

their grievances. The Porte has replied. It is inclined to meet the danger halfway by sending both the Servian and Greek representatives their passports. As the note is evidently intended to provoke an angry reply, which could be used as a pretext for a rupture at a favorable opportunity, the situation is altogether very critical.

At Belgrade a rumor is current that the Porte has offered, through the mediation of England, to cede Old Servia to Servia, and Epirus to Greece, if they will remain neutral.

LONDON, 2.—A dispatch from Kars says, intelligence has been received here that the Turks have abandoned Khatzabani Heights, near Batum, and the Russians occupied them.

A dispatch from Bucharest reports that recent deserters from Plevna assert that Osman Pasha declared his intention of making a sortie, if not relieved within a fortnight.

General Ignatieff and Prince Gortschakoff go to general headquarters on Tuesday.

A Russian official dispatch says that after the capture of Plevna the Turks abandoned Novatchen, Skirvena and Orchanie, retreating to a Balkan defile near Uretchek. The country between the rivers Isker and Ogust is quite free from Turks. We have occupied Belobrov and Litchevo on the Ogust.

The Pope has written an autograph letter to Queen Victoria, thanking her for permitting the re-establishment of the Scotch hierarchy.

A dispatch from Bogot reports that Captain Greene, of the United States military attaches, has received the Russian order of St. Andrew for his coolness in the battles at Schipka Pass and Plevna.

VIENNA, 2.—The death sentence of M. DeTourville, for wife murder, has been commuted to imprisonment for life with hard labor.

PARIS, 2.—A meeting of 1,500 merchants and manufacturers, today, drew up an address appealing to the patriotism of President MacMahon to yield to the wishes of the majority in view of the threatened ruin of trade and the interests of the international exhibition.

At a meeting of 120 members of the Republican Left, it was decided to refuse to vote any part of the budget until the government returned to its parliamentary courses.

M. M. Larssant and De La Rochette, members of the chamber of deputies, fought a duel today. The affair grew out of a publication by De La Rochette of a disparaging letter in the *Univers*. M. De La Rochette was wounded in the thigh.

ROME, 2.—The Pope was insensible for three hours this morning. This symptom is not new, but the fit was unusually prolonged.

LONDON, 3.—The Russians, on the 28th and 29th ult., attempted to push on from Etropol and seize the southern junction of the roads from Orchanie and Etropol, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Twenty-four Turks and Bulgarians, from Plevna, came into the Russian headquarters, saying they had nothing to eat there.

All the Servian militia have gone to the frontier. Prince Milan, the war minister, and the metropolitan leave for headquarters on the 9th. A declaration of independence will be made on the 11th or 12th. Most of the inhabitants have vacated Negotin. A large quantity of ammunition has been sent to the frontier.

The Turks are withdrawing from the Western Balkan Pass upon Sophia.

CONFERENCE OF THE MILLARD STAKE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Millard Stake of Zion convened in the State House, Fillmore City, Nov. 24th, 1877, at 10 a.m.

Present on the stand—Of the Quorum of the Twelve, Orson Pratt and Lorenzo Snow; Elders Ira N. Hinckley, Edward Partridge and Jos. V. Robison, of the Presidency of the Stake; Thomas Callister, Patriarch; bishops and counselors from the various wards in the Stake.

After singing and prayer, President Hinckley spoke briefly upon the general duties pertaining to the Conference.

Bishop Smith of the First Ward, and Bishop Alexander Melville of the Second Ward of this city, also Bishop C. King of the Kanosh Ward, Bishop H. B. Bennett of the Meadow Ward, Bishop D. E. Ste-

vens of the Holden Ward, Bishop D. Thompson of the Scipio Ward, and Bishop P. D. Lyman of the Oak Creek Ward gave each a verbal report of their various wards, which were very favorable, showing that the different institutions, such as relief societies, mutual improvement societies, day schools and Sunday schools, were all in a prosperous condition, and that the greater portion of the Saints were willing to cast in their mites for the erection of the Manti Temple.

Elder Lorenzo Snow said he was much pleased with the Bishops' reports of the different wards. They convinced him that the Saints were alive to their duties. He then gave an elaborate account of the numerous industrial pursuits in operation in Brigham City and the great advantages the people had derived from these institutions. They were becoming self-sustaining. He also showed very clearly that it was necessary for us as a people to start similar institutions. If we did not we would have capitalists come among us that would do so, and they would charge their own price for their productions, and pay us what they chose for labor; in short they would make us their slaves.

Conference adjourned till 2 p.m.

2 p.m.

After singing and prayer, Elder N. Pratt read the statistical report of the various wards of the stake.

Elder Orson Pratt instructed the Saints in relation to the duties of the different officers of the priesthood and in relation to the law of tithing and temple building and other matters. His discourse was replete with instruction and was listened to with profound attention by the congregation.

A priesthood meeting was appointed for 6 o'clock this evening.

Adjourned to Sunday at 10 a.m.

Sunday, 25th, 10 a.m.

After singing and prayer, Elder Lorenzo Snow read from the Doctrine and Covenants, page 234, new edition. He said we were dependent upon the Lord for all our prosperity. It was the right of every Latter-day Saint to enjoy the spirit of revelation. We were so closely connected in our temporal and spiritual duties that it was difficult to find the dividing line. When we first heard the gospel, we felt its power, so much that we were willing to forsake our kindred and country. We enjoyed, to a certain extent, the same feeling that inspired Father Abraham when he offered up his son Isaac as a burnt offering to God. It is this power alone that gives us joy and comfort and consolation, and union of feeling one with another. The United Order could not be established upon any other plan than that of brotherly love. The Lord loved his offspring. When he chastised us he did it for our good, and we should profit by it. "The Lord chasteneth whom he loveth." Elder Snow continued at considerable length upon the necessity of us starting home industries, and becoming united, and preparing ourselves to become self-sustaining. There were many places in this Territory that had greater facilities than Brigham City, and if they would adopt the same course they would before a great while lead it.

Adjourned to 2 p.m.

2 p.m.

After singing and prayer, the sacrament was administered.

Elder E. Partridge presented the General Authorities of the Church, as sustained at the last General Conference in Salt Lake City, which were unanimously sustained.

Elder Orson Pratt presented Ira N. Hinckley as President of the Millard Stake, with Edward Partridge as his first and Joseph V. Robison, as his second Counselors. The vote was unanimous.

The remaining officers of this Stake were then presented by Elder Partridge and sustained without a dissenting voice in the following order—

Patriarch—Thomas Callister.

Members of the High Council—James C. Owens, Allen Russell, N. Pratt, Jesse B. Martin, Alexander Fortie, Christian Hansen, Richard Johnson, Reuben McBride, W. H. Stott, Wm. Wade, F. A. Webb and James Abraham.

Lewis Brunson, President of the High Priests' Quorum; John Powell his first and Wm. North his second counselor.

BISHOPS.

Fillmore—Joseph D. Smith, First

Ward, with F. A. Robison as his first and Alfred Gall his second counselors. Alexander Milville, Second Ward, with Christian Anderson as his first and H. J. McCullough as his second counselors. Scipio Ward—Daniel Thompson; counselors, Thomas Yates and P. C. Neilson.

Holden Ward—David R. Stevens; counselors, Benj. Bennett and Ansel P. Harmon.

Kanosh Ward—Culbert King; counselors, Lyman Levitt and C. R. Hakes.

Oak Creek Ward—P. D. Lyman; counselors, John Lovell and George Finlison.

Deseret Ward—Joseph Black; counselors, M. M. Bishop, and Hiram Dewnap.

Meadow Ward—H. B. Bennett; counselors, James Fisher and James Duncan.

First Elders' Quorum—President, Thos. C. Callister; counselors, Jefferson Trimble and Albert Kimball.

President of Priests' Quorum, Bishop Jos. D. Smith; counselors, James Starley and C. P. Boregard.

Thomas C. Callister, superintendent of Sunday schools, with J. F. Gibbs and L. Holbrook as his assistants.

L. Holbrook, recorder and historian of Millard Stake of Zion.

The following brethren were unanimously sustained as home missionaries—

Fillmore City, James C. Owens, Allen Russell, Nephi Pratt, Alexander Fortie, Christian Hansen, Reuben McBride, Wm. Wade and F. A. Webb.

Kanosh—James Abraham and S. R. McLachle.

Meadow—Wm. H. Stott and E. A. Beckstrand.

Holden—Richard Johnson and A. W. Brown.

Scipio—Jesse B. Martin and P. C. Neilson.

Oak Creek—Geo. Lovell and C. H. Jensen.

Deseret—Wm. V. Black and Hiram Dewnap.

President Deacons' Quorum, First Ward, Fillmore, Hans Hansen; Ova Peterson, counselor.

President Deacons' Quorum, Second Ward, J. C. Owens, Jun; F. C. Melville and Marian A. Owens.

F. A. Robison was then set apart as first counselor to Bishop Smith (made vacant by the decease of his brother Albert Robison) under the hands of Elders O. Pratt and L. Snow, Elder Pratt being mouth.

Elder Pratt read a revelation given to Joseph Smith, Dec. 27th, 1832, also the one given March 20th, 1839. The Saints, said he, like all other children, needed to be instructed in the duties and requirements as taught in the revelations of God. The Lord wished us to become acquainted with his mind and will. We needed to enlarge our ideas. Our mortal tabernacles were not capable of attaining to a full knowledge of God, neither would they be until they were changed. Notwithstanding our bodies returned to their mother dust, the faithful should be quickened in a minute, but by degrees, and the Lord in visiting this earth showed us what was our privilege to enjoy, when we had lived out our probation and proved ourselves faithful—we would be made fit to enter into the presence of God, there to dwell with those that had been found faithful in former dispensations. There was a latent power slumbering in the former and Latter-day Saints that some day would be awakened, and when this power was aroused from its long slumber all eternity would be opened to our view, and for the first time would we behold the magnitude of God's work. No matter how far we might imagine ourselves from God, he would be in our presence and we in his presence. The veil that now intervened would be removed and all the glorious dominions and power of God would be shown us. When the first angel sounded his trumpet the dead who died faithful would arise and they would have power over gravitation. They would not be confined to the present power of locomotion, but they would be able to ascend as Jesus ascended to his Father through the clouds of glory. The former-day Saints had been waiting for nearly six thousand years for this people to remove the veil to break the bands of bondage. It was necessary that many temples be erected.

President Hinckley thanked Elders Pratt and Snow for their presence, the choir for their beautiful

music, and the congregation generally for their punctual attendance and good order.

Thus our conference ended. The capacity of the house, with the exception of the first meeting, was decidedly too small. The building of the Manti Temple was the principal topic of discourse at the priesthood meeting on Saturday evening.

Conference adjourned.

L. HOLBROOK,

Stake Clerk.

Conference at Sunset Crossing.

Minutes of a Quarterly Conference

Held at Lot Smith's Camp, Sunset Crossing, Yavapai Co., A. T., November 17, 1877.

Presidents of camps—Elders Lot Smith, T. O. Ballinger, Geo. Lake, John Bushman and Nathan C. Tenney.

The conference meetings were opened by singing and prayer, President Lot Smith presiding.

Nathan C. Tenney said nine families started with him at his camp. They had now increased to thirteen, and numbered about forty souls. There was a marked increase of the spirit of union and good feeling. They had worked hard, endeavoring to raise their bread and build houses. They thought of commencing the United Order this fall. The Spanish and Mexican brethren had a good spirit. He had come to this conference to learn how to organize his camp in the spirit of the United Order. In talking to the Spanish and Lamanite laymen they universally fell in with the principles of the gospel, while the priests bitterly opposed. He felt we had nothing to discourage us in the least.

Elder Berghman felt encouraged and desired the blessings of heaven to rest upon each and all. He had visited Utah on business, and had enjoyed his trip. There was a great deal of work to do to provide for the many that would join the different camps. He realized that the great amount of labor that had been performed by the camps could not have been performed on the individual principle.

Brother J. M. Walker spoke of the purpose for which we had been called on the Arizona mission, that it was to establish principles of truth and righteousness. Where our treasure was there our heart would be also. We were in a school to learn how to become useful and be directed by our leaders for the benefit of the kingdom of God.

2 30 p. m.

Elder George Lake spoke of the necessity of feeling after our fellowman in persevering in our duties in preaching the gospel. We should put away all selfishness and live and act for the interest of the kingdom of God. He compared our old mode of living, and the way we were called to live and move in the holy Order, advised all to rid themselves of their false traditions and notions, and be united in all things, that we might be able to ward off evil influence from us, exhorted wives to be subject to the counsel of their husbands, and let the influence they had over their children be salutary, that they might be a blessing to them when they grew to years of maturity.

Elder W. R. Tenney referred to the purpose for which we had been called on this mission, and exhorted all to a faithful performance of their duties.

Elder George Dablin encouraged all to impart and receive kindly knowledge on any subject.

President Lot Smith referred to the commencement of the southern mission, to the number of those called at that time who had shrunk from the duties of their mission, and of those who had remained and how well they felt. He spoke of the necessity of adopting articles of agreement and bye-laws for all the camps on the Arizona Mission. Articles of agreement and bye-laws were then read and unanimously adopted.

Elder Joseph James was satisfied that the settlements on Colorado River would prosper and become great and good settlements.

Now 18, 10 a.m.

Brother T. O. Ballinger said we were engaged in the great work of the gathering of all things into one, and spoke of the long and continued teachings of our late President, Brigham Young on the United Order and our becoming one in all things.

Elder Joseph James was satisfied that the settlements on Colorado River would prosper and become great and good settlements.

He felt well in returning home from Utah.

Elder Joseph Richards felt glad of the privilege of meeting with the Saints at home. The Saints in Southern Utah felt well and felt to assist in building up the kingdom of God. He referred to our having been called to establish the United Order and form new settlements and unite our labor.

Elder John Bushman felt well and willing to sacrifice all false notions. We should seek to become humble, prayerful, energetic, and prompt in the performance of our duty.

Elder John Bloomfield said we should seek to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He spoke of the time being nigh at hand when we should not be able to procure clothing from the outside world, that we should try and provide for those contingencies.

Elder George Ladd spoke of the propriety of the move made at this conference for all to be governed by the same laws, rules and agreement. He viewed the people on this mission as pioneers to prepare the way for all the Latter-day Saints for the establishment of the United Order. All were looking to us in Arizona for the success of our labors. The influence of our example was having a salutary effect on the Mexicans and Lamanites.

2 30 p. m.

The Sacrament was administered, and the authorities of the Church were presented, with the presidents of camps and Elder Lot Smith as President of the Arizona Mission, and unanimously sustained.

President Lot Smith said we had received much food for reflection, and had had a good opportunity for learning the feelings of each other. He was thankful for the goodly portion of the Spirit of God that had been with us.

Elder Nathan C. Tenney exhorted the young men not to be discouraged in trying to acquire a knowledge of the Spanish language.

Conference adjourned until the 6th day of April, 1878; at 10 a. m.

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