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#### LADIES' SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING.

THE semi-monthly meeting held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Hall, May 6, 1894. Counselor E. Stevenson conducted the meeting. Meeting opened by singing, "O, my Father." Prayer by Counselor E. Webb. Continued by singing, "Welcome, best of all good meetings." Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Minutes of Primary Association of Fifteenth Ward read.

President M. Isabella Horne said she was pleased with the minutes read by the little girl. Thought mothers should be careful and prompt in sending the children to the Primary. We should be careful of pride, and dress the children plainly. A proprietor of a store said he sold more gingham to clothe the children of the rich, by far, than to clothe the children of the poorer classes. Children should be taught to respect their parents. Young mothers be wise and humble. We are all God's children, and should be wise and humble, striving to raise our children to fear God. Told of the sad fate of a Prophet, because he did not restrain his children. President Woodruff has said that when the Temple was dedicated the angels had been told to reap down the earth, and the spirit of destruction was everywhere except in Zion. Spoke of the many virtues and good deeds of Sister McMaster, President of the Relief Society of the Eleventh Ward, who had passed away since our last meeting; also Sister Player, one of the Counselors to the President of the Relief Society of the Nineteenth Ward; they were noble women, valiant for the truth, and had passed to the great beyond, to mingle with loved ones, and enjoy the reward of the righteous.

A sister in the congregation testified that this was the Church of God. Sister Julia Pack bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel, spoke of the Prophet Joseph, how his face shone with glory when he told of the truths of the Gospel, and also spoke of seeing the murdered Prophet and Patriarch side by side in death.

Sisters Rawlings, Forsythe, Morris, Phelps, Clark, Brown and Nunn, each spoke upon healing and concerning faith, promises fulfilled, and the testimony of the Gospel and its gifts and powers.

Sisters M. W. Wilcox, Mary Ann Hardy and Williams, each bore strong testimonies and were pleased with the sentiment of the meeting. Sister J. C. Howe said the subjects treated upon had been timely. "I am thankful that my kind parents taught me to revere the Sabbath day. God has answered my prayers in a remarkable manner."

Sister Jane James bore a faithful testimony, then spoke in tongues.—Interpretation given by Sister Phelps.

Counselor Stevenson—Is this not the school of the prophets to us? Spoke at some length on the duties of mothers, making many good remarks. President Horne made a few closing remarks. Meeting adjourned for two weeks. Singing, "This God is the God we adore." Benediction. Sister L. D. Alder.

Ladies' semi-monthly meeting held in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Hall, May 19, 1894. Sister M. Isabella Horne presiding.

Meeting opened by singing, "When the voice of friendship's heard." Prayer by Sister Margaret C. Brown. Continued by singing, "Come, come ye Saints." Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

President Horne hoped the sisters would bear testimony that we might have a time of refreshing from the Lord. God knows when we bear testimony. "Angels bear records to the worlds on high. By our records we shall be judged. Let us keep His commandments, that He may not say to us, 'Depart, you have not done the things I commanded you.' Of all women we are the most blessed, if we have the good spirit in our heart."

Minutes of Primary of the Fifteenth Ward were read by the secretary, which were very instructive.

By request President Horne granted permission for the patriarchal blessing, given by the Patriarch Hyrum Smith to Sister Jane James, to be read in the meeting. The blessing was read by Sister Alder.

Sister Elmina Taylor said, it is comforting to know that who doeth well shall be blessed. We have the gifts of the Gospel among us. We frequently have the gift of tongues, also the gift of healing (I have been healed many times myself,) and all the other gifts are in the church as promised. Should we not live better lives? Should we not be careful of our association, and be calm here in Zion while the dreadful calamities pass over the earth? God said that in the last days He would pour out judgments on the wicked. May we so live that to us He will say, "Well and faithfully done."

Sisters Corbet, Diana Reed, Peterson, Hayon, Holland, Larsen and Forsythe bore excellent testimonies. Sisters sang, "Arise, my soul arise."

Sister Rawlings, Kiddle, Frances Smith and Workman each bore testimony concerning the healing power, fulfillment of prophecy and of promises made by the servants of God.

Counselor E. Webb spoke at some length on Temple work, urged the sisters to attend to this important duty, also of the dreadful calamities befalling the children of men, disasters by sea and by land, at home and abroad; felt that we were living in the time spoken of by the prophets, knew the gift of healing was in the Church at the present time as well as in the past, and that she was a living monument of God's mercy. Urged the sisters to redeem their dead.

Other sisters in the congregation bore testimony, and desired to be true and faithful.

Sisters Morris and Ford bore testimony that Joseph was a prophet of God, was thankful for this knowledge.

Sister Lydia D. Alder also bore testimony.

President Horne felt to thank God for the many excellent testimonies borne today, and felt to bless the sisters. The gift of tongues was poured out. The interpretation was given by Sister Phelps, and was a rich blessing to the sisters. Sister Morris testified of the good spirit in the house. President Horne spoke of laboring in the Temple, and of a vision that a sister had just been given there. She saw her daughter (who had but lately passed away) with the heavenly choir, and when the Temple choir sang the Hosannah, the heavenly choir all sang Hosannah, and her daughter was among them. Made other closing remarks. Meeting was adjourned for two weeks. President Horne spoke of

the secretary's absence, that she was often prevented by circumstances, it was suggested that the sisters pray that Sister Young might be enabled to attend. Sisters sang, "There's a feast of fat things." Benediction by Sister Julia Pack.

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#### R. S. REPORTS.

##### UINTAH STAKE.

Minutes of conference of the Relief Society of the Uintah Stake of Zion, convened in the Stake House, March 4, 1894. Sister Sarah Pope presiding. Singing. Prayer by Bishop Freestone. Singing. Minutes of previous conference read and approved. A statistical and financial report was read. The local and general authorities were sustained by the conference. President S. R. Bennion delivered a very interesting discourse to the people; he said the sisters were engaged in one of the greatest works there is in the Church. Spoke of the grain they are laying up according to President Brigham Young's instructions, and also spoke on the education of the young, said he felt to bless the sisters in their labors, and asked the Lord to bless us all.

Counselor A. Bartlett said the Relief Society was organized by the Prophet Joseph for a wise purpose, and also spoke at some length on the subject of virtue. Counselor Mary Hall bore her testimony. Advised the sisters to read and study good books that they might store up knowledge and have something to talk about, besides talking about their neighbors, and asked the Lord to bless us in our work.

Conference then adjourned until 7 p. m. Singing, "Hard times come again no more." Benediction by President Sarah Pope.

Evening session:—Opened with singing, prayer by counselor A. H. Bartlett. Singing. Sisters Abby Oaks, Mary O'Neil, Sarah Coltron, Julia E. Dillman and Phebe Hislop all spoke very interestingly on different subjects, especially on the way we should rear our children and the example we should set before them.

Sister Robison spoke a few words to the young sisters. Said they must be very kind to the aged, remember they were the ones that cared for us when we were small, be kind to them and take their counsel and the counsel of parents, for remember we will all be old some day ourselves.

President Pope felt like saying a few words to the sisters in the Relief Society. It is our duty to look after the poor and needy, take care of everything we have that we can use, if it is something we cannot use ourselves we can find some one else that can. It is but a few years from the cradle to the grave, and let us do all the good we can. It is hard times there is plenty in the country but no money to get anything with—it was much worse in the early days of Utah, for there was neither money or clothing."

Brother Robert Pope spoke a short time on the early days of Utah and crossing the plains, and said he wished the brethren would speak to the people as plain as the sisters did. Hoped the sisters would be blessed in their labors. Conference adjourned for six months. Singing. Benediction by Counselor Mary Hall.

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