

face to hear in connection with the life and works of Joseph Smith to prove his position that Smith was inspired of God.

The usual reports, etc., were submitted by the Bishop of the ward. The attendance at both sessions was large, and the music, under the direction of Hyrum Spillman, was excellent.

George C. Parkinson of Preston, Idaho, was in the city Sunday, attending the Mormon conference. He had just returned from a trip to the northwest, where he has been traveling in the interest of the Church. To a Tribune representative Mr. Parkinson talked interestingly of the work in the northwest, saying that fair progress was being made in the line of establishing branches and organizing ward.

"The states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho," said he, "have been organized under the name of the Northwest Mission, and are under the general supervision of the Oregon State presidency. Even separate state institutions a conference, including a more or less number of branches. The Elders in charge of the Washington conference are Braley and Smurthwaite, in Oregon, D. Jensen and Geo. Lamb, and in Idaho, L. S. Pond and Thomas Preston.

"Many members of our Church are scattered throughout these states, and our idea is to organize branches wherever practicable, in order to give the people an opportunity of continuing their worship and of associating together in united capacity, as well as to carry on the work of preaching the Gospel. Our labor has been very successful and within a few weeks we expect to have twenty-five Elders in the field. At Baker City alone we have over 200 members. At Boise our membership is sufficient to warrant the erection of a church building, and the work is now going on under the direction of L. S. Pond. The Mormon people are industrious and temperate, and are recognized as good citizens in any community in which they may locate. The field is large and much good can be done.

OBITUARY.

EMMA JANE HILLIARD WILLIAMS.

EMERY, Emery Co., Utah, Aug. 9, 1897. —Died on Sunday afternoon, June 27th, at a quarter to five, Emma Jane Hilliard Williams, wife of Stephen Williams, in her seventy-second year.

Sister Williams was born in Shipton-Mallett, Somersetshire, England, March 31st, 1826, and was married to Stephen Williams June 10th, 1844, at Bristol, England, and was baptized in the same town in 1846. They with their family immigrated in the ship Windermere. They came across the plains in Captain Richards's company, and settled in Salt Lake City. A son was born to them while journeying across the plains, when near Temple ruins. They went to Sanpete to settle, at the time of the "move" and passed through all the trials of the day unflinchingly, through famine, Indian depredations, etc., and were never known to complain at their lot, but always bent their knees in thankfulness to God for the blessings they did have. Sister Williams had done much good in waiting on the sick, as her faith and works went together, and many a mother's heart has been made glad through her works and prayers in the restoration of their children to health and strength. She was president over the Primaries at Ephraim for about five

years; was always on hand to do her duty, and was a faithful member of the Relief society. She was a sweet singer, and will always be remembered by her associates as a singer in the choir for over thirty years; for, if no other singers were at meeting, Sister Emma would always raise her sweet voice in song of praise to her Maker. She loved her religion, was a true tithing and donation payer.

On account of the condition of her husband, they moved to Emery, Castle valley in the spring of 1895, where most of their children reside. She waited faithfully on her husband for a long time until the Lord took him to rest last January, since which time she has been falling in health. In the spring she thought she would like to visit her two daughters and old friends in Ephraim, and when she returned home again to Emery, took to her bed, and after an illness of ten weeks died, in full faith. She was conscious to the last breath, and knew her children. A day or two before she died she gave \$5 for tithing to Bishop Brinkerhoff of Emery.

She was the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are living, seven sons and three daughters. All of her descendants are in full fellowship of the Gospel. She had seventy-two grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

ETTA WILLIAMS.

MARY ANN HALWOOD MORLEY.

Sister Mary A. H. Morley was the daughter of William and Mary Halwood. She was born at Enor, Derbyshire, England, May 2, 1824; was married to Joseph Morley at Hilkinstone, in the year 1844. After her marriage she continued to reside at her native village till 1855, when, with her family, she removed to Leon Green, which place now forms part of Nottingham, Notts.

It was at Enor where she first heard the Gospel preached by the late Elder James Stone, who was at that time traveling and preaching in that neighborhood. Elder Stone died several years since at Ogden.

In 1849 her husband was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Elder George Taylor, father of Elder Joseph E. Taylor, now of the Salt Lake Stake presidency. Sister Morley was baptized subsequently. At that time Brother and Sister Morley were in good circumstances financially, and were liberal with their means in sustaining the work of the Lord. They made home for the missionaries, many of whom still remember their liberality, and especially the kind ministrations of Sister Morley who always evinced a natural solicitude for the comfort of the Elders, and under whose roof they ever found a hearty welcome and resting place. She would frequently accompany the Elder to open air meetings where, by her vocal musical talents, she aided to collect the people together in vast numbers, to whom the Elders would then have the privilege of bearing of the restoration of the Gospel.

In 1872 Sister Morley with her husband and most of the family emigrated to Utah. They came to Ogden city soon after their arrival and have resided here from that time to the present. Sister Morley had a robust constitution, and for a number of years she enjoyed excellent health, but for a few years past she has experienced much physical debility and more recently she has been a great sufferer.

Still, she bore her affliction with much fortitude and resignation. She labored diligently to guide her home and set a good example before her children, and to educate them religiously and secularly as far as their income would enable her and her husband to do so.

Within the past two years she has

been reduced very low, and the family were called to her bedside at one time expecting to see her close her eyes in death; but through the grace of God she rallied again for a season. But on August 3, 1897, she passed peacefully away, at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 1 day.

She had fifteen children, six of whom are dead. She has 32 grandchildren and quite a number of great-grandchildren. Six daughters and three sons, beside her husband, survive her. Two of the daughters are in England. Sister Morley was kindhearted and generous. She was a faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a constant friend and a true, honest Latter-day Saint.

The funeral services were held August 6th in the Second ward meeting house in Ogden, and numerous attended. The Second ward choir furnished the music. Those who took active part in the ceremonies were: Bishops Robert M. Quarrie and James Taylor; Elders Joseph Hall, Charles Welch, L. W. Shurtliff, Lorin Farr, C. F. Middleton and John Seconcraft. The remarks made on the occasion were highly commendatory of the life and character of the deceased. Some of the speakers have known her over forty years, and could testify of her sterling worth.

RUTH ALBISTON JOHNSON.

CHAPIN, Fremont Co., Ida., Aug. 5, 1897.—Sister Ruth Albiston Johnson, wife of Joseph Johnson, was born Oct. 17, 1855, at Mount Fort, near Ogden, Weber county, Utah, and died July 30, 1897. The cause of death was dropsy, after the birth of a pair of twins, a boy and girl. She lingered from the 13th to the 30th of July, when she passed peacefully away, with a host of friends at her bedside. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Albiston, and was married to Joseph Johnson April 21, 1873, at the Endowment house, Salt Lake City. She spent twelve years of pioneer life in the upper Snake River valley. She came to Idaho on the 23rd of March, 1885. With her husband she was one of the first to help settle the Teton Basin, where she settled the 26th of July, 1888. Since June 26, 1889, has lived on a stream known as Fox creek, and since the organization of the Fox branch of the Raymond ward, she has taken a lively interest as a Sunday school teacher. Sister Johnson was a sweet singer, and was the leading spirit of the choir of this branch. She was the mother of seven boys and six girls. Her oldest son was at the National Park, she felt a great desire to see him, but word could not be gotten to him in time. She bore her illness without a word of complaint.

JOSEPH JOHNSON.

LYDIA M'KNIGHT.

MINERSVILLE, Aug. 10, 1897.—Died at Minersville, Aug. 7th, 1897, of apoplexy, Lydia, wife of James McKnight, born at Norwich, England, 1826, baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Claudius N. Spencer in 1855; emigrated with her husband, Thomas Thrower, and two daughters in 1862; she came on to the valley and settled at Minersville in 1863; was married to John Blackburn in 1879; was again left a widow, and in 1884 was married to James McKnight. She kept the conference house at Norwich several years and will be remembered by the Elders who labored in that district. She was a woman of great faith and energy in the work of God; presided over the Young Ladies' association two years, and over the Relief society five years. She was an active laborer in every good cause up to the time of her death; her hand and heart were ever open to the needy and the traveling servants of God always found a cheerful welcome under her roof.—Com.]