

of the Stake was read by the secretary, showing 831 officers, teachers and pupils enrolled.

The general and local authorities were presented and sustained.

An entertainment was got up Saturday evening in honor of the visiting brethren; biographical sketches of their lives and labors were read, original lives appropriate for the occasion, together with music, songs, recitations, etc., were had, all being very interesting and instructive.

After the close of the program, both of the brethren bore a faithful testimony to the Gospel, and thanked the brethren and sisters for the honor they had shown them.

Sunday evening Elder Smith, president of the Stake, gave out a meeting notice, and announced that Brothers Macaer and Goddard would speak upon educational matters. Meeting time came and with it a full house. The brethren made a strong appeal for our Church schools, and called upon the Stake to start up their academy and religious classes again.

J. H. WILLIS,
Stake Secretary.

WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of the ninth quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake of Zion, held in the Bowery at Calneville, Wayne Co, Utah, August 24 and 25, 1895, Elder Willis E. Robison, president of Stake, presiding. There were in attendance, besides the Stake presidency a good representation of the Bishops of wards, some members of the High Council, and Patriarch Ephraim K. Hanks.

After the usual opening exercises Elder W. E. Robison expressed pleasure to meet in conference under so favorable conditions. The weather was beautiful and the bowery crowded with people from all parts of the Stake; many present having traveled two days journey by team to attend conference meetings. There is, comparatively speaking, no sickness; no epidemics are raging in this Stake of Zion. The people are happy and prosperous, and the prospects for grain crops in Fremont valley are good. The people of this Stake are learning to economize and are becoming, in a measure, independent. He reported that perfect harmony existed among the presidency of the Stake. He felt to thank the people of Fremont, Loa, Lyman, Thurber and Teasdale, who had traveled so far over rough and rocky roads to worship the Lord. He felt to solicit the prayers of the Saints on behalf of those who speak during conference, that the Spirit of the Lord might be poured out without restraint.

Elder Hans M. Hansen said the work in which we are engaged is one of temporal as well as spiritual salvation. The Wayne Stake is continually growing, and the waste places are being built up. He was exceedingly gratified to see so very many young people present, and rejoiced to note the interest parents are taking in the education of their children. The Sunday School jubilee held here yesterday was a grand success, it is surprising to see so many young folks at these juvenile gatherings. He felt to thank the Fremont choir for coming so far to sing to

us during conference, also members of the Fremont brass band who had left their work at such a busy time to attend conference, to cheer and gladden the hearts of the settlers of Calneville with sweet music. Every Latter-day Saint is under obligations to develop the talent God has given him and labor incessantly to build up the Kingdom of our Father. The speaker counseled the people to stay with their farms, build up and beautify their homes, plant orchards, and vineyards, and be sure to make all improvements good and lasting.

Elder Gearson S. Bastian said it requires continual sacrifice to be a Latter-day Saint. Because the Saints of latter days abide the laws of God they are considered by the world to be a very peculiar people. The work in which we labor demands that we serve it with all our might, mind and strength. Referred to the Scriptures that treat on the gathering of Israel, and commented on the same. He regarded the various Church organizations as great factors in the educational development of our young people.

Elder John Hactor commented on the differences that characterize the life of a person living in large cities in the world and country life in Utah. It is through the mercies and power of God the Latter-day Saints have made the rapid strides of improvement that make them admired by all the civilized world. He related some of his missionary experiences, showing that none of us know the good we do and the great harvest we will reap if we only sow faithfully. Perfection is not reached in a day, but will be attained gradually.

At the afternoon meeting Patriarch Ephraim K. Hanks was the first speaker. He reported that since being ordained a Patriarch he had blessed 120 souls and had taught the Gospel to his fellowman continually. Spoke of the settlement of Salt Lake City in 1847, and the growth of this work since that time. He showed how the Elders used to gather the Saints coming from Europe to Utah, and the hardships to which they were exposed crossing the Plains. Spoke of the time when the crickets were a pest in Utah, destroying the crops of the people; also of the gulls coming and devouring the crickets, and showed the efficacy and power of prayer.

Bishop Hiett E. Maxfield reported the Fremont ward in a prosperous condition. He spoke for some time very encouragingly to the youth on the necessity of individual improvement; and related some instances showing that many a poor boy had risen to be a great and good man by close application to study, industry and thrift.

Elder John W. Jackson reported the Lyman ward in good condition and spoke briefly upon the exaltation to be enjoyed by those who remain faithful and obey the laws of the Gospel.

Bishop Matthew W. Mansfield said the Thurber ward is in a progressive state and the people feel well and are laboring valiantly for the cause. He spoke upon divine authority, showing that the letter of the Gospel is not alone sufficient. We need the living oracles of God to interpret and administer the laws of righteousness.

Elder Charles W. Lee reported the

Teasdale ward in a thriving condition. The organizations in the ward are doing much good and the youth are being educated aright.

Elder George J. Forsyth felt well in bearing testimony to the work of God. He was in Utah at the time the crickets destroyed the crops of the people. He saw the gulls come in thousands and devour the pests and believed they were sent by God. He related some of his experiences when helping emigrants across the great plains, and referred to his labors in helping to settle the Dixie country.

Immediately at the close of the meeting a Stake Priesthood meeting was held. The Stake Presidency and Elders Henry A. Maxfield and Sidney A. Hanks gave much valuable instruction to the body of Priesthood present.

Sunday morning Bishop Walter E. Hanks was the first to occupy the stand. He was very pleased to see so many people from the upper valleys and welcomed them to their little town. The people of Calneville ward are a good, zealous and hardworking people. They are doing all possible to build up and make beautiful their little settlement. Soon they hope to build a new meeting house; already the brick are partly made.

Elder Jacob S. Bastian gave a report of the Loa Ward, in which he stated that the meetings are well attended and the ward generally in good condition.

Bishop Francis C. Mickleson, of Blue Valley, reported the Gilead ward in excellent condition. Ward teachers are very faithful; the deacons are willing at all times to magnify their calling. There are three Sunday schools, two primary associations, three M. I. associations and two Relief Societies in the ward, all doing "good work. The health of the people is good, but the speaker's health had been failing for some time past. He felt the weight of his calling and rejoiced in his labors.

Elder Joseph Ekersley occupied the remainder of the time. He read from the 119th section of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and discoursed upon the law of tithing.

Afternoon—The Sacrament was administered by the Bishops of the several wards.

Elder Gearson S. Bastian said the speakers of this conference had been inspired greatly of God and he believed the Saints would profit by the instructions given. He spoke upon the necessity of our young people being united in marriage by the covenant of the Gospel, and showed the evil effects of marrying outside the Temple of the Lord. The law of tithing, as explained this morning, should be taught the children by their parents. Home should be made the most pleasant place on earth. Spoke of the family ties and relationship that will exist in heaven.

Elder Hans M. Hansen then presented the General and Stake authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote of the people.

Julia R. Jeffery was sustained president of the Y. L. M. I. A. of the Stake.

Elder Hansen then explained that it is a God-given privilege for every man to exercise his agency in the choosing