

Sunday 10 a. m. Elder Edward Stevenson said he had seen many men rise and fall in this Church; had seen the weak become strong, and the strong become weak; instancing Oliver Cowdrey, Sidney Rigdon, George G. Adams and many others; realized that none are safe but in the Lord; related many interesting incidents of early Church history; saw the characters that Martin Harris submitted to Professor Anthon, and related the circumstances of Martin Harris returning to the Church in his old age; also of Thomas B. Marsh's early history, his apostasy, and return to the church in his old age.

Elder John W. Taylor testified that the Book of Mormon has been published in many languages and is being carried by the Elders to a great many of the nations of the earth and will be carried to all nations in fulfillment of a prediction made by the Prophet Joseph; President Woodruff made a most remarkable prediction at the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, that from that time the hatred against the Latter-day Saints should begin to cease, and peace begin to prevail; and the speaker cited instances showing how wonderfully this had been fulfilled.

At 2 p. m., the Sacrament was administered, and Elder Lyman read the names of brethren submitted to be ordained High Priests; they were sustained. Elder Kimball related his experience in the Southern States mission, and exhorted president of quorums to look after and labor with careless members.

Elder Lyman read from the 9th chapter of Mark, from the 130th section of the Doctrine and Covenants, and the 15th volume of the Millennial Star, and said the fifty-six years spoken of by the Prophet reached to 1891; he considered a great change began to take place after the general fast in 1889; the world has not come to an end as some supposed was meant by the Prophet, but the Saints are enjoying a season of peace, such as they have never known before in their history, an evidence that the time to favor Zion has come; after the fast proclaimed in 1889 the clouds began to break, relief began to come, and in 1891 President Woodruff signified his wish that the people should put forth their strength to finish the Temple—he desired to live to see it dedicated; notwithstanding the great efforts made by the Prophet Brigham, and by Elder and other prominent Elders, the relief and peace they sought have only now been obtained, while trouble has come to the nations.

Elder Lyman gave notice that he would speak to the people in Manti at 7 p. m., Elder Taylor in Moroni, Elder Kimball in Spring City, and Elder Stevenson in Fountain Green. Conference adjourned for three months to meet in Manti. GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

### A UTAH BOY HONORED.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 24, 1896.

As I have not addressed your paper for some time, I take great pleasure in doing so again, and giving your readers an idea of student life in Ann Arbor at present.

The first semester at the University has closed and the number of "cons" going through the P. O. I know not; but none of our Utahites were the recipients of those unwelcome missives;

having passed their examinations and having high class markings they went through last semester's work very creditably, which gives your informant great pleasure to note. The first semester closing February 15, the students are busy on the second semester's work, and all having the brightest prospects; there is no question as to the next few months' labor adding the word success to their vocabulary in bright and shining letters.

The past week a fine musical society was organized and Prof. J. J. McClellan was again honored, being elected by a full vote as president of the musical society of the School of Music, which is formed of the best musical talent of which Ann Arbor can boast. Their first meeting was held at the residence of Prof. Hinsdale, of whom, no doubt, every earnest educational worker of Utah has heard. This society proposes to move on the great work of music, to become acquainted with the best musical composers and works of the present age. Many of the most influential and leading ladies have offered their aid and firmly avow and substantiate the efforts of these energetic musicians. The rector, choir and orchestra of St. Thomas church have requested that Prof. McClellan's Mass be presented next Easter, as it met with such triumphant success last year when it was given. He is re-editing it from beginning to end, and is orchestrating it anew. He gives upwards of one hundred lessons per week and has several private pupils of the highest class. On January 17 when the Choral Union sang Mendelssohn's Elijah, accompanied by large orchestra, he played the organ parts on the big "Columbian" organ. In a recent concert at Music School he played Moscheles's Concerto (in E, accompanied by Prof. Stanley on pipe organ) as a piano solo in which he won great applause and many compliments. The orchestra he conducts is doing the finest work of any in the city and takes only the finest class of engagements. In May he gives a recital on piano in which performance he will be assisted by the full orchestra and pipe organ will include difficult, classic yet very pleasing selections.

Mr. Frank Wightman, of Payson, is now on his second year's work at the music school, taking piano, voice culture and harmony. He will return home for vacation next summer, and then resume his studies here the next year. He will yet shine among the leaders of music in our new State.

Mr. George H. Done, of Payson, is studying voice, harmony and the methods of teaching music in public schools. In his harmony and methods of teaching especially he is good, receiving the highest markings and words of praise from his teachers.

Mr. Stanley Partridge, another of Utah's bright boys, is making for himself a good record. In his piano work he is making rapid progress, as also in his harmony class.

The law students are doing excellent work and when it comes to giving "yells" on holidays they are decidedly "in it." Our state is represented in the law department by Judge Jones of Provo, H. N. Hayes of Pleasant Grove, Mr. Hansen of Ephraim, and Grant C. Bagley of Bountiful.

In the literary department Utah's

end is held up by Mr. James Brown of Pleasant Grove, Arthur Dalley of Salt Lake City and J. F. Willey of Kanab. Each one is doing justice to the fair name of Utah and will graduate with honors.

Washington's birthday was celebrated with a fit program by the "Laws," of which the different classes to turn gave their "yells," making the house shake with enthusiasm. They were addressed by the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, senator from Ohio, who did justice to his subject, "Duties of American Citizenship." His lecture was a masterpiece of well-defined logic and oratory.

Rivarde and Lacharme in their concert of Feb. 15 were greeted by a full house, standing room being at a premium. Rivarde proved himself to be a complete master of the violin. The Choral Union series will give their next concert April 21st, which will be by the Theodore Thomas's orchestra.

February 21st, the commencement exercises of the graduation of the nurses at the hospital were held, for which the University orchestra rendered music. Choice flowers were the decorations.

Last week was ushered in by the coldest weather we have had yet, the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero.

There will be a party of eight or ten leave here for dear old Utah about June 17th. The time will be hailed with delight by the Utahites.

The colony will join me in wishing your welcome paper every success and prosperity. It is always one of our most welcome guests. COSETTE.

### BEAR LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held at Bloomington, Feb. 8th and 9th. Elders John Henry Smith of the Council of Apostles and S. B. Young of the First Council of Seventies were our welcome visitors. The Bishops reported their wards in a healthy condition. Elders Smith and Young delivered several powerful and soul-stirring discourses during the conference, and remarks were made by Stake Counselors James H. Hart and William L. Rich, President William Budge being absent at the bedside of his son David, who was dangerously sick. On Sunday the Sabbath schools were reported very favorably and progressive by Superintendent A. Galloway. The Sacrament was administered, the Stake statistical report read for the past year, and the names of home missionaries was read and sustained. Elder Wm. H. Lee was ordained a Patriarch by Elder John H. Smith. Charles Sale was ordained a High Priest by Elder James H. Hart; Elder Joseph A. Hatch was ordained a High Priest and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Kenneday of the Argyle ward by Elder Wm. L. Rich; James Nye was set apart as second counselor in the presidency of the High Priest's quorum by Elder John Henry Smith. The benediction was pronounced by Elder S. B. Young.

T. MINSON, Stake Clerk.

The city of Oakland, Cal., has decided to reduce its water rate to consumers 40 per cent.