

PRAYER A LA MODE.

Give me an eye to others' failings blind—
(Miss Smith's new bonnet's quite a fright behind!)

Wake in the charity for the suffering poor—
(There comes the contribution box once more!)

Take from my soul all feelings covetous—
(I'll have a shawl like that, or make a fuss!)

Let love for all my kind my spirit stir—
(Save Mrs. Jones; I'll never speak to her!)

Let me in truth's fair pages take delight—
(I'll read the other novel through to-night!)

Make me contented with my earthly state—
(I wish I married rich; but it's too late!)

Give me a heart of faith in all my kind—
(Miss Brown's as big an hypocrite as you'll find!)

Help me to see myself as others see—
(This dress is quite becoming unto me!)

Let me act out no falsehood, I appeal—
(I wonder if they think those curls are real!)

Make my heart of humanity the fount—
(I'm glad I am our pew's so near the front!)

Fill me with patience and strength to wait—
(I know he'll preach till our dinner's late!)

Take from my heart each grain of self-conceit—
(I'm sure that gentleman must think me sweet!)

Let saintly visions be my daily food—
(I wonder what they'll have for dinner good!)

Let not my feet ache on the road to light—
(Nobody knows how these shoes pinch and bite!)

In this world teach me to deserve the next—
(Church out! Charles, do you recollect the text!)

BEAVER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The first quarterly Conference of the Beaver Stake of Zion convened on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1st and 2nd.

A priesthood meeting was held in the forenoon of Saturday, Dec. 1. An excellent spirit prevailed, and the reports of the bishops and presidents of quorums showed a general disposition on the part of the people and the members of the different quorums to live their religion and do all they can to aid in building up the Kingdom of God on the earth.

In the afternoon, at 2 p.m., the meeting began with singing and prayer.

President John R. Murdock addressed the Conference, and requested the Elders who might be called upon to address the people during the Conference to speak on the building of temples, the education of the young and the utilization of their time, tithing, offerings, and such other subjects as the spirit of the Lord might suggest to them.

Prest. John Ashworth said some might consider it a waste of time to call the people from their various occupations and ask them to meet in conference, but if we could come together and talk of our local and general interests, our time would not be thrown away. Many persons thought that we, as a people, would display better judgment if we were to build more school-houses and fewer temples. Both were essential to our salvation. Our schools were our nurseries, and should be much better sustained, and more encouragement given to our teachers. Means should be given to our Sunday school superintendents, that prizes, tickets, and such things as would please and attract our children, and induce them to attend our Sabbath schools, might be obtained. The speaker suggested the propriety of appointing home missionaries to visit with and labor among the people, and thus create a better feeling throughout the entire county. He advised the young to accept of the Twelve Apostles as their guides and advisers in regard to their amusements, and to act upon the good counsels that had been given on this subject.

Elder Milo T. Farnsworth, Sen., said, those who received the gospel in the Gentile world rejoiced that God had again revealed his mind and will to his chosen children on the earth. We learned that temples must be built and that the priesthood should direct temporal and spiritual matters in Zion. If we failed in our first attempt to

carry out any principle of the gospel, did that prove the principle itself incorrect? Was there anything in the world more precious than the gospel with its saving ordinances and principles?

Elder Arza Hinckley said the good instructions we received would prove of little benefit to us unless we had the Holy Spirit to enable us to appreciate them and carry them out in our lives. To get and enjoy the Holy Spirit was the grand secret of union with the Saints.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 10 a. m.

After singing and prayer Bishop James McKnight said, many elders had gone abroad and preached the gospel to the nations of the earth, yet but few of the children of men had embraced the gospel and identified themselves with the Church of Jesus Christ of latterdays. The reason of this was that the nations of the earth were in darkness, and few of the inhabitants of the different nations to which the gospel message had been carried were desirous of serving God and learning of his ways, and their hearts were not prepared to know and receive the gospel when they heard it. It was impossible for an ignorant people to build up the Zion of our God upon the earth. To the end that we might have an educated, intelligent community growing up around us in the persons of our children, we should employ and sustain the best teachers to labor with them in the school room, and not patronize those whose interests were not in common with our own.

Elder William Fotheringham spoke upon obedience and said that our day and Sabbath schools were instituted for the purpose of instructing our children in the principles of the gospel, the principles of honor, truth, chastity and morality, and to prepare them to be come useful instruments in the hands of God in bringing about his righteous purposes and in ushering in a reign of righteousness and peace on the earth. He suggested the propriety of parents attending parties and other places where their sons and daughters congregated for amusement and by lending the power of their presence to aid in quelling much of the riotous spirit that prevailed with some of our youth.

Elder Elias H. Blackburn asked if we prayed with our children, and encouraged them to attend Sabbath school. Were our sons and daughters here this morning, to hear our exhortations and counsels? Many of them were not. Some of them had returned to him who gave them, while too many who had been left with us were absent, and many of them were engaged in objectionable pursuits. If we anticipated a reunion with our loved ones who had gone behind the veil, and if we expected to receive them again in the morning of the resurrection, we must train our spirits in the direction leading that way.

Elder Daniel Tyler said there was nothing connected with the gospel of Christ that was not of great importance to us.

We should, as fathers and mothers, instruct our children to carry out the counsels of the apostles concerning our dances, and the young should be willing to observe those instructions. The time would come when this entire continent would be dotted with temples reared by and for this people. This was the land of Zion. Our children should be taught at home, and should not be sent to teachers whose sympathies were not in keeping with the spirit and teachings of the servants of God. Parents who used their best endeavors to train their children in the way that they should go while they were in their youth, would not be held responsible for the actions of their children in after years.

President Ashworth said he, in common with his brethren and sisters, felt the loss of the absence of the members of the Twelve Apostles, but he felt satisfied they were fully engaged in their ministerial duties elsewhere.

2 p. m.

The meeting commenced with singing and prayer, followed by administration of the sacrament.

After a few words of exhortation by Prest. Murdock, the reports of the several bishops and of the presidents of quorums were read by Elder Richard S. Horne, which are here but very briefly recorded.

Beaver City—First Ward, Charles D. White Bishop, had two good

day schools, well attended, also a good Sabbath school.

Second Ward, John X. Smith, Bishop, reported several ordinations of young men as priests and deacons. There was one day school and a good Sabbath school, largely attended.

High Priests' Quorum, Daniel Tyler President. Seventy-five members.

Elders' Quorum, John Robinson President. Several of the members had been re-baptized.

Relief Society, Ruth Tyler President. The society owned a good lot, with a good brick house and furniture, had \$100 in the Beaver Co-operative Store, and one \$25 share in the "Woman's Book." Articles now on hand amount to \$110.35. The society also had a rock building, 24x30 feet, in course of erection, which, when completed, would be used for storing grain and for the establishment of home industries; 15 1/4 bushels of wheat were now in the possession of the society. The society consists of eighty-two members, including twenty-four teachers, who were fully alive to the duties of that office.

Y. L. M. I. A. Mrs. Julia P. M. Farnsworth, President. There were forty active members in this association, and its numbers still increasing.

Greenville Ward, Robert Easton Bishop.

Adamsville Ward, Thomas Gunn, Acting Bishop.

Minersville Ward, James McKnight, Bishop.

Relief Society of Minersville, Polly Ann Zabriskie, President. The number of members of this society is fifty. Amount of receipts \$64.85; disbursements \$20.75; balance in treasury \$44.10.

The Sabbath school of Minersville, under the superintendency of Elder Elias H. Blackburn, was prospering. There were two testament classes, two Book of Mormon classes, one Bible class, one Third Reader class, one Second Reader class, one First Reader class, and one Primer class; total eleven. One hundred pupils average attendance, with a fair prospect of increase.

Y. M. M. I. A. of Minersville, Solomon A. Walker, President. Twenty-two members. Meetings are held on Friday evening each week.

Y. L. M. I. A. of Minersville, Melissa Lee President. Anticipated meeting monthly with the Y. M. M. I. A.

The statistical report of Beaver Stake of Zion since its reorganization was as follows—275 families, 25 seventies, 75 high priests, 139 elders, 21 priests, 6 teachers, 29 deacons, 772 lay members, 523 children under eight years of age, 524 males, baptisms, 2 marriages, 10 births, 6 births females, 180 tithepayers, 230 donors to temples, 1 individual drawing support, 6 deaths; total number of members 1,474. \$631.50 was received and disbursed for temple purposes by the Second Ward of Beaver City.

President Murdock spoke encouragingly of the brethren who had been laboring on the Manti Temple. The tithing payments have been of a liberal nature during the year. He desired the people to keep a force of hands at work on the Manti Temple during the winter season. He was pleased to know that the sisters, old and young, were taking so active a part in aiding their brethren in the good work. There was sufficient scope for each of us, in which to exercise the talent and ability that God had given us. He requested the heads of families to be prompt in paying their cash donations of fifty cents per month to assist in building temples.

Elder Richard S. Horne then presented the general church authorities as they were sustained at the last October conference in Salt Lake City, and they were unanimously sustained.

The local authorities of the Beaver Stake of Zion were then presented, and unanimously sustained in the following order, viz:

President of the Stake, John R. Murdock; first counselor, John Ashworth; second counselor, M. L. Shepherd.

Bishop, First Ward, Beaver city, Charles D. White; first counselor, Thos. Schofield; second counselor, Thos. Parkinson.

Bishop, 2nd Ward, Beaver city, John H. Smith; first counselor, Andrew Patterson; second counselor, Thos. Frazer.

Members of the High Council—

Wm. Fotheringham, Willis Coplan, Philo T. Farnsworth, Sidney Tanner, Wm. Robinson, Henry Gale, John Swindlehurst, Richard S. Horne, Wilson G. Nowers, Elias H. Blackburn, Edward Slaughter, and Alphonso M. Farnsworth.

President of the High Priests' Quorum, Daniel Tyler; first counselor, James Farrer; second counselor, Geo. Ayres.

President first Elders' Quorum, John Robinson; first counselor, Samuel O. White; second counselor, Alexander Campbell.

Bishop John X. Smith, president First Quorum of Priests.

President of Teachers' Quorum, Joseph Tattersall; first counselor, Duckworth Grimshaw; second counselor, William H. White.

Bishop Minersville Ward, James McKnight; first counselor, William Wood, Sen.; second counselor Joseph Banks.

Thomas Gunn, acting bishop and presiding elder in Adamsville Ward.

Bishop Greenville Ward, Robert Easton; first counselor, William Richards; second, William Edwards.

County superintendent of Sabbath schools, William Fotheringham.

Relief Society of Beaver City—President, Ruth W. Tyler; first counselor, Eliza W. Hawkins; second counselor, Ann Levi.

Relief Society of Minersville—President, Polly Ann Zabriskie; first counselor, Sarah Myers; second counselor, Nancy Blackburn.

Relief Society of Adamsville—President, Agnes Ingram; first counselor, Mary Ann Joseph; second counselor, Elizabeth Simkins.

Relief Society of Greenville—President Ann Richards; first counselor, Sarah Arthur; second counselor, Ruth Reese.

Standing clerk of conference and historian for the Stake, Richard S. Horne.

A list of home missionaries was then read, the conference voting unanimously to sustain those who were thus called.

Patriarch John Smith said we should set a worthy example before our children, and teach them true principles, that they might be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord our God. Children should respect their parents' counsel, and be guided by them. Parents should teach in patience, children should learn in meekness. Many young men treated their fathers with great disrespect, calling them "Dad," "Old Man," etc. Young ladies, who were engaged to young men who so treated their parents, had a right to consider such conduct a sufficient cause for breaking the engagement.

President Ashworth said we should solemnize our marriages according to the law of God, that our union, in this near relationship, might be eternal. We had perfect principles, but we were far from perfect ourselves. We were prone to say and do wrong, yet we were the Lord's people. He had gathered us out of the world, that we might effectually build up his kingdom on the earth.

President Murdock said the responsibility of building temples was not placed upon the shoulders of a few individuals, but it was a labor required of the entire people. Our brethren who were in the missionary field were laboring earnestly to gather the poor and the meek of the earth to Zion. We should aid them. We should aid them liberally with our means in this work of gathering. He desired the people to represent all their home industries at the quarterly conferences, and requested all to increase in paying tithes and offerings.

Conference adjourned until the 2nd and 3d of March, 1878.

Although we felt the loss we sustained in being deprived of the presence and counsels of members of the Twelve Apostles, yet a good spirit prevailed, marked attention was given to the speakers, and all seemed well pleased with the conference. The evening meeting on Saturday was well attended, and much valuable instruction was given by Elders Daniel Tyler, Geo. Ayres, C. C. Baldwin and William Robinson. Sunday evening brought Bishop Thomas Taylor, of the Fourteenth Ward, Salt Lake City, accompanied by Elder Thomas Pierpont, to our city. Bishop Taylor occupied the greater portion of the evening in wisely counseling parents and children in their duties.

RICHARD S. HORNE,
Clerk of Conference.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 7.—The steamer *Mizpa*, from Seville for Leith, collided yesterday with an unknown vessel, off Beachy Head. Both vessels sunk. So far only one man is known to be saved.

The case of the Countess of Lamberts claiming to inherit, as daughter of the late Cardinal Antonelli, came before the court in Rome yesterday. The hearing was adjourned until Christmas. The correspondent remarks that judgment will certainly be against the plaintiff unless she can produce her mother in court. This her counsel has engaged to do if absolutely necessary.

A Paris correspondent publishes a letter from a person holding a position of trust connected with one of the highest personages of the Ottoman Empire, declaring that the Turks are hopeless of success, and as soon as Erzeroum is taken and the Adrianople road threatened, will treat separately with Russia, and cede a free passage of the Bosphorus to the Russians rather than permit them to advance on Constantinople.

The amount of bullion with drawn from the Bank of England on balance, to-day, is £120,000.

The steamer wrecked off the Island of Ushant, France, is named the *European*, from the Cape of Good Hope for Plymouth, and Southampton.

A Brest dispatch says the *European* ran on a rock in a fog. The passengers took to the boats and the steamer sank in ten minutes afterwards. No lives were lost.

VIENNA, 7.—Part of the Russian Baltic fleet has sailed for the Mediterranean.

BREST, 7.—It is reported that a large English steamer has been lost off Ushant, Coast of Brittany. Packages have been picked up addressed to the British Colonial Department.

PARIS, 7.—The French ministry tendered their resignations at this morning's council, and President MacMahon accepted them.

The following are the conditions on which M. Dufaure agreed to attempt to form a cabinet: That the ministry shall have entire liberty as to all official appointments; that the Marshal shall agree to bills restricting the power to declare a state of siege and modifying the press restrictions, and shall send a message to the chamber guaranteeing it against capricious dissolution.

The Marshal accepted these conditions with much difficulty, at first declaring that he would resign. The ministry will probably not be definitely formed for two days.

President MacMahon's submission is said to be due to the firmness of the Orleanist senators, who have resolved not to support a second dissolution.

President McMahon has finally conceded to Dufaure full liberty of action in forming a cabinet. The new ministry will, therefore, be homogeneous. This excludes President McMahon's reservation that he might have the choice of Ministers of War, of Marine, and Foreign Affairs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 7.—It is reported that Suleiman Pasha has gained another victory between Elena and Turnova.

LONDON, 7.—A Russian statement is published at Bucharest, which says it is better to continue the war than to conclude a patched up peace, which will sooner or later make another war necessary. Russia must obtain autonomy for the Christian population, independence for Roumania and Serbia, an increase of territory for Montenegro, and for Russia the possession of Batoum and Kars and the free navigation of the Dardanelles.

Yesterday, Gen. Deltinghausen, with reinforcements, arrived at Jacowitz. Simultaneously a detachment was sent to Slataritza and turned the flank of the Turkish from Elena to Jacowitz; thereupon the Turks suddenly ceased their movement against Gen. Deltinghausen's division.

A Vienna correspondent contradicts the rumors of the ill-health of the Czar. His majesty's return, however, to St. Petersburg in January is probable, as it is assured that Plevna will have fallen by that time.

A Belgrade correspondent says that Prince Milan's departure for the frontier, which has been an-