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WONDERFUL PROGRESS

small Beginning of Latter-day Work-Its Remarkable Growth - Evidences of Divine Guidance-An Invidual Work - A Land of Zion Indeed to the Pure in Heart-Messengers of Peace.

ters, a deep interest in your faith and prayers, for I know that I must be inmired by the Spirit of the Lord in order to make it profitable for you or myself. I am very glad for this opportunity, and the privilege we have this morning of meeting together is one that we should all appreciate very highly. The condition in which we find ourselves today should cause every heart to rejoice, and we should concentrate our minds on the bosiness of this conference, and lift our hearts to God, that we may have the influence of His Spirit to guide us and to give us that measure of con-solation and joy that we are entitled to

here. SMALL BEGINNINGS.

I testify to you, my brethren and sis-ters, that this is the work of the Lord. Notwithstanding the efforts of the power of evil that has always been power of against the Latter-day Saints, wonder-ful progress has been made, even from ful progress has been made, even from the beginning of the organization of the Church. It is true, this work had a very small commencement. If you re-member, my brethren and sisters, the testimony of one man was against the unbelief of the entire world. The power of the Lord was made manifest through might tell the world the truth, that he if their darkness, their unit tell them of their darkness, their unbelief, and their lack of faith. Ere long the Lord revealed more light and knowledge to this individual and he in turn was given the power to convince others of the wonderful message that he had re-ceived from the Lord, while they in their turn convinced others. Thus the work began to spread and grow, and the vell of darkness which had so long enveloped the minds of mankind began to lift. There was a rift in the clouds; and where it had been dark before for long centuries, so far as the truths of long centuries, so far as the truths of the eventasting Gospel were con-cerned, the daydawn of light and truth began to appear. By and by quorums of the holy Priesthood began to be organized, and the authority to preach and administer the ordinances of the Gospel became extended. And so, through the efforts and integrity of this one man whom the Lord had chosen, together with those who had accepted his message, the work commenced to his message, the work commenced to spread in the land, until finally a Stake of Zion was organized, and then a High Council. Over that first High Council of the Church the Prophet Joseph and his councelors presided. Then an or-ganization was effected in Jackson county, Missouri. After the Saints were chart of the theory of the the sector driven from their homes in that part of the land, there was a call by the Prophet Joseph for a company of the brethren to go with him to Missouri from Kirtland, to bring relief to those who had been despoiled of their homes. In the spring of 1834 this company was organized into what was known as Zion's Camp, at a little town called Portage. Now, these brethren consti-tuting Zion's Camp were but a small host compared with their enemies, for they numbered only 150 souls; but they were the principal men of the Church in that day. Great good was accomplished by the journey of this band of brethren. They marched about 2,000 miles to and from Missouri. In the following spring -1825-the Prophet Joseph received a revelation in regard to the organization of the Twelve and the first quorums of Seventy, and the Lord revealed to him that he was to honor these men who had been in Zion's Camp, and place them in responsible positions in the organization of these quorums. WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THE in the world. We desire a reign of peace, light and truth. We should, therefore, set an example to our child-WORK. It is probably a matter of surprise to people who are less observant than the Latter-day Saints that such wonneighbor's children, and to all with whom we come in contact, that men sceeing our good works may glorify our derful progress has been made by this people in their organizations since that time. It was remarkable, too, the amount of intelligence in regard to the principles of life and salvation that was given to be Provided to the Father who is in heaven, that thereby we may bring honor and glory to His name and salvation to ourselves and given to the Prophet Joseph and those immediately associated with him. But day that the Gospel is true, and that Joseph Smith was and is a Prophet of the living God. He is the great Prophet, But we must remember that he devoted his life and his talents to the work of the Lord. He never was found in any way doubting the word of the Lord, but was President and leader of the Gospel dis-pensation of the fulness of all times. And those who have followed him in the prophetic ministry have been men lways ready to receive counsel from Him, and to ask counsel. His heart was open to the intelligence which the Lord was continually giving to him. Thus he became great, he became learned, and he became a powerful prophet, seer and revelator unto the of God, prophets divinely inspired; and we have Prophets and Apostles today, divinely inspired, to lead the Latter-day Saints. May we walk in the light as they are in the light, is my prayer Although some of his breth-were chosen with him in the in the name of Jesus. Amen. ten who beginning, forgot their high calling and turned to unbelief and darkness, the Prophet Joseph's mind was always lit up by the wisdom and revelations of the Lord, and he was in truth a prophet unto the people all the time. EVIDENCES OF DIVINE GUIDANCE. our Father in heaven may forgive us our Father in neaven may regive as and justify us in the last day. I feel to thank the Lord that you have paid your tithing in accordance with the word of the Lord to His Prophet, and In the organization of the quorums of the holy Priesthood we see evidence of the divine will of the Father. Perfect order and system has always charthe covenants you have made with him, and I feel if we will continue to do this, and keep all the commands of God, that the windows of heaven will be open, and we will have blessings acterized the work of the Lord from the beginning. beginning. Today we enjoy great blessings. We are under the divine influence of Prophets of the Lord. From them we them we receive the word of the Lord. This Salt Lake Stake of Zion has grown poured out upon us, that we will not have room to receive them. Brethren, I know this will be a land of Zion unto to such proportions that it has had to divided in order to facilitate the progress of the work. us if we will keep God's command-ments. I know that God lives and that He will reward every man that lives in progress of the work. Two additional Stakes have been formed out of it, and still it is the largest of any Stake of Join that is Zion that is organized. And so the work is growing and spreading. We accordance with his promises to them. Please accept my love and blessings upon you all and remember in your have nearly two thousand Elders in the missionary field, proclaiming the Gos-pel of the Lord Jesus Christ, without hope of earthly reward, but with the hope of receiving, when they return, that welcome plandt, with the plant of and prayers, Your humble servant, JOHN. W. HESS." Elder Jos. H. Grant reported the con-dition of the Davis Stake. The Stake presidency, he said, were united in their labors; the members of the High plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." They go forth trusting in the Lord, leaving their home, and the Lord, leaving their Council were good men and prompt in their duties, meeting together once a month. All organizations in the Stake are in good order. Religion classes had been established in all of the wards in the Stake nomes and loved ones, and all in the interest of the salvation of souls. Our Sunday schools, too, are in a flourishing condition, with an enrollment of up-wards of one hundred thousand officers, tachers and pupils. The Mutuai Im-provement Associations and the other organizations in Zion also seem to be in a prosperous condition. It seems to me the Stake. principle of paying tithes and offerings and the temporal responsibilities that rest on the Latter-day Saints. Elder John W. Taylor read and coma prosperous condition. It seems to me that an era of prosperity and advance-ment such as we have never known be-fore is dawning upon us.

I sincerely ask, my brethern and sis- | President Snow say not long ago that the letter A was the first letter of the alphabet, and that the law of tithing was the letter A to this people at pres-ent. I want to impress upon all our minds that only by keeping the com-mandments of the Lord can we hope to be faithful to the end. We have not kept this law of tithing faithfully in the past, but we hope to do so in the fu-ture; and we hope that this may prepare our hearts for the observance all other laws pertaining to the holy Priesthood, that we may indeed be counted worthy to stand. The Lord has said, if we are faithful in keeping this law this land shall be a land of Zlon unto us. It has been in a measure a land of Zion unto us. Stakes of Zion have been organized in every part of this intermountain region, and they are increasing all the time.

A LAND OF ZION INDEED

While wars, pestilences and plagues are going forth in the nations of the earth, the Latter-day Saints are comparative-ly in peace, and surrounded with the blessings and comforts of life. And this has been indeed a land of Zion unto every Latter-day Saint who has lived the Gospel. I heard President Young say to a number of im-nts who had just come s the plains with ox "Brethren, why have you here?" They replied that they migrants across' teams: ome came here because they wanted to come to Zion. "Do you expect to find Zion here?" said he. They said they did. "Well," said President Young, "I promise you this: If you have brought Zion in your hearts, you will find it here; otherwise you will not find it here." This is the case with all of us, my brethren and sisters. If we have the love of the Gospel, the spirit of Zion, in our own hearts, it will be indeed a land of Zion unto us. We can only do this, however, through our obedience to the principles of the Gospel. Not only dors it become us to observe the law of titaing, but we are required also to observe all other laws, and to keep our covenants with God and with each oth-er. We must attend our fast meetings, our Priesthood meetings, and be diliour Priesthood meetings, and be dili-gent in going to the house of worship whenever an opportunity presents it-self. I behold here today this house nearly filled, but it would be more than filled if all the Latter-day Saints in this Stake of Zion had the spirit in their hearts of going to meeting. This neg-lect is a matter of regret to all who have a realization of the obligations that we owe to our Heavenly Father, because we have promised to keep His commandments, and if we do not go where we can be fed with the bread of life we shall likely be found wanting. life we shall likely be found wanting. If we do not live up to the privileges that are so kindly offered us day by

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Andrew Jenson addressed the conference, speaking on Church history-the keeping of records in wards, Stakes, etc Also of the urgent need of a substantial building for the safe keeping of Church records.

Elder F, M. Lyman endorsed the re-marks of Elder Jenson in regard to the keeping of correct records. Elder Ly-man said that he himself, Elder Claw-son and Elder A. Jenson had been ap-pointed by the General Authoritics of the Church to formulate some plan, whereby there would be a uniformity in the keeping of records in every ward Stake, quorum and organization in the Church, and the setting apart of one day for record day. Elder Lyman dwelt very minutely on the ordinations of officers in the Church, and *whence this authority to ordain was derived. He said there should be no

baptisms, no confirmations, no ordi-nations, no blessing of children without a recorder was present. All official acts should be recorded and that immediate-

Elder Clawson also spoke on the keeping of current records, and of the neglect in many of the wards and Stakes in this regard. He said a record day would be set-a day when all of the records of a ward can be examined, the records of a ward can be examined, the presidency of the Stake to be pres-ent on this day. All quorum records were to be examined and passed upon. On Monday Elder Joel Parrish of the Centerville ward, and Elder Israel Bar-low, of the West Bountiful ward, were present and sustained to be ordained Patriarchs. Joel Parrish was ordained

spiritual and temporal advancement. At the meeting on Monday morning. Brother Lyman continued his instruc-tion; and Brother McMurrin delivered the closing address. the closing address. Monday afternoon the general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, after which the presidency of the Stake gave earnest exhortation and instruction on our dutics, devotional, secular and social. At a meeting of the Seventies, after close of Sunday afternoon service, Elder F. M. Lyman ordained ten High

On Sunday evening a joint conference of Sabbath schools and Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement asso-ciations held a very profitable session. JAMES G. BLEAK, State Clark

Stake Clerk.

Morgan Stake,

The quarterly conference of the Mor-gan Stake of Zion convened in the Stake house, Morgan City, Sunday and Mon-day, March 11th and 12th, 1909. The house was well filled both days

with Saints eager to hear the word of the Lord through His Apostles.

There were present on the stand the Stake presidency, three Patriarchs, the High Council, Bishops of wards, and Elders A. O. Woodruff and Rudger Clawson, of the Council of Apostles. The Spirit of the Lord was enjoyed by both speaker and hearers. The Apos-tles spoke upon tithing, the Word of Wisdom and the duties of man to

Elders Wm. Francis and Jas. Rich. who had recently returned from the missionary field, addressed the confer-ence. They related some of their ex-periences and bore testimony to the

Gospel. Elder Alonzo Sedgwick of Bountiful also addressed the conference. The Stake statistical report was read showing an increase of eighteen souls uring the year 1899.

during the year 1859. The presiding Bishop reported an in-crease of \$2,189.04 in tithing for the Stake in 1859, over that of 1898. According to the reports of the Bishops of wards, the people generally are trying to keep the commandments of Grad

of God. H. K. PORTER, Clerk.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder J. C. Murdock, of Heber City, Wasatch county, called at the "News" office last Monday, having returned from a mission on the 18th of this month. He has been laboring in Milwaukee and other cities of Wisconsin. He states that he is well pleased with his mission, having enjoyed good health and had fair success. He was set apart on the 16th of February, 1898.

Elder George D. Balls, of Hyde Park, Cache county, was also set apart for a mission on the 16th of February, 1898. He has been laboring in Wisconsin, and the last ten months in the city of Mil-waukee. He says the Elders are very much encouraged over the mission there. He returned home on the 18th of this month.

Elder W. H. Rawson, of Kanesville, Weber Co., Utah, was set apart on the 3rd of November, 1897, for missionary labors in the Eastern States. He was assigned to the Northwest Virginia conference, where he performed a suc-cessful mission. He returned home on the 4th of March, 1900.

Elder James Ostermann, of Sandy, Salt Lake Co., was set apart on the 26th of July, 1897, for the German mission. He labored until the 12th of April 1898, in the Berlin conference, and the rest of the time at headquarters, Ham-burg, as the secretary of the mission. He returned home on the 17th of this month. His health, he says, has not been the best all the time, but otherwise he has enjoyed his mission very much by F. M. Lyman and Israel Barlow by Elder George A. Blanthorn, of Grass 'reek, called at the "News" office last Thursday, the 22nd inst. He has been called to perform a mission to Great Britain, and intends leaving for that country on the 24th of this month.



AN INDIVIDUAL WORK.

But we must remember one thing: this is an individual work. Others may this is an individual work. Others may be faithful and attain salvation, but on that will not save us. The Aposties, the Presidents of Stakes, the Bishops, or and all the general and local presiding officers may be faithful, but that will not save anybody but themselves. We all have to work out our own salvation. No man can do the work for another suble he is living. And we must re-silize that although we have a standing in the Church today, it depends upon our faith and faithfulness whether we shall maintain that standing to the end and gain the promised reward. I heard He also spoke of the love of money and told how many of his acquain-tances, through their love of gain and haste to acquire wealth, had gone into speculations, and lost their all. He ex-horted the Saints to keep out of debt. not to mortgage their homes, but to live within their means.

shall not enjoy the Spirit and power of God,

MESSENGERS OF PEACE.

ren, to our children's children, to our

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

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of the Davis Stake, and he cautioned the Saints not to wander from the gifts

Elder Rudger Clawson related some

of his past experiences in the Church. He also spoke of the love of money and told how many of his acquain.

On Monday the general and Stake au-

of God.

Elder Rudger Clawson. There was a large attendance of the Saints during the two days' confer-ence. The East Bountiful choir, under Today, my brethren and sisters, our Elders do not go out with sword, with battleax, nor with musket; the leadership of Prof. E. Thomas. nished excellent singing throughout the but they go as soldiers of the cross, preaching the Gospel of peace and love; Sessions of the conference. Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Centerville. JOHN J. SMITH, Stake Clerk. and we have fond hopes that when they have finished their work they will return unto us in peace and safety. Whereas, if we were compelled to send Snowflake Stake. them forth to fight and to take the lives of their fellowmen, we would be sorrowful in very deed. But the Lord Woodruff, Ariz., March 10, 1900. To the Editor: has promised His people, if they are faithful, that He will fight their bat-

On the 4th of March, 1900, the regular quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake commenced in the town of Snowtles: and I believe He will. He is fighting their battles by giving them flake. power to proclaim the truth to the na-tions of the earth, in order that all The congregations attending the meetings were not as large as upon some former occasions; but an excelmay come to a knowledge of the same, and that war and bloodshed may cease in the world. We desire a reign of lent spirit prevailed throughout, and all seemed well rewarded for attend-

ing. The conference continued two days, hood meeting at which the greatest harmony prevailed. All the Stake presidency attended most of the meet-ings. Elder J. N. Smith, the president, was detained from one meeting on account of sickness.

Among the speakers were four Elders who had recently returned from mis-sions. They delivered powerful discourses upon the first principles of the Gospel. The Sacrament was administered and

the general and local authorities of the Church were sustained by the unani-mous vote of the assembled Saints. The Bishops reported general pros-perity except the effects of a prolonged drouth which prevails in some locali-ties. Respectfully,

Respectfully, L. M. SAVAGE, Clerk. Malad Stake. Portage, Boxelder Co., Utah, March 20, 1900.

To the Editor: The quarterly conference of the Malad Stake of Zion was held at Portage on Sunday and Monday, the 18th and 19th inst. Present and on the stand were Elder A. H. Lund, of the Council of the Apostles; Stake President Oliver C. Hoskins and counselors; also members of the High Council, and Elder Joseph W. McMurrin, of the First Council of Seventics, in the interest of the Y. M. M. I. A. work.

The weather being fine and the roads good, there was a very large turn out. We had very excellent instructions from the visiting brethren. On Saturday night and Sunday night was held the Young Men's conference. The singing was good, being led by Prof. David P. Jones.

THOMAS P. JOHN, Clerk.

St. George Stake.

The March quarterly conferences of St. George Stake began on Saturday, the left inst., by the meeting of the Re-llef societies of the wards; two ses-sions being held that day under the presidency of Sister Ann C. Woodbury and her counselors and her counselors. The Stake Priesthood meeting also

convened on Saturday, at which we had the presence and ministry of Elder had the presence and ministry of Elder Francis M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles. In addition Elder Joseph W. McMurrin, of the First Council of Seventies, attended our regular confer-ence, which began on Sunday forenoon, the 11th inst., and was continued in the afternoon and kept up on Monday, the 12th, ending at 4:30 p. m. The initial meeting of the regular conference, after introductory remarks by Elder McArthur, was addressed by returned missionaries, George Bunker Elder John H. Smith spoke on the mented on the first section in the Doc-trine and Covenants: "Hearken, O ye people of My Church." Elder Taylor also spoke of the many spiritual blessings enjoyed by the Saints

returned missionaries, George Bunker from the Eastern States mission; Fran-cis C. Lee, Jun., from the Southwestern States mission, and Pariey Hunt, from the Southern States mission; each of whom were strong in testimony of the restoration of the Gospel in this, the dispensation of the closper in this, the dispensation of the fulness of times. Sunday afternoon was occupied by Eider McMurrin and Elder Lyman; the first speaker referred to the strong testimonies borne by the young mis-sionaries who had spoken in the morning. Elder Francis " 'yman followed on

thorities were presented and unani-mously sustained, after which Elder

Elder T. T. Taylor, of Juab city, Juab county, was set apart on the 20th of October, 1899, for a mission to Cali-fornia. He left subsequently for that field and was assigned to the Los An-geles conference. Owing to failing health Brother Taylor was released and returned home on the 21st of this month.

Elder Alfred Bennion of Taylorsville, Salt Lake Co., returned home on the 13th of this month from Texas. He has filled a successful mission, in the Lone Star conference. He was set apart on March 3, 1898, and returns in good health, having enjoyed his labors very

Elder T. E. Thurber, of Richfield, Sevier Co., returned home on March 16, from a mission in the Southern States, accompanying Elder J. R. Haw-kins, of Benjamin, Utah Co., who was released from the same mission on account of ill health, after an absence from home of seven months. Elder Thurber was set apart for his mission March 16, 1898, and labored in South Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. The work in each of these fields is progressing satisfactorily. The recent agita-tion has done much to awaken an in-terest in "Mormonism," and conse-quently the Elders have free access to the people.

Elder Joseph T. Derricott, of Libertv, Bear Lake Co., Idaho, has filled a good mission in the Northern States, and returned from that field on the 16th of this month. He labored in the South Indiana conference, which he left, he says, in a prosperous condi-tion. He was set apart on the 20th of October, 1897.

Elder James Anderson, of Fairview, Sanpete Co., was set apart on the 9th of Feb., 1898, to labor as a missionary in the Northern States mission. He was assigned to the South Indiana conference, where he met with good success. He returned home on the 16th of this month.

Elder T. A. Whitby, of Alpine, Utah Co., returned home in company with Elders Derricott and Anderson. He was set apart on the 9th of February. 1898, and labored as a missionary in the South Indiana conference. He re-ports a good work being done there.



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