

marks, after which Brother William E. Newman led those to be baptized into the stream and immersed them. The scene was very impressive, for quite a number of friends and neighbors were on either side of the water. All retired to the home of Mr. Ragan, where we held a sacramental meeting and confirmed those who had accepted the Gospel. E. M. McArthur gave some very timely remarks, showing why we use water in the place of wine in administering the sacrament, showing also that our Savior had said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

In the evening all assembled by invitation at the modern home of Mr. and Mrs. Goyman. The meeting here was to thank our friends again for all they had done for the Elders. Elder Jensen took charge, and, after singing and prayer, W. D. Bowring expressed gratitude for the Elders as a body, dwelt at some length upon the sweet influence of the Holy Spirit to those who accept the Gospel and live pure lives from thenceforth, the whisperings of which are love, joy, gentleness and virtue. He cited the newly-baptized members to the fact that Satan would not lose one opportunity to destroy and eradicate from their hearts the seed of Gospel light which God had permitted to enter; admonished all to be firm and faithful to the trust of heaven imposed within them.

After the meeting was over we had an enjoyable time with songs, music, and Gospel hymns until the wee sma' hours called us to repose.

During conference Secretary Campbell gave a good report of the Sunday and day schools of the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; also a report to Elder Wallace, from Superintendent Levi J. Holt, of Marshall. The report is remarkably good; the Sunday school has an enrollment of 21, with an average attendance of 18. David Holt has charge of the Book of Mormon class, while Sister Camilla Thayer is at home with the primary. Much credit is due Elder Holt for his never-tiring effort to further God's cause. We meet in his house every Sabbath at 11 a.m. for school, but find it almost impossible to accommodate all. Thirty-six persons were present last Sunday morning, including ten under eight years of age.

Thursday, the 18th, found all well, save Brother Jensen, but we are all thankful to say he is steadily on the improve, being able to eat a little and do some walking. At nine o'clock Mr. Ragan had his team ready and we set sail for Oklahoma City, a distance of eighteen miles in a southwesterly direction. After a pleasant journey together we landed at Brother Gooing's. Here we had a very fine dinner, read papers and letters from home, some received letters. We go on again, reaching our destination about 3:30 p.m. Team put up, we began "taking in the sights." It seemed a rare treat to come to again see the thrift and hear the clatter of people, after having spent months in the rural districts. In vain we tried to secure a house to hold meeting in—so we settled our minds, some attending a Methodist meeting, where the pastor was making his proposition to preach for them "at the normal sum of one hundred dollars per

month," while others followed the Salvation army to their barracks, enjoying the touch of banjo, guitar and tambourine, but cannot say the conduct quite up to the fulfilling of "heaven's first law." Many among the army seem to be sincere, but many others seem to be misled.

At an early hour this morning, April 20th, we said good bye to our brethren, each pair of Elders going to their respective fields of labor. Every heart throbbed and every tongue confessed that one of the happiest times in past life has just closed upon us, and through years to come those present will say, "God had made our hearts glad and our spirits gay, in the service of divine Truth." Long may the spirit of love and union cleave to the Elders and Saints alike. Ever remembering Zion and her welfare, asking to be remembered by the Saints at home and abroad, we say once more, Zion prospers, all is well.

HERMAN E. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

W. D. BOWRING,
Assistant Secretary.

PARK CITY.

PARK CITY, Utah, April 29, 1895.

From the window of my strange home, for I was brought here after 9 p.m. last night—while looking out to see where I was, I found myself on the side of a mountain 6,500 feet up, and surrounded by a mantle of snow nearly one inch deep. Park City is built up principally on the sides of two mountains, near the head of a deep canyon. There are about 5,000 population, and were it not for the silver which abounds in the mountains, Park City would be fit for nothing except abandonment. When first I saw the country, Park City was a forest of pine, fir and quaking-aspen timber. Just in sight is the Ontario and Silver Kings works. Twenty bars of silver on the trucks are ready for shipment, one of them marked 1,211 ounces. There is about \$16,000 of value in the twenty bars. There is silver enough in the Silver King mine to make bricks to build a church which is so much needed in Park City, for the one we held meeting in last night was overcrowded, so much so that about 200 could not gain admission. I am told that a shaft reaches a depth of 1,200 feet, passing several levels, where silver ore of the richest grade is known in sufficient quantities to produce over \$3,000,000. This is in reserve, awaiting a sufficient rise in silver to justify bringing it on the market. It is wonderful to see the great developments which have taken place in this interesting mining camp. It has, however, cost a vast amount of labor and many lives. Just now comes tidings that a Mormon boy, 21 years of age, fell from a ladder 150 feet, breaking his neck and otherwise mangle him. His name is Meredith Reese. His father lives in the Seventeenth ward, Salt Lake City. He has been telegraphed concerning the sad affair. Only a short time ago another son of Brother Reese was killed in a coal mine at Grass creek. He is buried by the side of his mother. Still another brother was drowned. Doubtless this one just passed over the

threshold into another sphere so suddenly, will join the others in the spirit land. Sad indeed is the bereavement to poor Brother Reese.

Considering Park City as a mining camp, there is an unusual interest now aroused religiously and more especially in what is called Mormonism. Last evening many expressed a desire for more light, regarding these strange people, and Bible doctrines. By special request, an appointment is made for Sunday, May 19th.

A spirit of enquiry is generally opened up throughout the whole world, for the iron wall of prejudice is being broken down. Mormonism is attracting attention. The building up of cities in the wilderness with marked success and that too in exiled poverty is attracting attention. The cultivated sweet singers at the World's Fair, of Utah growth, contradict the rumors once so generally believed, that the Mormons are ignorant, low, uncultivated and priest-ridden slaves. A certain prophet has left on record a prediction about these Mormons: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, [nearly 4,000 feet] and shall be exalted above the hills [which are less than 1,000 feet] and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Mormonism shall yet be made known in its true light.

A town lot is being looked after, on which to erect a Mormon Church in the near future. Many of the citizens who are becoming interested in Park City, will aid in the good work.

I left Salt Lake City on the 7 a.m. train yesterday morning, held two meetings with the Seventies at Wanaship and after 4 p.m. was taken in a carriage sixteen miles to this place where we held a profitable meeting. On our way up the Weber river, improvement, thrift and clearing up brush patches and enlarging fields were manifest on every hand.

EDWARD STEVENSON.

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Box Elder Stake of Zion was held in the Brigham City tabernacle, April 28th and 29th, 1895, President R. Clawson presiding. There were present on the stand Presidents George Q. Cannon and Lorenzo Snow, Elder Franklin D. Richards, the Stake presidency, the High Council, and Bishops of the greater portions of the wards in the Stake. A large audience was in attendance.

April 28, 10 a.m.—President Clawson said it gave him pleasure to report the condition of the Box Elder Stake; the presidency are united in their operations and views; a good feeling exists in the High Council; and the Bishops with their counselors preside with activity and energy in the various wards. The various associations are fairly complete in their organizations and those who take charge have the welfare of the young at heart.