

ments, questions and answers on Church history and truth and works were among the class exercises.

The bounteous hospitality of the good people of Adamsville is deserving of the thanks of the visitors.

Respectfully,

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Beaver, Sept. 13, 1896.

Woodruff Stake.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th, the first Sunday school conference of the Woodruff Stake of Zion was held at Alma meeting house, there being present the presidency of the Stake, Elders Baxter, Byron Sessions and Charles Kingston, Patriarchs Wm. G. Burton and Lee, with many of the High Council and many officers of the Sunday school from Randolph and Woodruff; also Elders Goddard and Maeser. A class of twelve young men and twelve young ladies of the Randolph theological class rendered an interesting program. A class from Woodruff, Almy and Evanston also took part in the program.

On Saturday evening the monthly Priesthood meeting was held at the Almy meeting house. There was a large attendance from the different wards and various subjects of interest to the Stake came under consideration. At the close, all present was invited to go to the Social Hall. There a surprise had been arranged by the Almy choir to entertain the visitors. A program had been arranged, and at its close sandwiches, etc., was served by young ladies to all present. A season of recreation was enjoyed, acquaintances made with all wards of the Stake and associations formed, which we trust will increase in the future. Instructions were given by Elders Goddard and Maeser as to the training of the rising generation of Latter-day Saints, to be prepared for duties and responsibilities that will be placed on them in the future.

On Monday Elder Baxter with wife, mother and Miss Rex; Counsellor Sessions with wife, and two children; Anson B. Call, of the High Council, and wife, from Woodruff; J. M. Grant, wife and child; Misses Snowball, Jackson, Call and Sessions, from Randolph; Counsellor Charles Kingston; Patriarch William G. Burton; Mrs. Bishop James Brown and two children; her two sisters, Mrs. William Cameron and Laura Burdett; Misses Lillie Burdett and McFet, left Evanston by team for Hillard and Owen wards. At Hillard one meeting was held. The schoolhouse was filled to its utmost capacity. A precious time was enjoyed. The party arrived at Bridger on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday two meetings were held. At the afternoon meeting it was so crowded that the sashes of the windows had to be taken out, so those who could not get admittance to the building might hear the counsel given by the various speakers. At the evening meeting the school house was filled to overflowing. Between the two meetings the Saints had prepared an entertainment for themselves and visitors. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Regarding prospects for the settlers at Bridger, I will say that I never saw finer looking grain, sweet corn, roots such as beets and mangolds. Timothy hay is immense; lucern is fair. The lowest estimate of grain this year is 30,000 bushels, and the highest 40,000. The majority of the settlers are Mormon families. They have bright prospects before them, and by the time another decade has passed, Bridger and neighborhood will be as a garden spot in the surrounding desert, as the settle-

ers aret from the hive of deseret, and are workers.

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Summit Stake.

The annual Sunday school conference of the Summit Stake was held at Wanship on Saturday the 10th inst., and at Coalville on Sunday the 11th inst.

Assistan General Superintendent Geo. Goddard, Jos. W. Summerhays, of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, and a number of Stake Church authorities, were present.

The morning session held at Wanship was occupied by the Stake Sunday School superintendency, and giving reports by the several superintendents of the Sunday schools of the southern part of the Stake. The afternoon session of superintendents and remarks by the visiting brethren.

The Sunday sessions were devoted to class exercises, reports of superintendents and appropriate addresses by Elders Goddard and Summerhays. A very pleasing feature of the afternoon session was the rendering of a song, written by Elder E. H. Rhead, by the Primary department of the Coalville Sunday school, in honor of Superintendent Goddard, and the presentation of flower bouquets by the little singers to our venerable brother.

The exercises of a number of the Sunday schools were rendered in a very creditable manner, indicating that the class work, was given the proper care and attention necessary for successful departmental work.

An essay on "Sunday School Work," read by Miss L. Paskett, of Hennifer Sunday school was an excellent production.

The conference was well attended, and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder C. J. Winter of the Sixteenth ward, this city, returned from a mission to the Southern States on the 10th inst. He left home May 16, 1896, and labored in the North Carolina conference, where he reports a gratifying condition of affairs. He had good health, enjoyed his labors and traveled successfully without purse and scrip.

Elder David Archibald has returned from a mission to Scotland, his native country. He enjoyed fair health and says his personal experiences were very pleasant. Missionary work is being pushed forward with vigor, and the results are becoming more satisfactory. Elder Archibald left home October 26, 1896, and returned on September 23rd.

Elder George E. Maycock of the Third ward, this city, is home from a Mississippi and Texas mission. He experienced particular pleasure among the people of the Lone Star state whom he avers are very intelligent and hospitable to a fault. Eleven months of his two and a half years mission were spent among them, the remainder of his mission being devoted to work in Mississippi where he was connected with the presidency of the conference.

Elder John Martin Jr. of Wilson, Weber county, who went on a mission to South Carolina and Georgia in January 17, 1896, has returned home bringing with him favorable reports of the missionary work being done in those states.

Elder John A. Gordon of American Fork, and second cousin of General John R. Gordon of Confederacy fame, returned a few days ago from a mission of nearly three years to South Caro-

lina, his native state. He labored for fifteen months in York county, where he was born and raised. He succeeded in bringing several persons into the Church and assisted in the baptism of a number more. His mission, he says, was a very pleasant one.

Elder F. J. A. Jaques of the Nineteenth ward came home from a mission to Ireland a few days ago. Missionary work in that country, he says, is confined almost exclusively to the ranks of the Protestants. Among them converts are being made. The prospects are brighter than for many years. Elder Jaques was absent from home about twenty-eight months.

Elder Nephi Bailey of Monticello, San Juan county, departed for a mission to Great Britain on September 19, 1896. He labored in Liverpool all of the time and returned on the 23rd inst. He declares that his experience was all that he could desire and that the future is full of hope for Gospel work in England.

Elder John G. Linford of Kaysville has returned home from the Virginia conference in which he has labored since November 9, 1895. The people of that state received him with refreshing cordiality, and he was loth to leave them. Accessions to the Church are being constantly made among them.

Elder A. F. Rose of Farmington is home from Mississippi, for which state he left Utah May 16, 1896. He had splendid health while away and returns in the same fortunate condition, grateful for his experience and for the good he accomplished.

Elder David M. Guest of Miller, Salt Lake county, returned yesterday from a mission of exactly two years in southern Illinois. The people received him kindly and he enjoyed his work thoroughly.

Elder Elias S. Woodruff of this city returned on the 26th inst. from a mission to the Southern States. He left home November 9, 1895, and labored in the East Kentucky conference, which up to March 15th took in a part of West Virginia. Elder Woodruff presided over the conference and reports the work progressing nicely, with many people exhibiting a great eagerness to hear the Gospel. In the conference there are now seven Sunday schools and five organized branches, with two local Elders assisting in the ministry. Elder John Woodmansee of this city presides over the conference. Elder Woodruff had good health and returns feeling well.

Elder James Russell of East Mill Creek, returned on the 13th inst., from his labors in the East Kentucky conference, for which field he left his home December 10, 1896. He reports the prospects good for future work in that section, although at present the Elders encounter considerable prejudice. Elder Russell had good health and returned in company with Elder Ezra Allen of Idaho, who came home on account of illness.

Elder Charles Jensen of Levan, Juab county, returned Saturday from the Northern States mission field, having labored while absent in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois, the last six months in the city of Springfield. Elder Jensen left Salt Lake July 3, 1896, and enjoyed his labors while away. He says prospects for future work are good, especially in and