

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Sevier Stake of Zion convened in the bowerly in Richfield at 10 o'clock on May 20, 1894. There were present of the Council of the Apostles Heber J. Grant and Abraham H. Cannon, of the Stake Presidency Wm. H. Clark (President W. H. Seegmiller was sick and unable to attend conference the first day), the High Council, Bishops and counselors, and other leading men were well represented, and a very large congregation of Saints was in attendance.

After the opening exercises Counselor Wm. H. Clark gave a brief but very good report of the condition of the Stake.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon said he was pleased with the good report of the condition of the Stake; referred to the high rate of mortality among many people in the world and said that even among the Latter-day Saints there are more deaths than there should be, and if we would observe the laws of nature and the laws of God this would be changed. There are too many violations among us of the Word of Wisdom, and by taking into our system those things the Lord has said are not good for us we shorten our lives and usefulness in the earth.

Elder Heber J. Grant emphasized what Brother Cannon had said relative to the Word of Wisdom. Utah today leads all the western states and territories in the use of tea and coffee; if the people in this Stake will save all the means they pay out yearly for tea, coffee and tobacco they will be able to pay all their debts and obligations.

2 p.m. After the usual opening exercises the sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of the Richfield first ward.

Bishops H. H. Bell and J. I. Jensen of Glenwood and Elsinore respectively reported their wards as being in very good condition.

Elder Heber J. Grant instructed the Saints upon the necessity of shaping our financial affairs so that we do not purchase anything only what we need and can pay for when we buy it; we ought to be charitable toward one another and in place of looking around for faults in our neighbors hunt up our own and strive to overcome them.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon delivered a very interesting and instructive discourse relative to the condition of our young people, during which he strongly urged upon the young men and women in Zion to give heed to and take counsel and advice from their parents and others older than they, and prepare themselves for the many responsible positions which are awaiting them, for by faithful and incessant labors we can attain to honor and eminence and become leaders among our race.

Monday 21, 10 a. m. Elder Abraham H. Cannon said it is not necessary for people to always have among them Apostles and prophets in order to receive revelation, as everyone holding the Priesthood, as well as faithful members of both sexes, are entitled to and will receive revelation to direct them in their proper sphere if they but live for it. It is essential for every Latter-day Saint to enjoy the spirit of discernment lest we be led

astray by the many false spirits manifesting themselves among us from time to time. He also gave instructions relative to the right of members to partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Elder Heber J. Grant said it is the wish and desire of the First Presidency and Apostles that no member of the Church should join any secret society, as that has a tendency to lead people away from the spirit of the Gospel. Card playing should be discountenanced and discouraged, as it leads to evil. Our young people should be counseled to refrain from round dancing as much as possible.

1 o'clock p. m.—After the usual opening exercises Elder Simon Christensen presented the general Church authorities, after which Elder Heber J. Grant read a letter from Counselor G. W. Bean in which he resigned his office as first counselor in the Stake presidency, which was accepted by the conference. Brother Grant then presented Wm. H. Clark as first and Bishop Joseph S. Horne as second counselor to President Wm. H. Seegmiller, both of whom were unanimously sustained. The balance of the Stake authorities were then presented and all the voting was unanimous.

Elder Heber J. Grant addressed the conference on the duties of those in authority in the Priesthood.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon delivered a very interesting discourse on the general duties of the Latter-day Saints.

Elder W. H. Seegmiller made a few remarks and conference was adjourned for three months.

Benediction by Elder P. C. Christensen.

The Elsinore choir, under the able leadership of Prof. Chas. Olson, furnished the sweet singing for all the meetings.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Assistant Stake Clerk.

STEVENSON'S JOURNEYINGS.

PLEASANT VIEW, Weber Co., Utah, May 30, 1894.—Decoration Day was celebrated at this place today in an appropriate manner. Bands from this place and North Ogden had arrangements made to meet and mutually march to the union burial grounds of the two places and there decorate the graves of relatives and friends. On the way from Logan and on nearing Pleasant View I beheld a procession, about a half a mile in length, headed by a band playing solemn airs, and inquiry revealed the fact that it was the funeral of a missionary who nine days ago returned home from California, and who only last Sunday afternoon attended his Seventies quorum meeting and related his missionary experience. His remarks were unusually pleasant and he was in apparently good health. Two hours later he was sleeping in death's embrace. Strange as it may appear, soon after his return home from his mission he remarked that he must prepare for another mission, for he felt he should have to perform one soon. Recently his mother said she had seen his father, who died some five years ago, who said George Maycock, his son, would have to come over and help him in the spirit world.

The respect shown the deceased by this procession of over eighty vehicles was an evidence of the love his friends bore for him. The meeting house was packed full. Comforting remarks were made by Elders John Seaman, Wiley Cragin, Edward Stevenson, Joseph Bidwell, Charles Wright and Bishop Edward W. Wake. In the cemetery many were decorating the graves of the loved ones, and in addition to the lengthy cortege assembled around the last resting-place of the deceased, flowers were profusely strewn over his as well as other graves. The quiet resting-place overlooking the valley and the Great Salt Lake was dedicated by Elder Edward Stevenson.

Grand preparations were being made at Willard City, which we passed at 9:30 p.m., for the decoration of the graves of the departed.

A heavy rain amply watered the crops at Mantua, and also extending over to Brigham City, but before arriving at Willard the roads were dusty. Crops and fruit prospects all the way from Logan are very flattering.

On Sunday last the Sunday school and meetings at Willard City were visited and addressed by Elders Samuel Wright, John Quayle and E. Stevenson. A happy time was enjoyed at the quiet little town under the shadow of the lofty mountains.

On our way over the sandridge south of Ogden we saw that the crops looked well. On the line of Davis and Weber counties we passed the corralled Industrial army, who lined the roadside in the hot sun. Some of the men made a showing of respectability. One said to me, "Thousands will follow us to Washington, and we will get there. We won't work; we will not starve. We are the majority; the minority has ruled long enough. Now we are going to set the Government right. They must do something. We are slaves."

"Then," said I, inquiringly, "after many days slaves will marshal themselves against their masters; is that the object?"

"Yes," said he, "that's just what it is."
E. STEVENSON.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued the following weather-crop bulletin for the week ending May 29. George N. Salisbury, U. S. Weather Bureau, director:

Reports from 70 localities agree that the week ending May 29th was the most favorable to crops of any thus far this season. The temperature was several degrees above the normal, except in the extreme south. Showers fell on the 21st, 22nd, 23rd or 24th, except in the southern counties, where a long drought has prevailed, and it has been unusually cool.

In the north a spell of warm weather following the showers made all crops grow rapidly. Lucern is tall, and ready to bloom. Winter grain is coming into head. Corn and potato planting is finished in late districts, and they are well up in the earlier ones. Cut worms are destroying sugar beets on bottom lands near Spanish Fork.

There begin to be complaints of scarcity of water. The Sevier river is lower than the earliest inhabitant has