

We had beautiful weather during conference. The meetings were very largely attended, a goodly number of the Saints from the more distant parts of the Stake being in attendance. The singing by the choir, and the beautiful selections sang during the conference by Brother Easton were an important factor and added very materially to the enjoyment of all who attended the conference.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet in Cedar City.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,  
Stake Clerk.

### JOSEPH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

According to general custom the Saints of the Sixteenth ward assembled in the ward meeting house Wednesday to pay honor and tribute to the memory of the Prophet Joseph Smith on the ninety-first anniversary of his birth. It was an occasion which is annually looked forward to in pleasant remembrance by the people of the Sixteenth ward and as a result the hall was crowded and a good spirit prevailed.

The meeting was opened with the singing of hymn Hall to the man, etc., and after prayer The seer, the seer, Joseph, the seer, was also sung.

Bishop Frederick Kessler of the Sixteenth ward was the first speaker. He stated the object of the meeting and recalled reminiscences of the early life of the Prophet, with whom he said he was intimately acquainted. The Bishop spoke of the land of Zion and coupled his remarks with prophecies uttered by Joseph Smith during his career, showing that many of them had been literally fulfilled with others to be verified in future time.

A casket solo was well executed by Gen. H. Thomas, after which Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake, addressed the assemblage. He said that in his boyhood he knew the Prophet and his faith in him as a true Prophet of the Lord had been given strength by what had been told him by his parents. His connection with the Latter-day work had also given him a testimony of the divinity of the Prophet Joseph's mission. He was a man whose memory he had learned to love and revere for in him he recognized a servant of the Most High and one who had been blessed with heavenly visitations. An original poem, entitled The Chosen of God and the Friend of Man, Joseph Smith the Prophet, was recited by the composer, Sister Elizabeth J. Roundy, followed by a duet by the Misses Ida Bett and Hannah Pederson.

Elder Francis M. Lyman of the quorum of the Apostles made a few remarks, touching upon the life of the Prophet and his mission. His experience with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had proved to him beyond a doubt that Joseph was indeed all that the Saints claimed for him.

A song by Sister Jane Ransom was the next number, after which President Joseph F. Smith addressed those assembled. His remarks were very interesting, touching as they did upon incidents connected with the Prophet's life. The speaker reviewed the early

history of the Prophet's life and told how, at the age of 14 years, he had been led to go into the woods to pray. The heavenly visitation of God the Father and the Son was spoken of, following this up with events that transpired subsequently. President Smith told of the delivery of the plates to Joseph by the Angel Moroni; of the translation of the Book of Mormon; of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; of the restoration of the Holy Priesthood; of the treatment to which the Saints were subjected at the hands of lawless men, together with the assassination of the Prophet and the expulsion of the Saints from Nauvoo. He closed by hearing testimony to the truth of the Gospel as restored to the earth through Joseph Smith and said that if any were seeking after truth, it was easily found and if lived up to would bring its own reward.

President George Q. Cannon was the next speaker. He advised the Saints to live in strict accordance with the word of God as received through His prophets. Then, said the speaker, all would be well and God would pour out His blessings upon those who loved Him and showed their love for Him by keeping His commandments.

The seer, the seer, etc., was sung as a solo by John Robinson, after which brief but appropriate remarks were made by Patriarch John Smith, and Elders John Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant of the Council of Apostles.

There were thirty people present who had seen the Prophet and fifteen who were related to him, and at the close of the services all went away feeling well repaid for having attended.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of the Seventh ward combined in celebrating the anniversary of the Prophet Joseph Smith's birthday Wednesday.

A meeting was held in the ward assembly hall, at which were invited the members of the ward and many others who personally were acquainted with the Prophet.

The speakers in their order were Elder Thomas H. Woodbury, President Lorezo Snow, Sister Sarah M. Kimball, Edwin Rushton, Sister Jane James and her brother.

Miss Ella Woodbury then sang, An Unknown Grave, after which Sister Mary Alice Lambert made a few remarks.

The speakers related many incidents of their experience with the Prophet and bore testimony to the young people present that Joseph Smith was indeed a Prophet of God.

Elder Edward Stevenson, being unable to be present, sent a few lines to be read on the occasion, which were very appropriate.

At the close of the program the young ladies passed through the audience and presented each person with a paper plate containing refreshments, after which the assembly dispersed.

During the evening a pocketbook, which had been the property of the Prophet, together with a lock of his hair, was passed from one to another that they might view and handle these articles, which are now in the possession of Sister Kimball.

Yesterday, December 23, the ninety-

first anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith, was duly observed in East Jordan ward, Salt Lake county. The date is also the second anniversary of the organization of the ward. Goff's hall, in East Jordan was the place of assemblage, and was filled with a happy company. The exercises began at 11 a.m. An excellent and appropriate program of songs, recitations, addresser, etc., was rendered. The speakers were Bishop Hyrum S. Goff of East Jordan ward, Bishop John Egbert of West Jordan, Patriarch Archibald Gardner, who formerly was Bishop over that whole section of country when it was embraced in one ward, and Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the Salt Lake Stake presidency. The latter delivered a most interesting and comprehensive address on the life and mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

An elegant dinner was served, three hundred people occupying places at the tables which were loaded with a bounteous repast, to which full justice was done by the happy company. In the evening, until the closing hour of 12 o'clock, the company enjoyed themselves in a dance.

During the ten days preceeding Bishop Goff of East Jordan ward announced the receipt of the deed to the property on which the new ward meeting house is being built. The cost of the lot was \$1,000 all but \$80 being paid, and that amount has been promised.

### IDAHO WEATHER.

Monthly report for November, 1896, D. P. McCallum, section director, Idaho Falls, Idaho: The month opened with rainfall and mild temperatures prevailing in all parts of the state; these conditions were the rule, with slight variations, until the 26th, when a sudden and severe cold wave was experienced, accompanied by high winds and heavy snowfall; the month closed with intensely cold weather prevailing in all sections. At the end of the month the entire state except the extreme southern section was covered with snow in depths ranging from two to twenty-two inches, the latter being reported at Lake.

Burnside: On the 25th occurred the severest wind storm known in this vicinity for years; the atmosphere was one sheet of snow which was blown from the mountains.

Kootenai—On the 13th, 14th and 15th the river rose sixteen feet in three days—the result of recent rains and melting snow.

Murray—For the twenty-four hours ending 5 p. m., 13th, the greatest precipitation ever recorded at this station for the same number of hours. 16th, extraordinarily high water; great damage to railroad and county bridges; highest water ever known here.

Ola—More rain and cold than I had seen in thirty-four years' residence in Idaho.

The mean temperature for the state was 29.4 degrees, 8.7 degrees cooler than November of last year; the highest monthly mean temperature was 43.0 degrees at Payette, and the lowest 19.0 at Lake; the highest temperature reached during the month was 80 degrees at Payette on the 1st, and the lowest 88 degrees below