

and Brigham. Urged the Saints to cling to the gospel taught by them. Read an extract from a paper. After which the "Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum" by E. R. Snow, was read by Bro. James G. Bleak. Bro. Foster followed with a few well-chosen remarks.

The choir and congregation sang, "Hail to the Prophet," and the services were closed with prayer by Bro. Macintyre.

In the evening a social party was given under the auspices of the Seventies. It was an exceedingly pleasant one too. Songs, speeches, dancing, etc., made up a pleasant variety. Thus ended the first genuine public celebration of the prophet's birthday in St. George. May it become a general custom in Israel and may our Dixie be always in the front rank of the grand march heavenward, is the sincere hope of

Yours truly,

S. Y. GATES.

PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Parowan Stake of Zion, was held in the Parowan meeting house, on Saturday, the 25th of December, 1880.

(President W. H. Dame being sick, was not able to attend.) Presidents Henry Lunt and Sam'l T. Orton presided.

10 a. m.

The bishops and officers of the Stake, and of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, F. M. Lyman and John H. Smith were present on the stand.

The various Wards were reported being in a good and prosperous condition, as also the Relief, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Societies, also our Primary Society and Sunday School.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained. The High Council, with the addition of a few brethren were sustained as home missionaries.

On the first day's meeting, there was a very good attendance, (Christmas day notwithstanding), and on Sunday the house was crowded to excess.

Apostles F. M. Lyman and John H. Smith gave excellent instructions to all present, imparting meat in due season. They spoke with great power by the influence of the holy spirit. Many are now rejoicing at their good teaching and wise counsels.

The subjects generally treated upon were to be prompt in paying tithing, and our debts. To have no feeling against any one; if there should be any to make satisfaction forthwith. Explained the reason for paying tithing and how tithing was used; also the Word of Wisdom and many other interesting subjects.

Conference adjourned at 4 p. m., Sunday, December 26th. Benediction by President Henry Lunt.

WM. MARSDEN,
Clerk of Stake.

Correspondence.

MANASSA, Col.,
December 31st, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

Manassa has been greatly edified for the past few weeks by listening to Apostle E. Snow's remarks on several occasions. This is specially the case to us, who have lately gathered out from Babylon. In listening to him, I have been forcibly impressed that no one can speak as he does, unaided by the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit. And, oh, how I have wished my friends and kindred back into Mississippi could hear him a few times, at least, I am persuaded many, very many, would cease to fight against "Mormonism." We are proud to have such men as Presidents Snow and Silas S. Smith with us. May God our Heavenly Father long preserve the lives of these useful men.

To us who came from the south, the climate here is very cold. I never saw the thermometer in Mississippi below 11° above zero; and on the 17th and 18th of November, it registered 26° below zero. Other thermometers registered 33° below zero! There is usually a difference of 30 to 35 degrees in temperature in the day and night here. I have been keeping a register of the thermometer for the past three weeks, and the following is the result:

	At Sunrise.	At Noon.	
9th Dec.	0-2 deg.	0 X 30 deg.	Difference 32
10 "	0-1 "	0 X 27 "	" 28
11 "	0 X 3 "	0 X 36 "	" 33
12 "	0 X 5 "	0 X 40 "	" 35
13 "	0 X 6 "	0 X 33 "	" 27
14 "	0 X 27 "	0 X 33 "	" 5
15 "			Cloudy at noon.
16 "	0 X 23 "	0 X 43 "	" 20
17 "	0 X 20 "	0 X 23 "	" 3
18 "			Cloudy at noon.
19 "	0 X 3 "	0 X 28 "	" 25
20 "	0 X 12 "	0 X 28 "	" 16
21 "	0-2 "	0 X 31 "	" 33
22 "	0-2 "	0 X 28 "	" 30
23 "	0-2 "	0 X 38 "	" 40
24 "	0 X 10 "	0 X 32 "	" 22
25 "	0 X 6 "	0 X 38 "	" 33
26 "	0 X 8 "	0 X 42 "	" 34
27 "	0 X 19 "	0 X 31 "	" 12
28 "			Cloudy.
29 "	0 X 8 "	0 X 19 "	" 11
30 "	0-12 "	0 X 24 "	" 36

There is a common school here, with 62 scholars enrolled, and there are at least 20 or 30 more to come yet, who will probably start next week, when an assistant teacher will be employed. Well, I must close, and if this is favorably received you may hear from me again.

H. P. DOTSON.

New Year's Day.

Bishop Frederick Kesler and the Saints of the 18th Ward, held their usual Annual Re-union at the Ward Meeting House on Saturday, an old fashioned social and happy gathering.

Presidents John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff were expected to be present, but were unavoidably kept away. Bishop Kesler, in a kind and fatherly manner, greeted the assembled Saints, spoke of the occasion which called the party together, it being for the happiness of the widows, missionaries' wives, the aged, poor, and members of the Ward generally, and he felt to bless all who had met and who had taken a part in making the meeting a success. The choir, under the able leadership of Elder Vincent, sang, "All Hail the New-Born Year," and Bishop Kesler offered prayer.

The invited guests then formed in procession and marched into the hall to music performed on the organ by Elder Arthur Parsons, Elder Theodore McKean taking the lead. Being seated at the four tastefully and abundantly spread tables, provided by the Saints and tastefully arranged under the direction of

the sisters of the Relief Society, Prest. Jos. F. Smith implored the Divine blessing upon the food and upon all assembled, and those who were not able to attend. At the tables along the south side of the hall and a portion of the west end, were seated fifty poor widows, (of the 62 who live in the Ward.) At the head of the table were Sisters Prescindia Kimball and Mercy R. Thompson. At the tables along the north side and a portion of the west end of the hall were seated the missionaries wives, the aged, blind and poor of the ward, and at the table through the centre of the hall were seated the invited guests, among whom were Prest. Joseph F. Smith and wife, Presiding Bishop Edward Hunter and wife, Elder L. John Nuttall and wife, Theodore McKean and wife, and others. Those seated at the tables were efficiently waited upon by the officers and teachers of the Relief Society and others whom they had called to their aid. Between 325 and 350 persons partook of dinner.

Among other prominent features in the decorations of the tables was a three tower cake in the centre of the guests table, made by Sister E. Davis, very tastefully arranged and mounted with a nice figure in candy and inscribed "Prest. John Taylor. Happy New Year;" around the second course was inscribed, "President Jos. F. Smith and A. M. Cannon;" and on the third course was inscribed on one side "Bp. F. Kesler," and on the other "Diana Reid, Prest. R. S." At the head of the widows' table was also an elegant three-story cake, made and presented by Sister Jane E. Kesler, which was inscribed on top, "God Bless the Widows, 1881." At the head of the north table was another beautiful cake made by Sister Rachel Isaacs, and very tastefully decorated by Brother John Reid. After all had partaken of the good things provided, Bishop Kesler and Elders T. McKean and Phippin proceeded to cut up the larger cakes and distributed them to the assembly. The provisions that remained it was decided to safely care for until they could be distributed to the worthy poor of the ward, who could not attend. No jar, contention, or ill feeling was manifested, each one seemed to vie with the others in doing his part in having a most enjoyable

and agreeable time. At 4.45, all being seated, the choir and congregation sang "Come let us anew our journey pursue, etc.," after which Bishop Edward Hunter made some spirited remarks, closing with the hope that he might see the day when there would be no poor among us. The choir sang "My Mountain Home," followed by appropriate remarks by Prest. Joseph F. Smith. Sister Mousley then ably rendered the recitation "The Sailor Boy," followed by Elder Nuttall in a few remarks. The choir sang "The Gushing Rill," after which as there were a number of the aged present, and through fear that they would be wearied, and as the time had been agreeably and profitably spent, Elder T. McKean offered the benediction, and all retired to their homes, feeling refreshed and strengthened to renew the labors of the new year, and to live as only those can who fear God and keep His commandments.

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