

on the stand of the presidency of the Stake Christopher Layton, William D. Johnson and Morgau H. Merrill, Patriarch P. C. Merrill, members of the High Council, all the Bishops of the various wards and a large attendance of the Saints. Many encouraging remarks were made by the presidency of the Stake, Elders Peter A. Lofgreen, George Cluff, George Skinner, William Packer and Patriarch Philemon C. Merrill. The subjects dwelt upon were home industry, the rise and progress of the Church, education, tithes and offerings, charity, the course members and officers should pursue in settling difficulties, that they should do it according as God has directed; the principles of the Gospel and the law of adoption were also spoken upon with power. The Bishops of the various wards reported their wards to be in a prosperous condition, both spiritually and financially; but very little sickness and good crops considering the dry season we have had. It was thought there would be a marked improvement in the payment of tithing this coming season as there were many that have already come to the front that did not have their names upon the book last year at all. There is prospect of abundance of fruit. Parents were also instructed to be careful and train their children while young. The general and local officers were put before the conference and sustained unanimously. The statistical report was read, showing an increase on the last quarter of seventy-seven and only four deaths. The weather was fair and all felt well in the Gospel.

WINFRED MOODY, Clerk.

#### MALAD.

A quarterly conference of the Malad Stake of Zion was held at Malad City Sunday and Monday, June 10th and 11th, 1894. The stand was occupied by Elders F. M. Lyman and John Henry Smith, of the Apostles; Elder Seymour B. Young, of the Seventies, and Dr. L. F. Moench, also of the Stake presidency, and a splendid representation of the Stake officers and Bishops.

On Sunday morning the Bishops reported their wards as to their religious, educational and financial condition. The reports were favorable. Previous to the reports by the Bishops, Stake President O. C. Hoskins had reported the Stake as being in good working order.

Elder Seymour B. Young showed that, in the B. Y. academy at Provo and the B. Y. college at Logan, President Brigham Young had left everlasting monuments to his name. He spoke on the Order of Enoch by families, and the effects of the use of tobacco on the mind.

In the afternoon Elder John Henry Smith spoke on the power of example, the gifts of God to man, and man's divine mission.

Elder F. M. Lyman treated on the duties of different Stake and ward officers and organizations.

On Monday morning Elder John M. McCrary touched on the use of tea and coffee, and reported that but few of the people of our Stake are non-tithe-payers.

Elder O. C. Hoskins bore testimony to what had been said during the conference regarding the Word of Wis-

dom. He urged the people to observe the law against round dancing and card-playing.

Elder John Henry Smith spoke on the building of places of amusement, and the ornamenting of our cemeteries.

In the afternoon Elder Moench showed the effect of tea, coffee, tobacco and alcoholic stimulants from a scientific point.

Elder Lyman endorsed these remarks and dwelt upon the duties and rights of the Stake High Council.

WM. ANTHONY, Sec'y.

REXBURG, June 13, 1894.

#### ST. JOHNS.

ST. JOHN'S, Apache Co.,  
Ariz., June 10, 1894.

The regular quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake, Arizona, was held on Sunday and Monday, June 2nd and 3rd. On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock there were present on the stand, of the presidency of the Stake, David K. Udall and Elijah N. Freeman (W. H. Gibbons being on a visit in California), Patriarchs H. J. Platt and James N. Skousen and most of the Bishops. Reports were given from all the wards in the Stake except the Nutrioso ward and there was no representative from that ward except Sister Katie Pace, of the presidency of the Relief society of the Stake. The associations were reported as being in good condition and peace and harmony existed amongst the Saints generally. On account of drouth it is thought there will be very little grain raised in some of the settlements, especially Springerville (the Union ward).

During the conference excellent counsel was given to the people. The Saints were also advised very strongly to quit round dancing. The principal speakers were Presidents David K. Udall and E. N. Freeman, Patriarch H. J. Platt, Bishops Geo. H. Crosby, J. N. Heywood, J. R. McNiel, G. D. Greer and C. I. Kempe.

Respectfully,  
CHAS. JARVIS,  
Stake Recorder.

#### PANGUITCH.

PANGUITCH, June 6, 1894.—The Panguitch conference met according to appointment, with a good attendance of presiding officers of the Stake. There were present President J. W. Crosby Jr., Bishops Miller, Allen, Asay and Johnson, with their counselors.

Bishop Miller spoke on the financial situation and counseled the brethren to be forbearing with each other and encouraged those who were able to assist those who were unemployed. He spoke of the evils of selfishness and the results that follow enforced idleness. Brother Twitchell also spoke on the same subject and also on the absolute necessity of establishing home industries to find employment for our young and those who depend on others for employment. Elder J. W. Crosby spoke on idleness; home industry; the strife between labor and capital; the unemployed; prayer, and technical schools for the young, also on the principle of adoption.

Brothers Twitchell, Ira Hatch, Jas. Houston spoke on the evils of profanity and idleness and on the workings and principles of the Gospel. Brothers Jos. Houston and Bishops Allen, John-

son and Peterson also spoke on these subjects and the necessity of self-examination. Brother Chidester reviewed the prophecies in relation to the Gospel and the necessity of self-examination.

The general and local authorities were presented and sustained and conference adjourned to meet in Escalante on August 26th and 27th.

Young men's conference Sunday evening.

Young ladies' conference Monday evening.

Your Brother in the Gospel,  
GEORGE DODDS,  
Stake Clerk.

#### HYDRAULIC ENGINEERS!

SAN JUAN COUNTY, New Mexico,  
June 16, 1894.

A few of the Saints have settled on the La Plata river, near its mouth, and for a few years raised good crops; but for the last three years we have lost our crops for want of water. The scarcity of water was caused by too many ditches being taken out above us, which financially has let us down to bedrock. We are now going to make the last grand struggle for existence by building a reservoir, and would like to be advised with regard to construction of the same.

The reservoir site contains about sixty acres and will average fifteen or twenty feet deep. The height of the levee will be forty feet. How wide should it be at the base? There will be near four hundred acres under the reservoir. We are putting in a wooden pipe; what should be the dimensions of the pipe? How should the water be let into the pipe? How many acres will it water when filled?

Anyone having experience in building reservoirs will do us a great favor by answering the above questions at once through the SEMI-WEEKLY DESERET NEWS.

Yours truly, F. S.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

SPRINGVILLE, June 16, 1894.

In a letter of mine, hastily compiled altogether from memory of letters of my son, Charles D. Evans Jr., his letters being two miles distant at the time in the custody of his wife, an error occurs which inadvertently conveys the idea that the climate of the Southern States engenders disease, and that few Elders return without some sickness. Justice to the facts demands that I should state that the error arose in making an application of his remarks, which I find on close examination refer altogether to a certain locality, to the climate in general. The president of the Southern States mission in a letter addressed to my son under date of May 30th corrects my statements thus, for which he has my warmest thanks:

"In examining the records we find the names of eight hundred and sixty-eight Elders who have been and are now laboring in the Southern States mission, and out of that number eight deaths, four from natural causes and four martyred. Do you not think this a wonderful record?"

I beg, Mr. Editor, to assume the entire responsibility of my own mistake,