

Brother Stevenson then told of his having taken part in the excommunication of Sidney Rigdon before he had laid his hands on Wm. Bickerton. After dwelling for a few moments on the succession of presidency of the Church, he invoked God's blessing on all.

Elder Kimball spoke for a few minutes on the care of Elders just entering the field regarding their health and as to the course to pursue when stricken down.

Brother W. E. Newman occupied the balance of the time speaking on the restoration of the Gospel and meeting closed.

It had been previously announced that Sister Stevenson would address the congregation Tuesday afternoon, so that by the appointed hour the house was nearly full of listeners eagerly waiting to hear from the women of Utah.

Elder A. H. Davis was the first speaker, dwelling on the second coming of Christ. His time having come for him to return home he bade farewell to the good people of St. John and vicinity and hoped he would be able to pay them another visit some day.

Elder Coolbear followed, thanking the people present for all favors granted, he too having been released to return home.

Brother Kimball then introduced Sister Stevenson to the congregation, who said she felt honored for the privilege of addressing her friends. When a girl she had often wished she had lived in the days of the ancient Apostles. When she first heard the Gospel preached by the followers of the modern Prophet she knew it was the truth. When our boys go out to preach, it is not for glory, wealth or any remuneration in this life, but for honor and the love of their religion. She spoke from experience having had a son fulfill a three years' mission to the Sandwich Islands. She said the down-trodden women of Utah as they are often termed, are granted greater rights than anywhere else in the world. She closed thanking the people for the demonstration of regard to our people.

A violin and organ selection by Brothers Margetts and Beesley followed, after which Brother Stevenson presented the officers of the Church by name, and by the Saints and Elders they were unanimously sustained.

After closing the whole body of people were photographed just in front of the meeting house.

Never in the history of the St. John opera house did such a crowd of people turn out to an entertainment as that which greeted the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Tuesday night. It was estimated that fully 800 people witnessed the proceedings. The citizens had kindly donated the opera house for our use, for this occasion, as well as other times when our own house of worship was entirely too small for the throngs of people that turned out from time to time.

Our choruses had been especially prepared for the event so that all went off admirably.

From 8 o'clock till 11 the people were either as still as it was possible for such a crowd during the rendering of the numbers, or clapping for delight

alter each number. An important feature was assistance rendered by Professor Kane, cornet soloist, who furnished two solos besides assisting in the choruses.

The program as it was originally arranged was as follows, though many more pieces were added owing to the enthusiasm:

Opening chorus..... Elders
Recitation, "Don't run in debt"..... Wm. E. Newman
Double Quartette, "Woodland Roses"..... Eight Elders
Mandolin and Guitar duet, Byron Nebeker and Alvin Beesley
Comic recitation..... P. H. Margetts
Organ solo..... Henry Kirkman
Soprano solo, "Song that reached my heart"..... Mrs. J. C. Kimball accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Lyon.
Trio..... Elders Margetts, Coolbear and Beesley
Recitation, Blacksmith's story..... A. Kimball
Song, "One thing and the other"..... P. H. Margetts
Cornet solo..... Prof. Kane
Comic recitation, "O my Father"..... H. Kirkman, S. Kirkman, P. H. Margetts, J. M. Fulmer, A. Beesley.
Recitation..... Miss Annie Baker
Octette, "Come ye disconsolate"..... Eight Elders
Violin solo..... P. H. Margetts
Bass solo, "I am dreaming"..... J. M. Fulmer
Tenor solo..... Samuel Kirkman
Closing chorus..... Elders
Prayer..... H. Kirkman
Alvin A. Beesley, accompanist.

Thus ended another pleasant and instructive day.

Wednesday morning, September 11th, 1895—Owing to the illness of Bro. Bowring, which, however, is a thing of the past, Priesthood meeting was called at the house where Bro. Bowring was being cared for, so that he could listen to the instructions. A short meeting followed in which the following officers were chosen to act in the various fields throughout the Indian Territory mission which comprises the Indian Territory, the states of Kansas and Arkansas and Oklahoma Territory. Secretary, treasurer and assistant president of the mission, Wm. D. Bowring; presiding Elder of the Cherokee conference, Indian Territory, P. H. Margetts; presiding Elder of the Chickasaw conference, Indian Territory, Henry Kirkman; presiding Elder of the Oklahoma conference, Wm. E. Newman; presiding Elder of the Arkansas conference, S. P. Gheen; presiding Elder of the Kansas conference, J. C. Lyon; president of the St. John branch, Geo. W. Baker; superintendent of St. John Sunday school, Wm. Brandon; assistant superintendents, G. W. Baker and C. Miller; secretary and treasurer, Nicholas Baker.

Grandpa Baker was given a blessing under the hands of Presidents Stevenson and Kimball and meeting was dismissed by Alvin Beesley.

Not the least thing of note during our conference was the baseball game of Wednesday afternoon, which scored a victory for Utah's boys. Little did we expect when we accepted the challenge from the crack team of Stafford county we would be in it, but we went in to win and came out with a score of 18 to 16 in our favor, with the privilege of another innings, but it was not needed.

At 7 p.m. a concert was given by Kansas Concert band in honor of their Mormon friends.

Though the band is yet in its infancy it plays a good grade of music, comprising such selections as the Bohemian Girl, Poet and Peasant, etc. Their leader, Prof. Kane, is a musician of note, and is doing much toward

the advancement of the art in St. John. Each number brought forth great applause.

The last meeting of our conference was given by special request and occurred immediately after the band concert. The subjects, "Emigration to Utah," and "Developing a new country by irrigation," were handled by Brothers Stevenson and Kimball.

At the close of the lecture Attorney Mosley, a prominent resident of St. John, arose and said: "On behalf of the citizens of St. John to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we thank you for your delightful concert, for the lecture tonight, and for the honor conferred upon us by your presence. We know you are sincere in your religion, and in Stafford county, Kansas, we guarantee you the right given to us by our government, viz.: of worshipping God according to the dictates of your conscience. Welcome, welcome, thrice welcome again. We are sorry for your departure so soon; hope to see you return shortly, and the boys that remain will always be respected."

A selection by the band followed and Elder Stevenson dismissed by prayer.

Brother Kimball and party left the following morning, Thursday, for Kansas City, on their return trip, the Elders left on the night train and next morning's for their fields. Two Elders remain in Kansas.

During the conference two of our Elders were absent from meetings through illness—W. D. Bowring and John H. Vincent. They are now regaining strength and we hope they will be able to resume their labors soon. Among the many kind friends to whom we feel indebted are Brother George W. Baker, Mr. Cal. Glasscock and Mr. George Breckenridge, who have worked diligently with our Elders in erecting our meeting house here. The entire people have treated us with every hospitality.

ALVIN A. BEESLEY.

HAUN'S MILL AND NAUVOO.

NAUVOO, Ills., Sept., 20, 1895.

Having completed our visit to Adam-Ondi-Ahman, and parted with Elder Andrew Kimball at Cameron we took train for Breckinridge twenty-two miles, hired a livery outfit, and drove eight miles to Haun's Mill, called by the people around here, Haun's Mill battle ground. Upon calling on one man to inquire the way, he became very much interested and desired us to stop over to dinner. He said he had learned from some of the old settlers, that the warfare was all on one side. I have taken his address and will send him some useful reading.

There is scarcely any one in all the country around but knows something about the Shoal Creek tragedy. As we approached the fatal spot, a bend in Shoal Creek, we felt that lonely, solemn feeling easier experienced than told. We drove into a farm house yard close by the grounds, to learn that the old road near the blacksmith shop had been changed, and a great cornfield covered the whole bend. Worse than all, the millstone which marked the old well, into which the 17 bodies were thrown, had been pulled away by a team, all the ground plowed up and a very heavy crop of corn was