many mis-statements regarding the Cuban situation have been made. They should be corrected.

"I have received word from Cuba today that General Maceo is not a prisoner. He is at the head of his forces and confident of speedy success.

"I wish to express gratitude to the American people for their sympathy. We are fighting a system of infamy and oppression. We are fighting the Spanish government, not the Spanish people.

"I find American sentiment with us. I have more than a thousand letters from leading citizens of the United States expressing sympathy and offering aid in behalf of free Cuba.

"I have told all these gentlemen that we cannot violate the law. They must wait until we are recognized as belligerents by the United States government. Then we shall have all the men and arms we need and the war will end quickly.

"I may say, however, that Cuba is practically ours. Victory is already in sight. We occupy nearly all the island. The Spanish soldiers have the town and the ground they stand on. Despite statements to the contrary, the death rate among the Spanish troops is appalling. The reinforcements asked by General Campos are to fill broken regiments. The pestilence is sweeping away the soldiers at increased speed.

"General Campos a few weeks ago had a total force of 40,000 men. We have 20,000 armed soldiers in the field, but we have 100,000 men ready to go to the front and fight as soon as they can get guns and ammunition.

"The situation in Cuba has changed within a week. The yellow fever de-

stroys more men in a day than are killed in many battles. It is safe to say that during July and August Gen. Campos will lose 10,000 men from yellow fever alone.

"We want more arms and ammunition. We could dispose of 2,000,000 cartridges at once. The men to use them are ready to march at an hour's notice.

"Martí was a great organizer and his services were of inestimable value. There has been delay in filling his place. But by July 1 his successor will be installed. Meanwhile the yellow fever will have slain thousands of the enemy and we shall conquer.

"We shall soon be recognized as belligerents. The republic will be proclaimed very soon. The first country to recognize our new government will be Chile. Next Peru and then Colombia, and next Argentina. The South American countries are all with us. Venezuela has too many serious complications just now to make any official demonstration for Cuba. Chile detests the Spanish government. We have her entire sympathy. Her wealth and influential young men have held many meetings recently and sent us substantial aid.

"In North America the Gulf states are with us to a man. Florida is enthusiastically for Cuba. So we are confident of winning our cause at establishing a substantial republic at an early day. We consider our independence now as good as accomplished.

"We wish again to thank the press and the people of America for their sympathy and letters of encouragement. Meanwhile we shall obey the laws and, in obedience to President Cleveland's proclamation, do nothing contrary to the will of the government."

KEY WEST, Fla., July 1.—According to a gentleman who came from Havana on the steamer Masco, the island of Cuba is ablaze with the revolutionary fever. This gentleman, who is well posted on Cuban affairs, asserts that Gomez is marching on Havana at the head of 8,000 well armed troops. Gomez asserts that in a short time he will water horses in Rio del Almogadara and command the capital of the island. Maximo Gomez surprised aarrison of 1,600 Spanish at Alta Gracia, and had a severe battle with them. He cut their ranks all to pieces and routed the enemy with heavy losses. After he had taken the town he burned it. Colonel Borow, one of the Cuban leaders, was killed by his own men, but it is said by some, accidentally.

SHELLEY, Idaho, June 23.—Geneva Maria Christensen has just died here of whooping cough and bronchitis, aged 5 years, 4 months and 18 days. The child was the daughter of James and Rasmussen Maria Christensen, of Monroe, Utah; the father is now on a mission in California, and the mother was on a visit to her brother and sister of this place. The little body was conveyed home to Monroe the same night by train. It was a painful visit to both families, and the shock will be severe one when the news reaches the bereaved father, as the child was very promising. Her mission in this sinful world was short, but she came perfect and as such she has retired. The folks here at Shelley sympathize in the parents' loss. LONDONER.