

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular Quarterly Conference of the Box Elder Stake was convened in the Public Hall at Brigham City, at 10 a. m., April 24th, 1880. Meeting called to order by President O. G. Snow.

After the opening exercises, Bishop A. Hunsaker made a few observations on man's fallibility, the necessity of being humble, and on the closer observance of the Sabbathday to keep it holy.

The statistical report was read. Brother C. O. Card offered many valuable suggestions in regard to our conduct and criticisms of each other. The best way is to commence at home and set oneself right first.

Several other brethren delivered short addresses replete with good instructions and counsel.

2 p. m.

After the usual exercises, Elder Moses Thatcher, in an eloquent and pleasing style, gave a descriptive review of his recent visit to Mexico, with a description of its climate and people, their manners, customs and habits and related some rather pleasing and amusing oral traditions of the Aztec race, dwelt in a very earnest manner on their condition, politically and religiously.

Elder Wilford Woodruff gave a highly interesting account of his mission amongst the newly made settlements in Arizona, and his visit to New Mexico. His descriptions were vivid and very pleasing, which held his hearers in rapt attention.

25th, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

Bro. Wm. B. Preston addressed the Saints upon their every day duties, obligations, relations and covenants.

Prest. O. G. Snow presented the General Authorities of the Church, and the authorities of the Stake, all of whom were sustained unanimously. He then made a few instructive remarks, and also called on the bishops to furnish names of the worthy poor, that they may receive a portion of the generous gifts of the Church made at the last General Conference.

Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

The Sacrament was administered. Elder Moses Thatcher took up the thread of his narrative in Mexico, and its people, the Aztec race. He described the physical character of the country in the immediate vicinity of the City of Mexico; quoted largely from Mexican history from the period of its subjugation by Cortez, to the present time, giving the biography of some of its leading citizens, and biographical sketches of Montezuma the Second. His descriptions were clear and comprehensive, and all seemed gratified with the speaker's successful efforts to instruct and interest.

Singing and benediction.

JAMES BYWATER, Clerk.

Correspondence.

ESCALANTE, Iron County, U.T., April 6th, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

At 10 a. m. the people collected at the school-house, pursuant to appointment made by the Bishop, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or the year of Jubilee.

Daniel K. Greene was chosen secretary pro tem.

Present on the stand: Bishop A. P. Schow, Counselors Edwin Twitchell and David B. Adams, Elders E. M. Greene, Wm. H. Deuell, Senr., and others.

After singing and prayer, E. M. Greene, in a concise and appropriate address, gave an historical account of the rise and organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; of its travels, progress and persecutions up to the present time; prayed the blessings of the Lord to continue with this people; exhorted to diligence, etc.

The choir sang: "The spirit of God like a fire is burning."

W. H. Deuell, Senr., followed, making some very appropriate and instructive remarks on the rise and progress of the Church; prayed the blessings of the Lord upon the Saints.

Song by John W. Davis: "We are right and they are wrong."

Bishop Schow made a few remarks, told some of his experience in the early days of the Church in Denmark, and the persecutions the elders endured when introducing the gospel in that country.

The choir sang "Oh, ye mountains high."

E. M. Greene presented the following:

Resolved, That we, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, do accept the labors of the General Conference of the Authorities of said Church, now convened at Salt Lake City, praying God the Eternal Father, to give unto them true light to labor for the best good of all Israel, and to bestow upon each of them and us an increase of his good spirit. Adopted.

Meeting adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Benediction by E. M. Greene.

2 p. m.

The choir sang. Prayer by Counselor Twitchell.

Bishop Schow said the object of this meeting was to organize a Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, also a Primary Class, and he selected for president of the Y. L. M. I. A. Sister Jane Coleman; she selected for first counselor Sister Cassie Allen; for second counselor Margaret A. Adams; for treasurer, Sarah A. Holt; and for secretary Emma J. Coleman. Number of members enrolled 33.

The Bishop then proceeded to organize a primary class. Sister Susan K. Green was chosen president and Sister Ann P. Schow, first, and Sister Melissa G. Homer, second counselor; the treasurer and secretary were not chosen, but left for a future meeting.

Counselor E. Twitchell spoke a short time, followed by Counselor D. B. Adams. Their remarks were very concise and encouraging to the young folks.

The above-named officers were then set apart for their several positions by the Bishop, his counselors and Patriarch E. M. Greene; number of pupils, 41.

The choir sang: "I'll serve the Lord while I am young."

Benediction by Thos. Heaps.

D. K. GREENE, Secretary.

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