

have hope. Many of Mesa's citizens just now are in the mountains looking out the shady and cool canyon resorts suite to hunting, fishing and other pastimes. President Hakes and family are at Goldfield enjoying the increased altitude, while he attends to sales or interests in mining property he with others own in that vicinity.

Our summer has been dry and rainless. The river was low for a time but showers are now coming, canals are overflowing, and all appears green and verdant again.

"UNCLE BEN."

### SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

EPHRAIM, Sanpete Co., Utah.  
August 19, 1895.

The quarterly conference of the Sanpete Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in Mount Pleasant on the 17th and 18th of August, 1895. Present of the Council of the Apostles, F. M. Lyman; of the Stake presidency, Canute Peterson, Henry Beal and John B. Maiben, and a good representation of the High Council, Bishops of wards, and a very large congregation of Saints. Opened by singing and prayer. Elder Canute Peterson made opening remarks, reporting the condition of the Stake, exhorted the Saints to pay their tithes and offerings and contributions to the Pioneer monument; spoke encouragingly of the prospects of an abundant harvest.

Bishop Lund, of Mt. Pleasant ward, Bishop James A. Allred, of Spring City, Bishop Madsen, of Gunnison ward, Bishop Peterson, of Fairview ward, and Bishop Christensen, of Fountain Green ward, each represented the condition of his ward as being generally good, the several organizations in working order, prospect for harvest good, health generally good.

Elder F. M. Lyman said he was pleased with the reports given; thought them very good; made encouraging remarks to the Saints in relation to their duties; said he believed the cost of the pioneer monument had been underestimated by the people and that a further effort would be necessary to effect its completion. He referred to the missionary labor being carried on by the Church, and of the increased interest in that direction, that God is preparing the hearts of the people to receive the testimony of the Elders.

2 p. m.—Opened as usual. Elder Henry Beal testified to the correctness of the President's report of the Stake, and that of the Bishops of the wards, he having visited quite extensively along with the brethren of the Presidency of the Stake.

Elder J. B. Maiben spoke very encouragingly to the Saints to pay their tithes and offerings, and respond to the calls made upon them. He cited instances of those who kept the commandments of God being singularly prospered; called attention to organized effort being made for the collecting of genealogical information which will be of advantage to the Saints in the vicarious work to be done.

Elder George Frantzen related some experience in the opening of the sections of country where he had been called to labor.

Elder N. E. Noyes presented the claim of the Sanpete Stake Academy

for the consideration of the people, and asked the people to sustain it by sending their children to it; rehearsed some of the many advantages to be derived through it being well sustained.

The general and Stake authorities were presented by Elder J. B. Maiben, and received the vote of the conference without any dissent. The statistical report of the Stake was read, and the names of eleven Elders presented and sustained to be ordained High Priests. Singing and benediction.

7:30 p. m.—Opened by singing and prayer. Elder J. D. T. McAllister spoke upon the early experience of the Saints in settling the valleys of Utah, describing the many privations the people endured in those early days.

Elder B. H. Roberts followed on the same subject to the edification of the Saints.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Elder Lyman said that in view of the approaching election he considered it necessary to advise the people in relation to the course to pursue; that it is the right of each individual citizen to adopt the political faith that seems to best command itself to his judgment, and seek by all legitimate means to have others adopt the same faith; but no Latter-day Saint has the right to irritate another nor descend to personalities or let go of our religious faith, to maintain our political ideas. As Latter-day Saints we are not at liberty to parade each other's weaknesses before the people because we differ in our ideas of what would be right policy in government. He cautioned the Saints to be wise; as the people of this Territory are to pass through a new experience.

Elder B. H. Roberts endorsed the advice given by Elder Lyman, spoke upon the principles of government, related incidents in the settlement of the valleys and conditions surrounding the people then.

2 p. m. Usual opening exercises. Sacrament administered.

Elder B. H. Roberts gave a very interesting discourse upon the harmony of science and revelation. He showed that a partial understanding of the Bible results in laying the foundation of infidelity, and that which appears intraculous is so only because the laws that govern are not understood. He cited many interesting examples in proof.

Elder Lyman said he had been much interested in the remarks made. Advised the young people of proper age to marry and not put off marrying until they are 25 or 30 years of age.

Elder Peterson said conference would adjourn to meet three months hence in Moroni.

GEORGE TAYLOR,  
Clerk of Conference.

### HUMAN SKELETONS FOUND.

ESCALANTE, Utah,  
August 19th, 1895.

Perhaps a few lines in regard to the skeletons of two white men that were found a few days ago by James Black, a prospector, might be of interest to the readers of the NEWS. The story of the find, in substance, is as follows:

About three weeks ago Mr. Black left this place on a prospecting trip. He traveled southwest until he

reached the Colorado river. On a bluff that lies between two ravines, known as Last Chance on the north and Warm creek on the south, two skeletons were found, lying on the brink of the Colorado river.

There was not a piece of clothing, a shoe sole, or anything left but the bones to tell who these two men were. One body was found lying under a cedar tree. The skeleton was complete, not a bone was broken or gone.

The other skeleton was found on the shelf of a ledge a few feet below. All that is left of this one was the skull, the rest of the bones must have fallen over the ledge, which was several hundred feet high.

On the same bluff, a few miles distant, the carcasses of two burros were found, which are supposed to have perished at the same time.

From all appearances, these men must have died for want of water; and they been acquainted with the country they might have found water within seven miles of where their bodies were found. It was only two miles and a half to the water in the river, but it would have taken a bird to get down to it at this place.

These men must have died during the summer season. Had they died in the winter there would have been remnants of skin yet on the bones.

Mr. Black is a man of considerable experience on the deserts in these not regions, and he is of the opinion that a person could easily choke to death in a few hours, where these men were found.

These few lines may possibly lead to the discovery of who the two men were who met such a fate in this desolate, sun-scoured region.

The gentlemen spoken of will start for this section of country again today, and will try to find some trace of their camping outfit or anything that will throw more light as to who the dead men were.

VILLAGER.

### NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

As we have not noticed anything in your paper from this conference for some time, I thought perhaps a few lines would be of interest to the many readers of your valuable journal.

The work of the Lord is progressing nicely in this part of the Lord's vineyard. There are sixteen live, energetic, young Elders in this conference. All are enjoying the best of health and the Spirit of the Lord in their labors. The weather has been very warm the past two months and during that time the Elders have been visiting Saints and friends in the closed counties. Five members were added to the fold during the month of July; myself and companion had the pleasure of baptizing two of them, which was very gratifying to us.

In order to give you an idea of what we are doing, I will submit my report since I arrived in the conference: Miles walked, 2,434; meetings held, 46; families visited, 3,606; tracts distributed, 2,174; renewed entertainment, 260 times; rejected testimonies of Elders, 207; families revisited, 186; baptisms, 3. It has been ten months since I began my labors as a missionary, and this has been the happiest time of my life. I feel that the Lord has blessed me abundantly in my