

CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCH.

ONEIDA STAKE.

FRANKLIN, Idaho, Oct. 25, 1893.—Minutes of quarterly conference of the Oneida Stake of Zion held at Oxford October 22 and 23. The meeting opened at 10:45 a. m. on the 22nd, President George O. Parkinson presiding. There were present on the stand, President Joseph F. Smith, Elders Francis M. Lyman and Mariner W. Merrill, of the council of Apostles, and Elder Christian D. Fjeldsted, of the first council of Seventies, Elder Solomon H. Hale and Matthias F. Cowley, of the Stake presidency, Governor Wm. J. McConnell, of Idaho, and Elder John E. Dalley, principal of the Oneida Stake academy.

The discourses and remarks of the brethren were of an excellent character. The leading topics were education, home industry, cultivation of the soil, and love for our fellow man.

President Parkinson reported the Stake as being in a very fair condition. Much public work had been done in the last year in the way of new meeting houses and other improvements. The Stake academy was not yet complete, the work having been greatly retarded owing to the depression of the times, felt that the people deserved great praise for their liberality and good works, and encouraged them to continue faithful.

For some days previous to and during our conference Governor McConnell has been visiting this part of the state, and kindly consented to be in attendance and speak at our conference. His business here was in the interest of irrigation. He was well pleased with this part of the country and, during his speech, advised our people to secure the land and build canals and reservoirs and establish a right to the water, and not allow foreign capitalists to come in and do it instead. He also advised the people to be self-sustaining and to encourage home industry; recommended the cultivation of hops as a means of employment which would bring cash returns for our labor. He was very much interested in the young people and took special pains to meet with them and give good, fatherly advice. In all we were greatly pleased with him and he with our people. Especially was he pleased with the discourses of the brethren.

Our conference was one among the choice ones. Strong testimonies were borne and the spirit of God was made manifest throughout.

The Oxford and Pocatello choirs furnished us with some very good singing, for which we extend our thanks.

The weather was moderately fair, which added to the success of our conference. CHAS. D. GOASLIND, Clerk.

BOX ELDER STAKE.

The quarterly conference of Box Elder Stake was held in the Brigham City Tabernacle, October 22nd and 23rd, 1893. There were present on the stand the first day Elder Lorenzo Snow of the Council of the Apostles, Seymour B. Young of the first Council of the Seventies, the Stake Presi-

dency, the High Council, and the Bishops of the various wards in the Stake.

At the morning session President Rudger Clawson said he was pleased to witness so large a congregation, as it indicated that the people were interested in the principles of the Gospel. He believed all the people in the Stake were comfortably provided for so far as the necessities of life were concerned. As a rule the people are free from debt and have but little trouble about property matters. He desired that his influence always should be used in the interests of the Church of God, in exhorting the Saints to keep His commandments. Most of the Saints paid liberal tithes and offerings; still there were some who wholly neglect this. Advised the people not to spend the coming winter in idleness, for there was a field of reflection and labor for all.

Elder Seymour B. Young compared the gloomy historical events connected with the Saints in Jackson, Mo., in the thirties, with the comfortable condition and bright prospects of the present time. He was pleased to know the people of the nation were learning the true status of the Latter-day Saints, that the prejudices and the bitterness against the Saints are dying out and that the prayer delivered at the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple has been answered. The missions in the South, East, North, and West of this nation are in prosperous conditions, and at our last conference it was mentioned that we would soon send missionaries to Japan, China, and France.

At 2 p. m. the general Church authorities and the authorities of the Box Elder Stake were presented to the conference and sustained by unanimous vote; the statistical report of the stake was also read.

Elder Seymour B. Young related a vision received by President Woodruff about forty years ago, regarding the opening and dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. He spoke at length on the care of the poor; advised every family to observe Fast day and make their regular contributions for the poor on that day; that all might be comfortably provided for.

Elder Lorenzo Snow said there was a wonderful change in the feelings of the people of this nation in relation to the Latter-day Saints. We may believe that all trouble has been removed from us, yet we should feel more devoted to our religion, for it is possible that the dark clouds which seem to be dispersed will be gathered again. We came here to engage in the work of the Lord—to help Jesus in the redemption of the human family. There was never a greater opportunity for doing something in the interest of God's work than at the present time. Hundreds are passing through the Salt Lake Temple and there is room for more. It is hoped the Saints will take more interest in the redemption of their dead.

On the morning of October 23rd, Bishop A. Goodhife, of Snowville, said his ward was better off than ever, notwithstanding the financial

stringency. These times are nothing compared with what the Saints passed through in 1856. We should not feel self important, but trust in God in all our works in His ministry.

Elder Charles Kelly spoke of the destructive influence Satan is working among the children of men by seeking to have erroneous doctrines spread among the Saints and placing wrong constructions upon the instructions given at public meetings. Explained how doubtful questions could be brought properly before the people by getting the counsel of those higher in authority.

Elder B. F. Cook said he had labored as a home missionary in the western part of the Stake for nearly four years with marked success.

Bishops Thomas Harper, of the North ward, and A. Zundel, of Willard ward, reported their respective wards as being in a prosperous condition. The people felt to sympathize with one another when sorrow and trouble overtook them.

Elder Crandell Dunn gave a few words of advice to the Saints, calling attention to the fact that the spirit of contention is not of God.

In the afternoon meeting Elder A. Madsen, of the Stake presidency, complimented Bro. Lee and the members of his choir for their excellent singing. Referred to the subject of tithing as being a law that should be observed by the Saints. It is a principle of sacrifice, but by sacrifice we train our faith and obtain heavenly graces. The bishops should see that proper and complete records of all the members are kept in their wards, and also of the quorums of the lesser Priesthood.

Elder Lorenzo Snow said the financial condition of the Church was very unsatisfactory at the present time. This had been brought about partly by so much of our property being escheated to the United States. Referred to the bill pending in Congress for the restoration of the property to the members of the Church. He gave an extensive explanation of the labors being done in the Salt Lake Temple.

The weather during the entire conference was delightful, and all the meetings were crowded.

NELS JENSEN, Clerk.

TOOELE STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Tooele Stake of Zion convened in Tooele city, Oct. 22nd and 23rd, 1893.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—Elder Gowans briefly reported the condition of the stake; each ward had been visited by the Presidency during the past quarter. He was pleased to note an improvement in the faith of the Saints with corresponding good works. The bishopric of the respective wards and the High Council of the Stake were united with the Presidency, and their labors were harmonious in the varied interests of the wards and Stake.

Bishops T. Atkin of Tooele, Wm. F. Moss of East Tooele, F. D. St. George of Clover, and Jno. C. Shields of Lakeview reported their wards favorably—peace and good will prevail and a disposition is manifested to live to the requirements of the Gospel.

Elder C. L. Anderson of the Stake presidency corroborated the report made by Elder Gowans and made a few timely remarks upon utilizing