

Stake Superintendent T. C. Griggs presided.

Excellent music was discoursed during the evening by the Seventh ward Sunday school choir, directed by Brother Wm. H. Foster. The opening prayer was offered by Assistant Superintendent Thomas Woodbury of the Seventh ward school.

Before the regular session work of the departments, Stake Superintendent Griggs made a few remarks upon the importance of teaching the young to observe the Sabbath day, to attend fast meetings, and also suggested that the children in the higher departments might with propriety be induced to attend the Stake conferences in greater numbers.

The department was well conducted as follows:

The theological, under the direction of Elder Richard R. Lyman, Elder Albert S. Riser conducted a 20-minute class exercise on the "Omnipotence of the Almighty;" Sister Lucy Grant conducted a short exercise on catechism, followed by general work.

The second intermediate, directed by Elder Horace Cummings, had under consideration the question of how best to engage and hold the attention of boys and girls, particularly boys.

In the first intermediate department, in the absence of the regular instructor, the exercises were conducted by Sister Laura Foster; lessons on the life of Paul were illustrated.

The primary department, directed by Elder B. W. Ashton, intelligently discussed various methods of making the lessons interesting to the little ones.

Upon reassembling for the closing exercises, the Eighth ward school was requested to furnish the music for the next meeting.

Benediction was offered by Elder Franklin Young.

J. H. PARRY, Secretary.

STAKE CONFERENCE REPORTS.

San Juan Stake.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake of Zion was held at Burnham, San Juan county, New Mexico, on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd, 1898.

Present of the Council of Apostles: Elder Brigham Young; of the Stake presidency, Elders F. A. Hammond and Wm. Halls.

After the opening exercises on Saturday at 10 a. m., Elder F. A. Hammond gave a very favorable report of the condition of the Stake.

Elder H. M. Taylor spoke of the Saints as being a practical people, believing in a literal application of the principles and ordinances of the Gospel.

Elder C. E. Walton spoke of the necessity of receiving spiritual food.

Elder Geo. F. Burnham said the effects of our conference gatherings were that we receive strength to enable us to withstand evil.

Elder Brigham Young delivered an address on the operations of the Spirit of God upon the minds of the youth.

2 p. m.—Bishop George Halls gave a favorable report of the Mancos ward.

Elder F. A. Hammond spoke of the lack of faith among many of our young men, and how much is being done for them by the authorities of the Church.

Elder C. E. Walton reported the Monticello and Moab wards as making satisfactory progress.

Bishop Jens Nielson of Bluff gave a good report of his ward.

Bishop James Ashcroft also reported the Burnham ward as being in a good condition.

The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained by the vote of the Saints.

Elder Luther C. Burnham spoke of

the fruits of faith in the Gospel of the Son of God.

Elder Brigham Young expressed himself as being pleased with the Bishops' reports. Those among us who do not merit the title of Saint will be deprived of it. Observing the Word of Wisdom, he said, is not a sacrifice. The Lord gave us that revelation in order that we may know how to prolong our lives. God will prosper us if we live as He requires us to.

7:30 p. m.—A meeting of the Priesthood was held. Elder F. A. Hammond spoke of the necessity of uniting and establishing home industries. He instructed the High Councilors in their duties. They should be exemplary in their lives and should sustain the Stake presidency and local officers and lead out in all good works.

Elder William Halls spoke of the Priesthood as being a gift from God.

Elder Brigham Young counseled the brethren to settle down and cease moving from place to place and cultivate the soil in the best possible manner, and avail ourselves of the many advantages within our reach to build ourselves up.

Sunday at 9 a. m.—Sunday school met in regular session. Short addresses on the importance of Sunday schools were made by Elder Brigham Young and Stake officers.

At 10 a. m. conference reconvened. Reports of the Sunday schools and M. I. associations were given, showing an increase in these departments.

Elder Wm. Halls spoke of the importance of the Gospel as an educator, to acquaint us with our heavenly Father.

Elder John R. Young spoke of our lack of faith by failing to carry out counsel given us in our temporal matters. Co-operation seems to be lost sight of by many of us.

Bishop Jens Nielson and Elder Hammond followed in the same strain, and showed the benefits to accrue by co-operation.

2 p. m.—Elder Young occupied the time upon the consistency of the organization of the Church, the beautiful order of the Priesthood and the necessity of revelation.

Elder F. A. Hammond expressed himself as greatly pleased with the conference.

Conference adjourned for three months, to meet at Mancos, Colo.

H. M. TAYLOR,
Asst. Stake Clerk.

Wayne Stake.

The Wayne Stake quarterly conference was held at Loa, Wayne county, Utah, on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, 1898.

There were present of the Council of Apostles, Elder George Teasdale; the Stake presidency, all of the Bishops, a good representation of High Councilors, and Patriarch F. W. Young.

Elder W. E. Robison, president of the Stake, presided. On Sunday the Bishops reported the several wards in the Stake, and reported that the Saints were generally devoted to their religion. The worshipping and fast meetings are well attended. The people remember to pay their tithes and offerings. No strife existed, and unity and good will characterized their labors.

Elders W. E. Robison and H. M. Hansen addressed the Saints, exhorting them to diligence and good works, commending them for past faithfulness and expressing their joy and satisfaction in the labor to which they had been called.

Elder John H. Peterson gave a report of the M. I. A. work, in which he demonstrated that a good work had been accomplished during the past winter, and much credit was due those who had unceasingly labored in the good cause.

Elder Joseph Eckersley reported that the Sunday schools were in a thriving state, and bore testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith and the restoration of the everlasting Gospel.

Elder George Teasdale occupied a portion of the time at each meeting, discoursing upon the first principles of the Gospel, pre-existence of spirits and the glories of the telestial, terrestrial and celestial.

At the close of the afternoon meeting a Priesthood meeting was held, at which a great many questions upon points of doctrine were asked by the brethren and satisfactorily answered by Elder George Teasdale.

Sunday, Patriarch F. W. Young gave a report of his labors, related his experiences of twenty years' pioneer work in Fremont valley. He very much regretted that owing to ill health he was compelled to seek a new home. He spoke in endearing terms of his associations with the Saints of Wayne Stake, and inspired by the spirit of his calling, pronounced the blessing of God upon the assembled congregation, and uttered words of prophetic comfort and encouragement to the Saints residing in the valley.

Elder Geareen S. Eastian reminded the Saints that they were engaged in a temporal as well as spiritual work. Our mission is to build up the waste places of Zion and make beautiful this land for the coming of Messiah, not forgetting to perform our spiritual duties which will lead us to communion with the Holy Spirit.

Elder Seth Taft reported the religion classes as having done a good work during the past winter, and spoke at some length upon the necessity and purport of the work.

Elder George Teasdale addressed the Saints at some length at each meeting. The topics treated by him were the philosophy of the doctrines of Christ; the importance of paying tithes and offerings, the sanctity of the marriage covenant the necessity for young people to shun the very appearance of evil, and the glory of a pure and virtuous life.

The awful faith of the transgressor and covenant breaker, and the glorious resurrection and exaltation of the pure in heart were beautifully portrayed by the speaker.

Elder W. E. Robison made the closing remarks of conference, in which he tendered thanks to all who had assisted to make the conference a success.

The meetings were all well attended, many unable to procure seats. The weather was lovely, the Spirit of God was poured out in rich abundance, and the Saints returned to their homes with renewed desires to be more faithful and devoted.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,
Stake Clerk.

Alberta Stake.

Cardston, Alberta, N. W. T.,
Canada, May 27, 1898.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion was held in the Cardston meeting house, Sunday and Monday, May 22nd and 23rd, 1898. President C. O. Card and Counselor Sterling Williams of the presidency of the Stake, were present; Counselors John A. Woolf was sick. There were also present Patriarch H. L. Hinman, the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, a majority of the High Council, Bishops of wards and counselors, representatives of the various organizations, and a good representation of the Saints from all parts of the Stake.

Sunday, 10:30: After the opening exercises Elder H. S. Allen spoke of the beneficial results of the organization of Religion classes throughout the Stake, after which Sister Zina Y. Card led a class of about thirty children through an exercise showing the mode of con-