

## CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCH.

## SANPETE STAKE.

The conference of Sanpete Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in Moroni on the 11th and 12th of Nov., 1893. Present of the authorities were Elders F. M. Lyman and J. H. Smith of the council of the Apostles, B. H. Roberts, of the council of Seventies, also Elder L. J. Nuttall, President Canute Peterson and counselors of the Stake presidency. Conference opened at 10 a. m. on the 11th. The first meeting was occupied by President Peterson, in reporting the condition of the Stake, and eight of the Bishops reporting their wards.

At the second meeting Elder Henry Beal occupied a portion of the time, after which the statistical and Sunday school reports were read. Elder J. B. Malben presented the General and Stake authorities, all being sustained by a unanimous vote. Elder Lyman gave a very instructive discourse upon the duties of the presidency of the Stake, the High Council, the Bishops and the Teachers, showed the importance of the labors of each department of the Priesthood and the great necessity of the said labors being faithfully performed. He was followed by Elder Smith, who endorsed the remarks made in regard to our duties. He said there are quite a number of men who appear to be taken up with infidelity. He stated his belief in the ultimate conversion of the children of the Latter-day Saints who may have been properly educated in the principles of the Gospel.

President Peterson gave notice that Elders Lyman and Smith would meet with the people of Wales at 7 p. m. for the purpose of dedicating their meeting house. Recess till 7 p. m.

7 p. m.—Elder B. H. Roberts discoursed upon the labors of the Seventies; showed the necessity of improvement to enable them to acceptably perform the labors of the mission entrusted to them to carry the Gospel to nations of the earth. He gave an eloquent, descriptive outline of his Chicago experience.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Elder L. J. Nuttall reviewed the circumstances and conditions surrounding the people, the great educational advantages enjoyed by the young above their parents, and referred to the establishment of a theological class in Salt Lake City recently and the great interest taken therein.

Elder B. H. Roberts gave a very interesting discourse upon faith. Elder J. B. Malben expressed his appreciation of the opportunity to meet in conference and listen to the instructions given by the servants of God.

2 p. m.—Elder J. H. Smith gave some of his experiences while on a foreign mission; spoke of the intolerance manifested by those who profess to be teachers of the Gospel of Christ, and of the mighty strides of invention, the reducing the elements to man's use. He said the Elders should see that their voice were heard heralding the restoration of the Gospel to the nations and testified of his knowledge to the divinity of the Book of Mormon and of the existence of the plates from which it was translated. Elder Lyman gave instructions how to ad-

minister the sacrament, the seating of the Priesthood on the stand, also the president of the Temple and his assistants to provide a competent stenographer for conference times. He instructed the Bishops to prepare so that in the spring of 1894 they may plant trees in and around meeting house grounds. He also recommended that more praying be done in our fast-meetings. The Deacons should be employed in calling on the Saints on Fast day morning, and offering to carry their fast offering to the Bishop or the place appointed to receive it. The duties of the Priest should be performed as set forth in the Doctrine and Covenants and also that of the Teachers, for whatever is required of the Latter-day Saints it is the duty of the Teacher to see that the requirement is complied with. It is the duty of the presidency to teach the Bishops their duties; the Bishops should teach the Priests and Teachers their duties; if these officers do not know how to perform their duties it is a reflection on the Bishop. He advised the brethren to call on the Lord and tell the Lord just what they want and to be up and doing; if we do no more than we are told to do, that will be but little; if we do not do something we will be damned. He advised the young people to marry and beware of illicit kissing if they would avoid trouble; the Saints should cease card-playing—it is a gambling game. He blessed the several organizations of and within the Stake, the presidency of the Stake and all the people. The names of six Elders were presented and sustained to be ordained High Priests.

Elder J. B. Malben, stake superintendent of Sunday schools, in consequence of other important duties requiring his attention, tendered his resignation, which was accepted and a vote of thanks expressive of the appreciation of his services given him. Elder George Christensen, of Mount Pleasant, was sustained as Stake superintendent of Sunday schools, with Newton Noyes, of Ephraim, and Andrew C. Neilson, of Mant, as assistants.

Notice of meetings was given as follows—Elder F. M. Lyman at Ephraim; Elder J. H. Smith at Mount Pleasant; Elders B. H. Roberts and L. J. Nuttall at Spring City, 7 p. m., Sunday.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Ephraim.

GEORGE TAYLOR,  
Clerk of Conference.

## STAR VALLEY STAKE.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened in Afton ward meeting house, November 11 and 12, 1893, George Osmond presiding.

After the opening services Elder George Osmond said he felt thankful to meet the Saints in conference; he explained the organization of the States of Zion and the practice of holding conferences every three months to learn the condition of the various wards in the Stake.

The Bishops present reported their wards, which were good. Some of the

Saints in the Glenco ward have been afflicted with sickness in their families. Two deaths have resulted from the disease, by physicians it is called putrid sore throat.

The Sunday school was very ably reported by the Stake superintendent, Edmund McLatchie, which was very encouraging.

The counsel of the several speakers who addressed the congregation during the afternoon of the 11th was principally on home industries, and of being self-supporting.

On Sunday, the 12th, Elder Charles Kingston spoke on ancient prophecy and showed how plainly it was being fulfilled every day all around us.

The home missionaries are alive to their duties and are doing a good work among the people.

Elder George Osmond counseled the Saints to remember the sabbath day and keep it holy, attend to their duties, and build up Zion. He showed the necessity for all to keep a correct record, especially in financial matters.

The health of the people in this Stake is good, the weather beautiful, and none suffering from want of something to eat, for which we all feel to rejoice.

WM. H. KENNINGTON SR.,  
Stake Clerk.

## SOUTH ALABAMA.

The annual conference meetings of his part of the Southern States mission were held in Geneva county, Alabama, at a point ten miles east of the Choctawhatchee river and two miles north of the Florida state line, Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, in a lovely spot in the woods. The ground was covered with a thick matting of green grass, and we were surrounded by tall and stately pines so close together that their branches, coming out far above our heads, prevented the rays of the sun from beating down upon us too severely.

Our friends at home will not be surprised at our seeking a shady place when they remember that we are two thousand miles farther south and four thousand feet lower than they; and while they are budding around the heater and seeking the sunshine, we are comfortable in the shade in the lightest of summer clothing.

There were present on the stand, Elder J. G. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission; his assistant, Elder George A. Smith, and traveling Elders Frank Croft, Wm. H. Asby, Warren Harrie, Joseph Condie, Carlos Loveland, Theodore D. Alder, George W. Rogers, W. O. Rogers, David Farr, George Irvine, Briant Copley, Chertton Beegmiller, G. V. Nelson and Marton Henderson; president of the conference, Frank Croft, presiding.

Two meetings were held each day, commencing at 10 a. m. and 1 p. m.

The first principles of Gospel were dwelt upon in their order by the Elders. Elder Kimball dwelt forcibly upon some of the false rumors that cause the people at large to be so prejudiced against the Latter-day Saints, explaining them to the satisfaction and encouragement of all present. Elder Smith gave some sketches of early Church history, which surprised and greatly interested the Saints and friends who had come to hear. The spirit of God prevailed during the whole conference, and the Saints were