

1889; children under 8 years, 5,575; total of souls, 35,064; families, 6,742. Net increase, 532.

The statement of fast offerings and charity accounts was read, showing \$22,108.25 disbursed for the support of the poor in the different wards in the Stake during the six months ending June 30th, 1895; number supported, 2,283.

Stake reports of the Relief Societies, Young Men's, Young Ladies' and the Primary associations were presented and read; also reports of the Sabbath schools, Elders and High Priests.

With the exception of the Y. M. M. I. A., who do not hold meetings during the summer season, all the other organizations were doing good work.

Elder Wm. B. Preston was the first speaker. He said that the Latter-day Saints should rejoice and feel thankful for the blessings that have been shown unto them and for the great prosperity which has attended their labors in occupying these valleys of the mountains and reclaiming these deserts and making them beautiful. There is yet much room for improvement in occupying our time and talent. We should train and educate our children and teach them to set an example worthy of the imitation of all men. We have been doing it to a great extent, but through faith and good works we can continue to improve.

Elder Heber J. Grant said that he had visited the Davis Stake conference, and was very much pleased with the report they made to the effect that that Stake of Zion during the past year had by the fast day Relief society donations been able to maintain and support all of the poor of the Stake. In the Salt Lake Stake there was a greater number of poor, and the offerings had only amounted to about one-third of the amount necessary to take care of them. The people of this Stake should be able to provide for their poor, and we are only doing one-third of what we ought to do. The people of the Salt Lake Stake are in good circumstances and if everybody paid their offerings the Stake would not have to be helped by the funds of the Church. It is to be hoped that those who have been negligent in the past will be more energetic and more faithful in this regard in the future.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon said that there did not live upon the earth a more self-sacrificing people than the Latter-day Saints. They have shown it in very many ways. They are ready and willing at all times to answer the calls which are made upon them to go to the nations of the earth and preach the Gospel, leaving their home and friends and all that is dear and dear to them; they are willing to contribute of their means and fulfil various requirements which are made upon them from time to time.

The Bishops of the wards who have so many trials and difficulties in satisfying the demands made upon them by the people over whom they preside should not attend to all this labor themselves; but they should call in the members of the lesser quorums and place upon them some of the burdens which they have been trying to carry alone.

There are many among us at the

present time who are unemployed and who are being kept by the Church. Those who preside in the wards should endeavor to find employment for these people. It is better for them to work for their board and clothes than to be walking the streets in idleness.

President George Q. Cannon spoke for a few minutes concerning donations on fast days.

The choir sang the anthem:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

Benediction by Elder Henry P. Richards.

Conference adjourned until the first Saturday in December.

A CASE OF HEALING.

Elder James Duckworth, president of the Liverpool conference, writing from Preston, August 14, 1895, to the *Millennial Star*, says:

Believing that the Elders can strengthen one another's testimony, by relating notable incidents which occur in the missionary's life, I pen the following item, hoping it may possibly be the means of encouraging my fellow laborers in the spread of the truth.

On Sunday, July 21, one of our young elders in Preston, where Elder Crosby and I have been laboring for some time, became seriously afflicted with a disease of the throat and lungs.

At the first appearance of the disease it was thought to be merely ordinary cold and no particular attention was paid to it, but as the day wore on the throat became so choked up that no food whatever could be swallowed and our sister was absolutely unable to articulate a sound above a whisper, although, in spite of this, she attended our usual Sunday evening meeting.

Still, however, I dismissed the matter as I would the thought of a severe cold and the incident left my mind.

Upon arising Monday morning I felt quite depressed from some cause or other, and the result was that I determined to spend the day in prayer, fasting and tracting, and in my prayers I earnestly desired my Father to strengthen my testimony that I might be encouraged in my labors.

Elder Crosby was with me all day in delivering the written word.

About 7 o'clock in the evening, word was brought by one of the young Saints that our afflicted sister was very much worse and we were requested to come at once and administer to her. Upon our arrival at the house and in answer to our inquiries we found the case had become really serious and several times our sister had been gasping for breath.

Before appointing her I asked the family to kneel with us and unite in prayer, after which Elder Crosby anointed her head and then we both laid our hands upon her head and rebuked the disease.

Immediately after taking our hands from her head I sat down and I had only just done so when she sat upright (she had been reclining on the sofa) and, addressing us in her natural tone of voice, declared she was well.

The change was so sudden and remarkable that for a few seconds I sat looking in astonishment at her, scarcely able to credit my senses, but as time went on and she continued to speak just as usual my heart became

filled with gratitude to my heavenly Father for His goodness to our sister and for such a direct and wonderful answer to my fasting and prayer; for I left the house with my testimony strengthened and with a greater desire than ever to defend and advocate to the best of my ability the principles of righteousness.

Immediately after we left the house our sister ate a good hearty meal, the first nourishment she had been able to swallow for thirty hours, and she has continued well ever since.

The young sister in question was compelled some time ago either to renounce all connection with Mormonism or leave home, and she chose the latter, preferring to forego the pleasures of the home circle rather than prove recreant to the religion of the meek and lowly Jesus.

The incident which I have related is another proof of the efficacy of prayer and also proves that the signs do follow the believers now as they did anciently.

NEWS NOTES.

Alice, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Joe Peight, shot herself with a revolver at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in her father's house on C. H. Harris's ranch on the Roaring Fork, Colo. As near as can be learned the facts are about as follows: Alice, who is the third eldest of a family of seven, desired to attend school at Aspen, and had made up her mind to start Saturday morning. Her parents had not given their consent, yet she persisted in packing her trunk and was ready to start, when they told her she could not go until they had all their crops in, which would be in about one month. Alice became despondent and returned to her room and soon after a pistol shot was heard from the room. On going to the room the daughter was found lying on the bed with a hole in her breast fully the size of a 25-cent piece. She died a few minutes after being found.

Ramon Aralza was shot Friday night by Isidro Renteria, an old settler in San Luis Rey valley, Cal., who has on several occasions been forced to leave the country to escape arrest. Both men live in brush booths erected close to the Mission grounds at San Luis Rey, where the fiesta of San Luis was celebrated two weeks ago. Aralza conducted a saloon and Renteria a restaurant. Renteria is married to the mother of Aralza's wife. About 8 o'clock Friday night Gus Gillen, who keeps a store across the road, was sitting in Aralza's booth talking to him, when they heard the screams of Renteria's wife in her booth. They ran over, Aralza first and Gillen and Mrs. Aralza following. When they were opposite the restaurant they saw Renteria holding his wife by the hair and beating her. When he saw the party coming he left his wife and took up a rifle standing in the corner. Aralza was then at the entrance of the place. Renteria fired at him, the bullet struck a mirror hanging on the front post and glanced off, striking Aralza in the abdomen and inflicting a mortal wound. In a short time, all the neighbors were at the scene, but by the time the wounded man was cared for, Renteria had disappeared.