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A black and white photograph of a large, dark, leafy tree, possibly a weeping willow, with a white picket fence in the foreground. A person is visible near the base of the tree. The photo is framed by a decorative border.

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The First House Built at San Bernardino as it Looks Today, After Having Weathered the Storms for More Than Half a Century.

The above picture is of a scene that will grow increasingly so, as the facts of old California history become better known. It is of the first house built in San Bernardino, as it now stands in the heart of the present town on a street whose name has been changed since the early Mormon settlement was abandoned.

There are a number of such houses in San Bernardino, reminiscent of the Mormon colony days. The town was founded by a party from Salt Lake under Apostles Rich and Lyman, who went out to found a relay station on the way to San Pedro harbor. It flourished from 1853 to 1857, when the members of the Mormon faith were summoned to rendezvous in Utah. Last year the Utah pioneers of the trail visited San Bernardino and swapped stories about the history of their old settlement. This summer the San Bernardino pioneers who come in from Fremont's army, and from the general westward movement, will come up to Salt Lake and visit with their friends here in the valley where the Mormon pioneers made their work most effectively lasting.

long as He may consider wise and that He will continue to give me strength to labor among you. May His peace and blessings ever attend you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

President John R. Winder said in effect: "I am delighted to be with you my brethren and sisters, but entirely at a loss to know what to say after what I have heard. This much I say: from the bottom of my heart I endorse the sentiments expressed by President Smith and also by the pres-

and his wife, the stake and his counselor, and I am delighted to join with you in giving honor to our beloved president, who is with us this morning. No man on earth is more largely or greatly indebted to him than I am. I am proud to remember that several times I have been honored with invitations to your former reunions, but I have always been unable to leave until this time when I had the pleasure of joining with you. The reason for my former failure is that I have stood first with me. My first allegiance has been to my duty there, so many days in the week. I remember in 1892 when we discussed the desirability of completing the temple by 1893, it was difficult of accomplishment it was a long time before we could get it done and been completed, and was dedicated. Shortly after that I was called to associate with President Snow in the labors of the temple, and I might say, now that the matter has come up, that I have never been absent one day from the temple. I have never been there. I have never allowed anything to draw me from the duty that called me there, and that is why I have not met with you on similar occasions.

Patriarch John Smith said: "My brethren and sisters: Though it is quite unexpected for me to speak I am pleased to be here and to look into your faces and let my memory go back

to early youth in this country. I grew up with pleasure many of the best recollections of my life in the Golden City. My first acquaintance was formed in an old fort. All of the houses here then I have been in that fort. Often since then I have been here and in association with many of the best of our children were talking my mind reverted to these early days. We had an aunt and some cousins whom we came to visit in that fort. I see a number of old friends and acquaintances when I see here Lorin Farr, when, on our recent journey to Vermont, we called "the kid." I remember him as far back as Kirtland, when we were on our way to Missouri. I see also Brother Sargent and his wife, and Brother Taylor, and notice a representative of Gilbert Helmap sitting here, and I note one particular acquaintance, Charles Middleton. We used to sleep together and we were boys together, and we were together for Brother Plymmer, who is here, was one of my boys under my watch care crossing the sea on our way from Denmark. I also note that many are missing who have gone before me. I am in the discharge of my duty unto which our heavenly Father has called us. I trust that as in the past so in the future we may fill our mission with honor and be faithful to the end and pray that we may be true to the true faith that we may be worthy of the blessings promised us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Apostle Hymen M. Smith said: "Like the other brethren I appreciate the invitation extended to me to join in the reunion of the priesthood of the Webers Stake of Zion and have rejoiced greatly in the remarks made by the servants of the Lord, men proven by long lives of activity, true to every trust and duty. I am thankful for the reason of the work of God in the latter days. I am thankful to be numbered among the Lated-day Saints. We see before us many veterans who have been through the fight in raising the gospel standard in the land; raising the banner of the cross, the footstep of the angel, established in character, who for themselves have a testimony in their hearts that God is at the helm and directs the work through the servants appointed

by Him. I had the pleasure of attending a testimony meeting at the conference of the Y. L. M. I. Assn. stations in Salt Lake City, last Sunday morning. I can not express to you the feeling of gratitude welling up in my bosom when I saw these young men and women bear testimony to the truth and the integrity of the young people of the Church, to the faith of their fathers, as they have been called fathers and mothers. Some of them emphatically denied the slander uttered by some of our enemies that as the young people increase in intelligence they decrease in their faith.

"They gave the most earnest assurance that this was not so, that the young people were true and that they were taking up arms and willing to battle in defense of the truth. And why should it not be so? Pure intelligence comes from God, so that as a man increases in true learning and intelligence he should naturally increase in his faith. A proof of this was seen in that gathering of young men, that the life of the young world has not produced. When they declared they would be true to their parents, to their grandparents, and to the gospel and to the service of God, a feeling of overpowering gratitude filled my soul. I thought: The world do not know us, the world do not know our evil, but where it is that the world would they gather such an assembly who truthfully and joyfully could say, 'Though the world know us not we are thankful that God can see us and see if there is aught of guile in us.' And as this gathering was a representation of the children of the Church, and I thought that thousands could be gathered from the Church with the same rectitude of purpose and desire for right and with faith in God and the truth, I felt to rejoice beyond my power of expression. I thought, how blessed must be that Father of our Father in Heaven, and that other brethren in authority to witness such a testimony of the strength of Zion. The Prophet Joseph did not have such wonderful witnesses of the

success in the work of God. He had much to do with false brethren and those who would betray him and it was for him a fearful struggle. It was a test of his own faith and his own integrity, but was also something more than that. It was an example to the world, especially to the church, that we must go to love God that everything else—wife, children, friends, life itself—will be secondary to the love of God and work. We little understand the authority we hold or the responsibility that rests upon us. May I only impress on us more and more, that day by day, the great love and grace of God, the abode of the priesthood of the World, the blessing of Amen."

Bishop John Watson of the Fifth Ward expressed his pleasure at meeting with the priesthood. We know the worth of the presidency of our studies he said, and know that they have love and esteem and confidence of the people of the stake as they in turn love the leaders of the Church. He hoped that the Priesthood would continue to be faithful and work in harmony for the advancement of God's glorious purposes.

Apostle David G. McKay said: "My brethren and sisters: I too am thankful to be here and to associate with you, with the presidency of the Church and those with them, and I am glad this committee has arranged these beautiful decorations in honor of our presidents and their families and the visitors here. I rejoice in their beauty and will give you a reason why. I remember vividly seeing, when but a boy, a large arched one of the streets in Huntsville."

bearing the word "Welcome" to President Taylor and his counselors, who were seated at the head of the table. The man made on my soul was that all Huntsville was that day doing honor to the president of the Church, and to me he was the greatest man in the world. Though I did not really know how great he was. And when later others told me how great he was, I felt that the honor had reached its height, and that impression has never departed. I wish our boys and girls could see these decorations to impress them with the honor done, not to the man, but to the priesthood they hold. You as members of the Church must realize that we must be true to that trust which my prayer is that we may." He related a personal experience during a visit to Salt Lake City in order to illustrate the importance of a trust and emphasized the statement that there was nothing so great as God's gifts, and that if a trust is placed in God's hands, it will never be betrayed. We have placed a trust upon our President, and we have placed a trust upon us, and God has placed a trust upon us. And we can discharge it. Shall we discharge it? We may fail, but we can't let God grant us anything, never. Let's try it. But make us strong where we are weak that each trust may be discharged with honor and faithfulness, in the name to Jesus. Amen."

Sister Elizabeth W. Smith expressed her enjoyment and was happy to have heard the good things presented this day. I rejoice in my religion, she said, and love those who love it and have faith in it. I am glad that Joseph and his brethren's faith uphold our present leaders. I love my religion very, so much that I have felt that I would make but a poor missionary, for I have never liked to assume to tell of my faith to those who do not know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, and I have received that testimony, and I loved his family. I love to see this rising generation clothed with the faith of the fathers, and I feel that the Savior is to come again to the earth and that we will become acquainted with Him. I pray that this sinners may remain faithful and true to the name of Jesus Christ.

Sister Mary Ann, the P. M. sister, in a few words expressed her pleasure in meeting with the priesthood of this stake and enjoying the spirit manifested.

The choir and congregation sang "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation," after which the meeting closed and the entire assembly moved across to the institute, where a ban-

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quiet had been prepared, and where we also noted the artistic touch of the decorator. Flowers were seen in profusion. Three tables ran the full length of the hall; snow white cloths and vases filled with flowers served as centerpieces. The decorations were truly exceeding attractive. The presidency of the Fair Committee, President Shurtliff, were seated at the head of the center table, around which were seated all the other visitors, the husbands and the patriarchs, while two side tables were occupied by the bishops and their counselors, presided over by Counsellors C. F. Middleton and N. C. Flygare respectively. Patricia Lorrn Farr asked God's blessing on the food, the orchestra began a beautiful strain of music, and the singing in full progress. The elegance of the surroundings, the elegance of the decorations, the excellence of the food provided, all spoke in no uncertain terms of the labor and care that had been put into the program, and who aided Sister Emily M. Shurtliff in providing this pleasing part of the program.

As the banquet neared its close, Charles J. Ross, acting as toastmaster, addressed the guests and introduced Thomas R. Evans, state Sunday school superintendent. With a response to the toast, he spoke of the happiness and interest in being one of those gathered at this reunion. He held that such gatherings were lively agents in invigorating the Christian life of the community. He felt that he had been honored far beyond his merits, but rejoiced in the confidence shown. He spoke of his dear association with Arthur Davidson McKee, the Sunday school work, the value of his services to the cause, and the support and encouragement received from the presidency of the board and the members of the respective wards and thanked them for their kindness. He dwelt somewhat upon the wonderful responsibility a purpose of the Sunday school was to train the youth of the community who were aiding to advance it.

Sister Jeannette I. McKay, state superintendent, Y. L. M. I. A., spoke as follows: "The girls of this state are grateful at the opportunity to mingle their voices with the spirits in such a united gathering as the priesthood. We can assure our fathers and mothers that the girls are striving along the path outlined by their instructions and example. The girls are stepping surely and firmly for a testimony of the truth of the Father's plan and are glad to be in the place where they are to be enabled to discover the beautiful, to learn purity and nobility of character, to honor their parents, to have true beauty of mind and body, and to realize that they shall discover beauty of character in the example of the wrinkled hands of their mother, may so by her labors for them, beauty of the white hairs of their father who have made it possible for them to have what they are and to enjoy what they have. We are grateful for the support of the presidency and bishops and pray that the same spirit here manifested may attend us in our every effort."

John V. Bluth, assistant stake superintendent Y. M. M. I. A., briefly responded to the Y. M. I. A. toast stating that while each organization has its own work outlined, all had one common aim, the salvation of the youth and women in Israel; they would aid to the priesthood and only so as they really helped the priesthood in the work that God had placed upon them were they fulfilling their mission.

Angus T. Wright and Samuel G. L. spoke for the high council, they joined in the harmony and unanimity that prevailed, the peace which seemed to attend the saints and their ability to settle among themselves such difficulties as might arise in the natural course of their labors in temporal affairs. The former stated that he held a member of the council for several years and that he did not think the council had averaged a case a year. The latter stated that while he felt his significance, he was what he was, and had learned what he had learned seeking to follow the example of the presidency of the stake.

The pioneer bishop of Weber county Robert McQuarrie, announced the preparations that were being made for entertaining the old folks of Weber county and Salt Lake City at Glenwood on June 26, after which President Smith addressed the assembly. He said in a

"It occurs to me that this is a place and an occasion where everybody favored with the privilege of being present can well afford to lay aside for a season the cares, and perplexities and anxieties of the world, and rather endeavor to reach to have holy communion with sincere forgiveness to enter into their souls. It is a great contrast to the daily struggle of life in which most of us are engaged. Many of us have to plod early and late to make both ends meet, and in the process of the personal good or advancement, but much of it from the duty and the labors laid upon us. To come then to this place like this and the place we met this morning and lay aside our cares and our little jealousies, for a few moments, and to be able to forget our sorrows and the evil, and remember the good and the aspiration to holy communion with the Spirit of God and our fellow men, is truly enjoyable. We feel while here that we are indeed blessed and that all other things are with the same eyes or at least headed for the same goal, it matters not. We come here that we might mingle together and partake of the bounties of the earth as provided for us, and we remember with gladness and pleasure that God has provided for us to produce these rich varieties of food for the gratification of

title. We feel to extend a hearty feeling
 of gratitude for the privilege of being
 here, and we feel good to be here.
 We feel good to experience the feeling of
 brotherhood and the unanimity of
 purpose. We feel good to see the
 pervades this our meeting and in
 boards. Surely every heart ought to be
 willing to hand with every other heart
 and mingle their sympathies together
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 on such a gathering as this could
 not be without the swelling tears of
 sorrow, and the tongue that would ut-
 ter a slander regarding the purpose or
 object of such a gathering should be
 silenced with shame and confusion.
 We thank you, dear brethren, for your
 goodness. God bless you all—it is the
 most and the best that I can say for
 you. Amen."

ENCOURAGES CHOR.

The banquet finished and the speech making ended the party returned to the meetinghouse, while preparations were being made for the members of the choir and the workers at a second spread. Here the choir received from President Smith a few words of the grandest encouragement and praise for any organization could wish for.

At the meetinghouse the saints were addressed by Stake Religion Class superintendent Wm. Z. Terry, John M. Quarrie of the high council, H. C. Jacobs of the First ward, and George W. Brannwell of the high council, and Bishop James Taylor of Mount Fort, all of whom breathed a spirit of love and harmony, a desire to be worthy of the trust reposed in them, and a criticism of the evil influences attending such reunions as this, the value of which could not be measured by dollars and cents.

The choir and congregation sang

SINGERS' RECEPTION.

All the visitors returned to Salt Lake City on the evening train except President Smith and wife who remained over night. The next morning a large parade made choir by President and Sister Shurtliff at their home. The wide spreading lawn on which gathered some 30 visitors, was brilliantly lighted by a number of incandescent lamps. A large burning ash, a veritable leafy bower, completely hidden from view by the foliage through which glinted the colored lights sat the orchestra which entertained the guests with a variety of light and sweet music. Refreshments, light punch and sherbet and cake, were served near the house.

At 9:30 the choir gathered in front of the grand old residence where sat President Smith and wife, the presidency of the stake and their families, and a few friends, and sang: "O ye

At its conclusion Sister Jeannette McCarty stepped forward and said: "President, sir, for a long time every member of your choir has felt that something should be done to express our love and gratitude for all you have done for us. Your smiling presence at our practices or on our trips, your words of encouragement, the confidence you have placed in us, all these things are doing much toward making our labors a pleasure. When we have appeared in public we have sung better because we have tried to reach the standard you have erected for us; when we have been away from home, we have tried to live as you live, because you have so generously established for us. You have stood always as our father beckoning us onward and upward."

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form
Swells from the vale and, midway,
leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling
clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settled on its head,"

"We feel that this heavenly sunshine
has settled on your head, and that we
have been privileged to bask in its rays
until our souls have become warmed
with love for you and for each other.
Tonight, leaving you a little token that
will honor you and find a resting place
so many a breast, and we hope its
every ray will speak to you of our un-
dying gratitude and love. We are
thankful to our heavenly Father for
the leadership of such a man—

President Shurtliff, who was taken completely by surprise, was so affected that in responding his voice could hardly be heard. He said: "Dear Friends: You may be sure this is a great surprise to me. I appreciate your love and kindness. I appreciate your labors. There is not a member of your choir that I have not looked upon as one of my

dear boys or girls, but I did not expect this beautiful token from you. It is brilliant and beautiful, but I would also like to see your faces and see the fire and spirit in them when you sing our beautiful hymns and songs with spirit and watch your leader, Brother Joseph, and how earnest and brilliant he looks, and see how readily you respond and how willing you are to listen and be guided by him. There is nothing except the gospel that has given me greater joy than that I have experienced with this great and noble body of singers. Thank you for this gift, and while we are here, let us sing to our friends and neighbors. As I learn to love the gospel more, I learn to love the world better for all are God's children, and if we have songs that can win the hearts of the world, let us sing them, sing the gospel to them. I accept this token with the utmost pleasure and pray God to bless all the givers."

The choir sang, "We thank Thee O God for a frank."

Reminiscences of the Portland fair and trip were related by Earl Pardoe, creating much amusement, and Charles Wood, returned recently from a mission to the South Sea islands, sang a number of songs in Maori, imitated a war-song and dance, gave an example of a funeral sermon and sang a number of love ditties, giving the interpretation, which proved both amusing and instructive.

After the choir had sung "My country, 'tis of Thee," Vice President C. J. Smith of the choir, on behalf of the officers and members of the choir, thanked the men and the brethren for their who aroused interest in music and for the words of encouragement given this day, for they had been an inspiration to the choir. He said that he hoped that their work would continue to grow and advance and develop still more so that they should be able to please even more than they had done. In response to the prayer of the choir, he said that I thank you for the good feelings expressed and I only wish it were in my power to grant you greater encouragement than has been given to you. He said that all we can do is help service in the Church. Your gift is most desirable in the house of God and gives joy and satisfaction to the Latter-day Saints, and he said that he said unto you, God bless you one and all, is my earnest prayer.

This closed the reunion, one that equalled in interest and spiritual enjoyment the two that have preceded during the past five years, and shortly afterwards the choir and visitors dispersed.

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