

The general and local authorities were sustained.

The presence of the visiting brethren was greatly appreciated. Their counsel sank deep in the hearts of those who listened, and no doubt will bring forth good fruit.

Much credit is due the choir under the leadership of Elder Thomas Hardy, for their beautiful music and sweet singing during conference.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Cleveland, August 7th and 8th, 1897.

P. E. JOHNSON,
Clerk of Conference.

NEW WARD ORGANIZED.

PARIS, Idaho, May 17.—Another addition has been made to the Bear Lake Stake of Zion, by the organization of the Diamondville ward. This new settlement is located in Uinta county, Wyoming, about thirty-three miles from Granger, on the Oregon Short Line, running to Montpelier, Idaho. The members of the Church who are located there have been desirous of having an ecclesiastical organization perfected, and for this reason have been communicating with the authorities of the Church. With the result that President William Budge, of the Bear Lake Stake, was instructed to go Diamondville and organize the Saints there.

Last Sunday, May 16th, President Budge, with Elder James H. Wallis, left Montpelier on the 7 o'clock passenger, arriving in Diamondville at ten minutes to eleven. A meeting was called at 2 p.m. in the schoolhouse, which building has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Saints by the trustees. At the time appointed there was a good attendance, there being quite a number of non-members of the Church present. After the usual opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, Elder Wallis spoke upon the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, followed by Elder Budge on the consistency of the principles of salvation taught by the Latter-day Saints and those laid down by Jesus and His apostles.

After the dismissal of the afternoon meeting, the members of the Church remained and an organization was perfected as follows: Samuel Kiddy, presiding Elder; Jacob Jones and John B. Chedgzy, counselors; Wm. Nesbet, superintendent of Sunday school and choir leader.

The presiding officers were presented to the Saints and unanimously sustained by them. In the evening they were set apart by the visiting brethren. A second public meeting was held at 7 o'clock p.m., at which there was another large attendance, with a large number of non-members of the Church present. Discourses of particular interest to these were delivered by the visiting brethren.

The majority of the Saints who have settled in Diamondville have come from Almy, Wyo., where they have worked in the coal mines. But when the Oregon Short Line contracted with Walker Bros., Remington, Fleas & Co., the owners of the coal mines in Diamondville, to supply their system with coal, at once two hundred miners were put to work, and as a result the place is alive with business. The coal

is said to equal the Rock Springs product, and is becoming a favorite through southern Idaho. New houses are going up in every direction, and inside of another year Diamondville may prove to be a much larger place than Almy ever was.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of this Stake held their regular meeting last evening (May 17, 1897,) in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms. Assistant Stake Superintendent R. S. Horne presiding in the absence of Superintendent Griggs, who is visiting Sunday schools in the southern part of the State.

All but two of the city ward schools were well represented, by both officers and teachers; the following schools of the county were also pretty fully represented: Brighton, Big Cottonwood (both schools), Cannon, East Jordan, Forest Dale, Granger, Hunter, Mill Creek, Sugar, Taylorsville, Union, Willford.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder William Bradford. The singing of the evening was entirely congregational, led by Brother Alvin Beesley.

After the roll call, Superintendent Horne announced that the sixty-four Sunday schools of the Salt Lake Stake were arranged into eleven visiting districts for the greater convenience of the missionaries in visiting the schools more regularly and doing more efficient work among them. The wards and schools are districted as follows:

First District—First and Second city wards, Forest Dale, Sugar, Pleasant View and Mountain Dell. This district will be visited by Elders George K. Reese and Stephen H. Love.

Second District—Third, Fourth, Fifth and South Mill Creek. To be visited by Elders Delbert Parrott and Alonzo Young.

Third District—Sixth ward, Murray, Granger, South and West Taylorsville and Pleasant Green. The missionaries in this district are Elders David E. Haigh and Walter S. Mackay.

Fourth District—Seventh ward, Draper, Riverton, Crescent, East Crescent and Bluff Dale. To be assigned to missionaries hereafter.

Fifth District—Eighth and Ninth city wards, Cannon, Farmers, Bingham, East Brighton. Assigned to Elders Wm. Bradford and Miles A. Romney.

Sixth District—Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth city wards, Brighton, Center and North Point. Elders Henry Tuckett and Richard R. Lyman are assigned as missionaries to labor in this district.

Seventh District—Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Fifteenth Branch, Taylorsville and Hunter. Assigned to Elders J. H. Parry, C. M. Cannon and Wm. M. Stewart.

Eighth District—Sixteenth ward, East, West and South Jordan and Herriman. Assigned to Elders Ludvig Larson and Armond Rundquist.

Ninth District—Seventeenth ward, South Cottonwood, Union, Butteville and Granite. Elders J. W. Saunders and Sylvester D. Bradford are the missionaries assigned to labor in this district.

Tenth District—Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth city wards, East Mill Creek and the two schools of Big Cottonwood. Elders Orson D. Romney, Charles

H. Hyde and W. H. Chamberlain will look after the interests of the schools of this district.

Eleventh District—Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-second branch and Twenty-third ward schools and Mill Creek. Elders J. W. Maynes and Ezra O. Taylor will have the care of the schools in this district and visit them as missionaries.

After the reading of district arrangements and assignments and a few suggestions from Superintendent Horne, the meeting divided in the usual four departments.

The theological department was presided over by Elder Richard R. Lyman, who delivered a spirited and very instructive address on the necessity of having a well prepared lesson and presenting it in a way to keep the attention of the students, and of thoroughly instructing them in the principles of the Gospel.

In the absence of the regular instructor in the second intermediate department, Elders Jesse W. Hoops, S. D. Bradford and Assistant Superintendent Burton conducted an interesting exercise on methods of home work in connection with Sunday school work.

After a four months' consideration of the following questions the same were concluded by the first intermediate department:

- 1—Are the children in their seats at 10 o'clock?
- 2—Are they supplied with music books?
- 3—Do they all sing or try to sing?
- 4—Do they bow their heads during prayer?
- 5—Do they carry out instructions given on page 14 of treatise regarding the Sacrament?
- 6—What do the boys do with their hats?
- 7—How do they pass to and from the classroom?
- 8—Does a well prepared and interesting lesson always secure the attention and order required?
- 9—What kinds of disorder annoy most?
- 10—How do you manage the inattentive, unruly ones?
- 11—What order, what degree of quietness, shall be insisted upon?
- 12—Do you keep in mind that the children should be ruled by love?
- 13—What means of discipline have proved most effective?
- 14—Are the children impressed with the sacredness of the house of the Lord?

The work in the Primary department was conducted by Elder Delbert Parrott and Sister Olive Derbridge. Primary lessons and methods were intelligently discussed also by others who were present, and suggestions offered for meeting difficulties encountered.

Upon reassembling a few suggestions pertinent to the business of the meeting were made by Superintendent Horne, and benediction was offered by Assistant Superintendent John Vincent of the Sixteenth ward, and the meeting adjourned for one month, when the Nineteenth ward will furnish the musical exercises.

J. H. PARRY, Sec.

New Mexico is likely to have a Welshman for governor. It is said that W. H. H. Llewellyn is the most likely man for appointment by President McKinley.