

ject of the Holy Ghost, and of the necessity of complying with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel in order to gain the same in sufficient power to save; exhorted the Saints to be faithful in keeping the covenants they had made, and those of other denominations to investigate the doctrines taught by the Saints, that they might be competent to judge for themselves of their divinity.

Toi Te Huatabi, president of Teoreore branch, spoke on Gospel principles, and reported that some of the branch members were not as strong as he would have them, but that the majority were trying to live their religion acceptably before the Lord.

Arapata Te Maari, greeted all present, and bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the work.

In the afternoon session the Sacrament was administered.

Te Whatehoro addressed the congregation on Christ's second coming. He referred to Matthew 24:24. The subject of the Book of Mormon was spoken upon, and much scriptural proof given to substantiate the divinity of the work. He also spoke of the gathering of Israel, referring to the 5th chapter of Isaiah.

Elder Hans Peterson, spoke upon Church organization, giving much scripture to substantiate his position.

Tari Rangitekaia spoke a short time. His remarks were to the point, and pleasant. He spoke of the false prophets that were to come in the latter days, and remarked there were many such in the land at the present time.

In the evening, Elder Bradford addressed the congregation. He explained the delusion so of the outside Maoris believed in concerning the sacrament, and made it plain to the Saints that this Church only has power and authority from God to officiate in this holy ordinance. The subject of faith in the administrations of the Priesthood for the healing of the sick was then dwelt upon, showing how important it was to teach the little ones to have faith in this ordinance. He exhorted them to have nothing to do with Tabunga Maori; for their works were of the evil one. Matthew 7: 22-23 was quoted, showing there would be many in the latter days who would prophesy in His name, but who would be cast out.

Prayer by Elder Charles J. Peterson. Thus our conference was closed, and all felt repaid, for the spirit was with us in rich abundance.

On December 28th, many of the Saints took their departure for their homes, while some remained, with the intention of returning the following day.

The Elders are all well, and are enjoying their labors.

R. A. F.

EMERY STAKE CONFERENCE.

HUNTINGTON, Emery County, Utah, February 10th, 1897.—The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake was held in Price, February 7th and 8th, 1897. Besides a large congregation of the Saints, most of the bishops and the stake presidency, Elder F. M. Lyman, Anthon H. Lund, of the council of Apostles, and Jonathan G. Kimball of the council of Seventies, were in attendance.

The Sunday school section of the conference convened at 10 a. m. After the usual opening exercises, Superintendent

Eldredge reported the Price school as being fully organized, and in a prosperous condition.

Elder F. M. Lyman explained that the object of holding Sunday schools during ward and stake conferences was that the children might see and hear the visiting brethren, and not be driven into the streets during the usual time for holding Sunday schools. He explained that the president of the Stake should preside at such meetings, but the superintendent of schools should conduct the services. He thought these exercises should consist of concert recitation and singing, the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and Articles of Faith would be appropriate selections to recite.

Elder Anthon H. Lund, Jonathan G. Kimball and C. G. Larsen, each gave timely instructions on Sunday school work.

At the close of meeting Brother Lyman called the Sunday school teachers together, and as a member of the Sunday School Union board gave a list of instructions prepared by the board.

At 2 p. m.—The fast meeting session of the conference convened.

Elder Anthon H. Lund was the first speaker. He referred to the Vision of Lehi in which he saw the "tree of life" "iron rod" etc.; said the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the teachings of the Prophets were the "iron rod" or word of God to which all should hold fast.

Elder Jonathan G. Kimball said he felt to warn the Saints against worldly pride. How very strange it is, that while the Lord is showering the greatest blessings upon His children they are most apt to turn against Him. God is obliged to chastize his Saints in order to keep them in the line of their duties. Those who cannot discern right from wrong, through the assistance of the Holy Ghost, without continually running after the authorities for help, are on slippery ground.

At evening meeting 7 p. m.—President C. G. Larsen reported the condition of the Stake; said union exists in the Stake presidency; felt that the bishops, high counselors and other Stake officers were good men. Interest in meeting is on the increase. The change of fast day is working well in the various wards. Said he was well satisfied with the principles of the Gospel.

Elder F. M. Lyman was the next speaker. He complimented the people of Price for the erection of a large town hall, setting out shade trees, and making other improvements. Advised them to continue the good work. He reminded the Saints that this Gospel will never be taken from the earth, nor given to another people; yet many may apostatize. Cited a number of cases in which those in high positions had fallen through their boasting, and feeling that they had very great abilities. Humility is the only safe platform upon which to stand. This is not our church; it is the Lord's, and will remain so forever.

At 10 a. m., Monday the 8th, inst. Brother J. G. Kimball spoke at length on the necessity of sustaining and honoring the Priesthood of God. All should become thoroughly conversant with the principles of the Gospel. Since the days of Kirtland the Saints have never had greater trials than the troubles of today. Many are questioning and finding fault with those whom the Lord has

chosen to lead this people. This is a most dangerous condition. He exhorted the Seventies and Elders to be prepared to teach the Gospel to their families, neighbors, and the whole world. Let us repent and shun hypocrisy.

Brother Anthon H. Lund occupied the remainder of the meeting in urging all to cultivate a spirit of meekness and humility. Jesus says that the meek shall inherit the earth.

On Monday at 2 p. m.—Elder O. J. Anderson presented the general and stake authorities who were unanimously sustained.

Stake counselors Orange Seely and William Howard both made appropriate remarks on the duties of Latter-day Saints.

Brother Lyman then gave some very interesting and fatherly counsel to the Saints.

Conference adjourned for three-month's to meet in Huntington.

The songs of Zion were rendered by the choirs of Price and Spring Glen, under the able leadership of Samuel Cox.

A. E. WALL, Clerk.

A STORY OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

Mr. A. T. Story vouches for the truth of the following incident of the Queen's childhood, which he narrates in the London Quiver. She was at the time but seven or eight years of age, and her heart was set on a certain doll which she had seen in a shop window. She had to wait, however, until she could save the price, six shillings, out of her pocket-money. At last the day came and the coveted doll was paid for and received. The story proceeds as follows:

"And now, with the precious treasure upon her arm, the little lady bade the shopkeeper good-afternoon, and was about to step from the door, when a poor, miserable-looking object of a man met her eye. He was standing but a couple of feet away, and seemed as though he was going to speak to her, attracted doubtless by the innocent kindness of her expression, and the tenderness of her blue eyes. But though his lips moved, no sound came from them.

"He stood aside to let her pass—a mute agonized appeal in his sunken cheeks and quivering chin.

"Did you wish to speak to me?" asked the little lady, staying her steps.

"Encouraged by her winning voice, the poor tramp—for such he was—said, in trembling accents:

"I am very hungry. I would not ask for help if I were not ready to sink with hunger."

"He looked famine from his eyes.

"I am so sorry; I have no money or else—"

"His lips trembled forth a humble 'thank you lady,' then he shuffled on his way, hunger impetuous.

"Stay!" murmured the little owner of the new doll. There was a quiver in her childish voice and a moisture in her eyes as she spoke. "Wait a minute please."

"She stepped back into the shop, approached the lady behind the counter, and said:

"Oh, please, do you mind taking the doll back and keeping it for me a few days longer?"

"Certainly I will," replied the shopkeeper; "and you wish me to return you the money?"