

Including wives of missionaries who are now on missions, and widows, brass band and choir, met at the meeting house, and after the opening exercises a beautiful selection was rendered by the brass band. Then Elder John A. Bevan, president of the above quorum of Seventy, eloquently and forcibly portrayed the restoration of the Priesthood. After the close of his lecture an instrumental selection was given by Professor E. Beesley and Sister Matilda Bush. Elder Robert Wills, president of the Elders' quorum, spoke on the duties of Elders, exhorting them to be punctual in attending their quorum meetings and to live up to their privileges.

Before the close of the meeting all were invited by the chairman, Brother Joseph M. Deen, to meet again at 7 o'clock at Mr. Drouby's hall to participate in a good old time sociable. At the appointed time all met again and a program was arranged for the evening consisting of dancing, music by the band, and recitations, both comic and sentimental. During the entertainment a sumptuous repast was partaken of, which was furnished by our benevolent sisters. The best of feelings prevailed; the sociable being a great success, and many wished that such occasions would happen oftener.

Our political agitations have cooled off for the time being.

Our Bishop, several weeks ago, adopted the system of block meetings. The gatherings have been quite successful, and considerable interest is manifested by old and young. They are held once every week throughout the ward. The young people especially are delighted with them. There are yet a few who have not met with us, but we are in hopes they will do so shortly.

The health of the people is fair. We have had only one case of scarlet fever.

We have plenty of the staff of life and some to spare, with a prospect of the coming season being a prosperous one. An abundance of snow is in our mountains, with very little prospect of being seriously troubled with floods, as our drainage hardly can be excellent.

We have two saloons, but it is reported that they are about to close for lack of patronage, which we hope is true.

R. W.

CONCERNING THE YOUNG.

PABOWAN, March 14, 1897.

"Feel after the young," was the admonishing heading to an editorial in the last News to hand. How do we receive it? Do we as a people fully sense the importance attached to the meaning of those essential, timely words? Are we fathers and mothers really doing our utmost towards making brighter and better the present generation? As one of the Apostles, Elder Cannon, recently remarked in a sermon, though we are not sure of a state of perfection in our offspring, labor as we will, yet we are assured of an improvement if we watch, pray and work constantly for the weal of the spirits the Father has intrusted to our care; and every Latter-day Saint has a knowledge of the condemnation he or she is under if the moral and religious training of our children is neglected. Aye, truly the officers of our

Church organizations have a labor of love assigned them. What work is there from which one can realize greater satisfaction, than showing to the sons and daughters of our fellow creature the walks to be pursued in order to enjoy a more perfect state of existence? Methinks a course like this is akin to Christ's mission during his sojourn here. Of course we are not paid in the bangles of this world's attraction, but the joy that would be ours; ourselves more worthy the imperishable reward; our talents well used; no remorse for labor lost, but an undying assurance that the world was better for our having lived in it.

Our Mutual Improvement associations have done an exceptionally good work this winter, yet we, like other wards, have our wayward ones, that it seems impossible to reach through this channel. Yet we have an organized body of the most praiseworthy class, that magnetizes every class, and they are controlled at least during the meeting session; it is the Parowan Choral society. "Music has its charms" truly has been verified by this organization. G. W. Decker, principal of our schools, and Frank J. Woodbury, one of the teachers of the same, are the creators and conductors of this society. They have a number of efficient aids; and the Bishop with his influence at the helm. Free of charge ninety members are instructed in the rudiments of music. It refining, toning influence has given a reward beyond all expectation, and to hear those ninety voices of all social grades attuned to some piece of church music, one can not help feeling that this manner of "feeling after the young" is surely having a tendency towards wearing the corners off some of our "rough diamonds," when we know they will be more easily reached, and far more fitting material for use in our Church organizations.

The greatest calamity that ever has befallen our young people is the closing of our schools at the early date of March 12, and is deeply lamented by those who appreciated that soul reaching sentiment, "feel after the young."

E. C. W.

JUAREZ STAKE CONFERENCE.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Mexico, March 7, 1897.—The quarterly conference of the Juarez Stake of Zion was held at Colonia Juarez, commencing Saturday morning, February 20, 1897, at 10 o'clock, President Anthony W. Ivins presiding. There were also present of the General Church authorities Elders John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant of the Twelve Apostles; of the local authorities, Stake Counselors Henry Eyring and Helaman Pratt, Patriarchs Henry Lunt and William R. R. Stowell, High Counselors and Bishops of the various wards.

President Ivins, in reporting the Stake, said the conditions of the Saints in Mexico is an evidence that the Lord has been exceedingly kind to us. The recent visit of the government colony inspector will be of great value to our colonies with the general government, for he was greatly pleased with the progress made and went away with good wishes for the con-

tinued prosperity of our people. President Ivins was thankful for the high moral standing of the people throughout the Stake, and believed there was less profanity and a closer observance to the law of Tithing and the Word of Wisdom than in any Stake of Zion he had ever visited.

Elders John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant expressed pleasure in the report of President Ivins and the excellent condition of the Stake. Exhorted the Saints to faithfulness, and bore powerful and effecting testimonies to the work of God.

The spirit of the Lord was poured out in rich abundance and many in the congregation were melted to tears.

During the conference the general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. Sunday morning was given up for the regular session of the Sunday schools.

JOSEPH C. BUNTLEY,
Stake Clerk

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

ORDEKVILLE, Utah, March 9, 1897.—The Kanab Stake quarterly conference was held in Kanab Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th. Elder F. Chamberlain and Daniel Seegmiller of the Stake Presidency, Bishops of all the wards, and several of the High Council were present on the stand. Notwithstanding the disagreeableness of the weather, a goodly number were present to hear the good instructions given. The general and local authorities having been presented in the various wards, none but the newly appointed home missionaries were presented and sustained at this conference.

The remarks of the brethren were good and timely.

Sunday forenoon was spent in the interest of the Sabbath schools, and in the afternoon a fast day testimony meeting was held, in which eleven brethren arose and bore their testimonies to the truth of the latter day work.

It is thought by many that we have received the greatest downfall of moisture this winter that we have received for many years. Notwithstanding the great depth of mud and disagreeableness in traveling around, especially here in Long valley, all feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for the promising outlook of the growth of vegetation for the benefit of both man and beast.

The health of the people is fairly good at present in this part.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

CAPTAIN JACKSON'S DEATH.

Captain George A. Jackson, a mining man well known in Utah and Colorado, is no more. News telling of his death in the Blue mountains reached his relatives in this city yesterday afternoon, but it was so inexplicit as to leave doubt as to whether the captain had been foully murdered or had accidentally shot himself. Then again the scene of the fatality is so remotely located as to make it rather difficult to get direct tidings of the affair, hence up to this time his sudden and unexpected taking away is more or less a mystery. The Blue mountains