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Lindsay, Joseph S.
Lloyd, Benjamin T.
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Moyle, James H.
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Wood, William Jr.
Wilcken, Charles H.
Wilcox, Charles F.
Wells, John
Wright, Elias S.
Watson, Robert S.
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Windor, Wm O.
Wright, Abraham R.
Walker, John W.
Wallace, George H.
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Young, Richard W.
Young, Harry A.
Young, Levi E.

Sister Georgianna F. x Young's name was added to the Stake list as Superintendent of the Kindergarten schools.

President Willford Woodruff was the first speaker. He spoke of the pre-existence of spirits; the continual warfare between good and evil; the necessity of increased faithfulness to enable the Saints to withstand the trials and temptations approaching; and the importance of the work for the dead.

President Geo. Q. Cannon followed. His topics were the unity of purpose and aim among the Latter-day Saints; the evils of neglect of duties and gifts; the beneficent authority of the Priesthood, resulting in the improvement of the people.

The choir sang the anthem, "God be Merciful Unto Us."

Benediction by Elder Henry P. Richards.

Evening Session.

Singing by the choir:

Hark, listen to the trumpeters,
The sound for volunteers.

Prayer was offered by Elder George Goddard.

Singing:

Lord, thou wilt hear me when I pray,
I am forever Thine.

Elder Willard Done was called upon to report the condition of the Latter-day Saints' College.

He made a few preliminary remarks in encouragement of the Kindergarten schools, stating that they would give the necessary secular and religious training to fit them for the more advanced work of the district schools and the Latter-day Saints' college. The neglect of education in youth was likened to taking the spring out of the year, leading to deprivation of the summer of growth and the autumn of fruitage. The college was reported in a very flourishing condition professionally. There were twelve instructors in the school occupied in class work only five hours a day leaving them plenty of time to thoroughly prepare themselves for their classes. The students this year were very enthusiastic, few being prone to carelessness. The college had not nearly enough room to accommodate the many attendants. The students turned out of the college are always well prepared to fulfill the duties of missionary life. By the college training the students are able, when called on a mission, to enter the field successfully some six or eight months earlier than if they have not this training. The mind is like a mill. If it has nothing to grind it will wear upon itself. It should therefore be continually fed with proper material or else it will obtain food from other directions. An invitation was extended to young men out of employment to come to the college during the winter months and

thereby improve themselves instead of spending their time in idleness.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon spoke of the advantage of the kindergartens. There was a lack of interest on the part of the people in this direction, and the sisters who were putting in their whole time and will, met with considerable discouragement in their efforts. The people should donate freely of their means to help these institutions. Rich men would do much better to give their means in this direction, than to leave it for their children to fight over or spend in foolishness. We should have sufficient patriotism to donate of our means so that these institutions might flourish. The teachers are very poorly paid. This should not be the case. They are models of heroism to stay in these positions when when they might double or treble their income in some other vocation. The theological classes in these schools are conducted in an admirable manner, and our children should be instructed in them. There is a tendency to class distinction in some parts. It is not the rich who are the elite of Zion. It is the pure in heart and the humble. We should not become lifted up in our hearts but be humble and dependent upon the Lord every day. It is only in this way that we can receive the spirit of God. The day is near at hand when men and women cannot be hypocrites and practice deceit, but a communication will be established between God and man which will enable His honest children to discern whenever they come in contact with the deceivers and be able to avoid them.

Elder Heber J. Grant stated that the opinions of men could not be taken with reference to the necessity of teaching the principles of the Gospel to children. God had said it was necessary, and upon this command there could be no controversy. Learning alone would not produce the best fruits; it should be tempered with inspiration. It could not be called true education if it tended to anything but humility. The royal blood of Zion could be considered only the blood of humility. This would count for more than mere superficial training. The great desideratum was the development of spirituality in the young people of the Latter-day Saints. He felt to bless the men engaged in the work of educating the youth of Zion.

The conference adjourned to March 6, 1896, at 10 a.m.

The choir sang the anthem:

Jerusalem, my glorious home.

Benediction was offered by Elder Elias Morris.

PLEASANT MISSIONARY REUNION.

MESA, Arizona, Dec. 3rd, 1895.

A very enjoyable affair took place here on the 28th ult. For a long time the returned missionaries of Maricopa Stake of Zion had been looking forward to a time when they could meet together and revive the joyous feelings which actuated them while abroad in the world preaching the Gospel, and Thanksgiving Day was considered the most suitable one for the occasion. Consequently at 10 a.m. a large number of people gathered to listen to the missionary experiences of the Elders.

An interesting program had been arranged, in which all the returned Elders were to take part, but out of the twenty-five of them, seven were absent.

Five minute sketches, occasional recitations and songs appropriate for the occasion, made the forenoon session soon pass away. Now most of the people brought their well-filled baskets of picnic with them, and the big reunion dinner which followed will long be remembered by those who took active part in it.

At 2 p.m. the meeting was resumed and the balance of the program carried out.

Following are the names and former fields of labor of the returned Elders:

Patriarch S. F. Johnson, Eastern states and Sandwich Islands; H. O. Rogers, southern Arizona; James Brooke, Africa; Timothy, Metz, Holland; Thomas E. Biggs, Great Britain; James L. Patterson; Southern states and Great Britain; Soren Sorenson, Denmark; J. M. Horne, Sandwich Islands; T. E. Pomeroy and W. S. Johnson, Northern states, and George Passey, H. B. Morris Jr., H. S. Phelps, W. B. Lewis, William Brundage, J. F. Lewis, Warner H. Allen, James Vance, F. C. Johnson, Isaac Dana and Ben F. Le Aaron, Southern states.

A most pleasant time was enjoyed and reunions of this kind will probably be held at least once a year hereafter. Besides those already returned our little Stake now has seven Elders on missions and one more to start in a few days.

The weather here in Salt River valley is most delightful and the health of the people generally good. Home grown oranges have been on the market for several weeks. ULTIMO.

NEW WARD IN DATIS STAKE.

CENTREVILLE, Utah, Dec. 9.—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, 1895, the presidency of Davis Stake organized a new ward, dividing the South Hooper ward into two wards by a line running east and west, near the center of the old ward, that part lying to the north of the dividing line to be known as the South Hooper ward, with Anton C. Christensen as Bishop, Gilbert Parker as his first and Orlando Hadlock as second counselor; that part lying to the south of the dividing line to be called the Syracuse ward, with David Cook as Bishop, James G. Wood as first and James T. Walker as his second counselor. Bishop Cook was Bishop of the South Hooper ward before it was divided. The above named brethren were ordained and set apart in their respective callings by President Geo. Q. Cannon, on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

JOHN J. SMITH, Stake Clerk.

THE UNITED STATES consumed nearly two hundred thousand barrels of beer more during the year ending June 30, 1895, than during the preceding year, although less than during the year ending June 30, 1893. Figured in gallons, Uncle Sam's lager for the last fiscal year reaches more than one billion—an item of two hundred million gallons less than John Bull swallowed during the same period. The latter personage leads the world in bibulosity.