### Weber Stake Conference.

A conference of two days held in the Ogden tabernacle far just now brought to a close. More interesting and happy meetings have not convened in this Stake of Zion for a long time past. The conference opened at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, the 16th inst., by the call for the house being filled with Latter-day Saints from the several wards of the Stake, who had come together to be instructed, comforted by the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the principles of the Gospel and to learn more of their duties and duties to the redemption of the living and the dead.

The visitors from Salt Lake on the occasion were Elders F. D. Richards, George Teasdel and Heber J. Grant, of the Council of the Apostles, and Elder H. W. Naisbitt. The presidency of the Stake, the High Council, Bishops and a large body of the Priesthood were present, and all on the qui vive for more light, more truth and a clearer understanding of the principles revealed at the April General Conference. A large number of those present at this Stake conference were unable to go to Salt Lake City and hear the rich outpourings of knowledge by the Spirit of God on the 6th inst.

After the opening exercises, Elder N. C. Figgins reported the condition of the Stake, which he said was very good. He had he said he never knew it to be better than at the present time, especially considering the "hard times." The Stake presidency and the High Council have been during the past few months holding ward conferences in the city and many other wards in the country. Wherever they went the people came together and listened with eager attention to the counsel and advice that were given by the Elders. Peace prevailed among the Saints, harmony, union and love were increasing, and all the ward authorities were sustained by hearty, unanimous vote. The Presidency of the Stake and High Council were united and intent on council to build up and promote the best interests of the Saints over whom they are called to preside.

The conference during the session was addressed by Elders Teasdel, Grant, Richards, Naisbitt and L. W. Shurtliff. The topics dwelt upon were the increased light given by the President and others on the law of adoption, the sealing of children to parents, the great work that has been done, that is now being done, and that almost that is necessary yet to be done in the Temples of the Lord for the salvation of our ancestors and others of our kindred who have passed to the great beyond without having the privilege of hearing and embracing the Gospel for themselves. These instructions caused the hearts of the listeners to leap for joy, and eyes were filled with tears of gratitude for the opportunities now afforded them to become "saviors on Mount Zion" in the latter days.

Among other subjects were the apostacy from the Gospel as Christ taught by the Savior and His apostles, the long night of darkness that intervened between that time and the present—or until the Lord restored the fulness of the Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith, the gathering of Israel, the building up of Zion, the rearing of the Temples of God, one of which—that of Salt Lake—was traced in a graphic manner by the speaker, from the cutting or designating the site, breaking the ground, excavating for the foundation, the blasting, quarrying and hauling the rock and collecting other material, the laying of the foundation, the various stages in the construction to its completion and dedication for the service of God, the economy—the necessity of saving everything and not wasting anything, the establishing and fostering home industries, the Word of Wisdom, temperance in all things, living a sober, pure life, teaching children the law of God, and when they reach a proper age to be baptized for the remission of sins, to be truthful, upright in all our dealings with mankind, to be faithful to all the covenants they have made to keep the commandments of God, and to imitate all the graces and virtues of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to live that they may always enjoy the light of the Holy Ghost to guide them through life and prepare them to enter into exaltation in the Kingdom of God. These subjects were dwelt upon with great fervor and earnestness by the speakers and were listened to with profound attention and pleasure by the audience. They were seasons of joy that the Saints of the Stake will repeat at short intervals.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times our poor are administered to and their wants supplied as far as it is in the power of their co-religionists to do it.

A gloom of sadness was cast over the assembly this morning by the announcement by Elder Richards of the sudden, almost instant death, at the residence of Brother Richards, of Bishop Thomas Williams. The Bishop was the guest of Elder Richards during the Conference, and last evening the family were engaged in social conversation on various subjects pertaining to the latter-day work of God, etc. All appeared to be cheerful and happy. About 8:15 p. m. Bishop Williams without the slightest premonition of his approaching demise, fell from his chair to the floor and expired. This was a sad shock to the family and to community. He was well known and much beloved.

JOSEPH HALL.

OGDEN, Utah, April 16, 1894.

### Honoring Two Missionaries.

WEST WEBER, April 17, 1894.—Yesterday afternoon in spite of the inclemency of the weather, teams were seen wending their way toward the meeting house. The occasion was a social and party, held in honor of Elders Walter Gibson and J. W. Clayton, returned missionaries who for the past two years have been doing a good work in the Eastern States. Some of their friends who knew them when they left home for the field, the Bishop and Counselors met with the two returned Elders at the hall and invited them to share the sumptuous repast which had been prepared for the occasion. The evening was spent in social chat, singing and speaking, the returned missionaries being the subjects of the remarks.

The table for the social at the meeting house was spread with all kinds of eatables, after all had eaten and satisfied, the tables were cleared, and the people repaired to the adjoining room, where a most excellent program was carried out, consisting of speaking, songs and recitations, with a few minutes of dancing during the evening. Quite a little sum of money was secured over the social, which was used to defray the expenses of the young men in their work. In the course of the evening the same parties who spoke at the social were called on, and some of the young men who were given to the same subject once more. N. N.

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