

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Sanpete Stake of Zion was held in the Ephraim meeting-house on the 14th and 15th of May, 1881.

14th, 10 a. m.

There were present of the General Authorities of the Church, Pres. John Taylor and Joseph F. Smith of the First Presidency. Of the Apostles: W. Woodruff, F. D. Richards and John Henry Smith. Also John Van Cott, George Reynolds, George F. Gibbs, of Salt Lake City, and F. Spencer, President of the Sevier Stake; President Peterson and Counselor Maiben of this Stake, and a large concourse of people were in attendance.

Apostle Woodruff spoke a short time, expressed his pleasure in meeting with the Saints in Conference.

Apostle J. H. Smith exhorted the Saints to look well to their ways, as every man will be judged by his own works and not by the works of another, also to strive to keep the whole law of God.

Elder A. H. Lund read the statistical report of the Stake; also the report of Sunday schools by Stake Superintendent J. B. Maiben.

President Taylor called attention to the number of children over eight years old, not baptized. Said it is the duty of the Stake and branch authorities, and also of the parents, to see that the ordinance of baptism is administered to the children on their arriving at the age of eight years. It is also very necessary that we be particular about the kind of teachers we employ in our Sunday schools; they should be those who have faith in the gospel.

Elder John Van Cott said he believed the Saints would surely be left without excuse because of the much teaching they receive from those who are placed as watchmen over the people. Also the Saints should seek earnestly for the gifts of the gospel.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises, Counselor Maiben read the report of receipts and disbursements of the Manti Temple.

Apostle F. D. Richards addressed the Conference upon the blessings of the Spirit; exhorted the Saints to be faithful in discharging their duties to their children; contrasted the advantage enjoyed by those born among the Latter-day Saints with those among the nations; referred to the responsibilities resting upon parents, and also upon the ruling Priesthood, to administer to them the ordinances of the Gospel.

Elder George Reynolds bore testimony to the truth of the latter-day work, and also that he had the faith and prayers of the Saints in his late trials. Spoke upon the necessity of school superintendents exercising great care in the selection of Sunday school teachers; not to take too much for granted in the matter; related a circumstance which came under his own observation, of a teacher who had served for two years and to his astonishment it transpired that the teacher had no faith in God or his Gospel.

Apostle Wilford Woodruff said one of his own children, a short time ago, had been denied the sacrament in Sunday School because he was over eight years old and had not been baptized. His attention being called to the fact, he took the boy and baptized him. Parents should learn to be particular in these things. Said that the destiny of this Church is outlined in the revelations that have been given, and it is the duty of all to become acquainted therewith.

Singing and benediction.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Called to order by President Peterson.

Singing. Prayer by Apostle F. D. Richards. Singing.

Counselor Maiben presented the general authorities of the Church, all of whom were unanimously sustained. The Stake and local authorities were also sustained unanimously, excepting one dissenting vote cast against a High Counselor. The member casting the opposing vote was required to forthwith take the necessary steps to have the difficulty adjusted.

President Joseph F. Smith gave very valuable instructions upon the manner of conducting business in our conferences; also upon the duties of the Saints, after having voted

in conference, to sustain the authorities, both general and local, to sustain them afterwards by faith, prayers and works. It is the duty of all to promote harmony and peace among the Saints. Said that the most satisfactory way is for parties to settle their own difficulties, or by the help of the Teachers. If difficulties have to be taken before a Bishop's Court or other tribunal in the Church, the decision must of necessity go against one of the parties, and an individual against whom a decision goes, who can say it is just, is the one who could assist in settling his own difficulties. Exhorted the Saints to develop in their lives the fruits of the gospel.

Apostle Woodruff said he had a desire to preach some of the mysteries of the kingdom, one of them was in regard to the likenesses of the Authorities of the Church that had been peddled around among the Saints, many of which he had seen in the houses of the Saints. If the Saints wished to possess the likenesses of Presiding Authorities of the Church, they should purchase those that are true. Also the peddling of fruit trees is a swindle. And with regard to the purchase of imported stock, there is now as good stock in the Territory as much of that which is imported. Related some of the early experience in ministering for the dead. With regard to departing from the path of purity and virtue no man knows the sorrow he is preparing for himself thereby.

Singing and benediction.

1:30 p. m.

President Taylor said we assemble in conference for the purpose of attending to our duties and for instructions. We can do nothing correctly only as we are taught of the Lord. But few of mankind in any age of the world have had a knowledge of God; man early departed from God, and in mercy He destroyed the antediluvian world; God has restored the Holy Priesthood by the hands of those who held it before on the earth, and has given the Holy Ghost which is one of the greatest gifts of God to man. All the Latter-day Saints ought to humble themselves before the Lord and seek the forgiveness of their sins, and strength to enable them to perform their duties. If we would become the richest people on the earth. Don't forget the wives of our missionaries, see that they are sustained, and not as paupers either. Make them comfortable and happy. Some of the people seem to be anxious about the course of President Garfield. I would not bring a railing accusation against the men in authority in the Government, but leave them in the hands of the Lord who has said it is His business to take care of His Saints, as also those who come here professedly to teach us. If they are hungry I would feed them, but not take them into my house to associate with my family. Those of the Saints who send their children to their schools are enemies to God and to their children, and will drink the cup of sorrow to its very dregs. Avail yourselves of the provisions that have been made in the University for the teaching of normal students, in order to have your own teachers. Exhorted the young to keep themselves pure and uncontaminated, and blessed the Presidency of the Stake, also all the grades of the Holy Priesthood, and all the Saints in the name of Jesus.

President Peterson said, the Saints should cease to patronize all kinds of pedlers, do their business through their co-operative stores, wished the Bishops to instruct those who are called to move to other places to sell their property to the brethren, if one or two cannot make the purchase let more join together. Urged the Saints to keep the law of tithing fully from this time on.

Counselor Maiben gave notice of a Sunday School Jubilee at Mount Pleasant, June 30th, also one at Manti July 14, 1881. Conference adjourned to meet at Manti on the 13th day of August, 1881, at 10 a. m. Singing. Benediction by Apostle Woodruff.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

MORGAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

Held at South Morgan, May 14th and 15th, 1881.

Present on the stand: Presidency of the Stake, High Council, Bishops, etc.

Saturday, 10 a. m.

After usual opening ceremonies Elder Robert Hogg, President of High Priests Quorum, spoke on the conflict between righteous principles and our selfish inclinations, until the arrival of Apostle F. M. Lyman; President W. W. Taylor, of the Seventies, and Elder Junius F. Wells, when some of the Bishops verbal reports were given in. Apostle F. M. Lyman concluded the morning exercises by speaking on the susceptibility of our natures to good and evil influences, particularly evil ones; and the many kinds of protection that we could avail ourselves of through our different organizations and their officers.

2 p. m.

President W. G. Smith of this Stake occupied a portion of time in giving a synopsis of its condition, both temporal and spiritual, and for the greater part favorably; exhorted the Latter-day Saints to faithfulness. Our institutions were flourishing and their officers full of integrity. Our tithing, nearly \$2,000 greater than the previous year.

Wm. W. Taylor of the First Seven President of the Seventies, said we wasted time in contending about principles not fully revealed, while neglecting to carry out those which we understand. Decrease in the manifestation of the Spirit was due chiefly to our negligence and abating interest in God's purposes, etc.

Elder Junius F. Wells showed the faulty system of worldly education. Our religious training should fully equal the intellectual and physical and should be independent and well founded. Our strongest and most enduring impressions were those made in youth.

Saturday, 7 p. m.

A meeting of the Seventies was held preparatory to a Stake organization. Good instructions were given by Pres. W. W. Taylor, followed up by wholesome and timely advice by Brother Lyman, applying mostly to those who thought they had nothing or but little to do spiritually.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Opening ceremonies. Stake report read, and other wards reported.

Elder Jno. Seaman said we should understand the gospel ourselves, in order to make it plain to others. The world judged us by our examples, as being the fruit of the gospel tree. True to ourselves, we should be true to all.

Elder Junius F. Wells contrasted the joy of triumphing over our appetites, and the fleeting one of indulging them. Should preserve and give our best vigor and earliest vitality to the service of God. Should pray for and support God's mouth-piece rather than criticize him.

2 p. m.

Sacrament administered. Apostle F. M. Lyman, after giving some instructions in regard to voting, presented the general authorities and Stake presidency, and Pres. S. Francis, Senr., the local authorities all of whom were unanimously sustained. Brother Lyman then spoke on the duties of Teachers of all kinds; they should be adepts in reading human nature and filled with the spirit of God. The greatest saviors among men would obtain the greatest reward. In worshipping God our attention should be undivided. Building houses of worship or of education did not impoverish the people. Obedience resulted in greater good to the governed than to those requiring it.

Benediction by Patriarch Alma Porter.

5 p. m.

A Priesthood meeting was held, during which Apostle F. M. Lyman talked to the acting priesthood, giving much fatherly advice and many valuable instructions and admonitions.

The spirit of God rested mightily upon the speakers and produced an impression that will be lasting upon the hearts of the Saints.

JAS. H. MASON, Clerk of the Stake.

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, Sevier Co., May 22, 1881.

Editor Deseret News: The 15th Quarterly Conference of Sevier Stake has just ended and the Saints on their way homeward regaled with the good instruction imparted during the two days of its continuance from Presidents Spen-

cer, Thurber and Seegmiller, Bro. Henry Beale, of Saupete Stake Presidency, and others of our home brethren.

There was a full attendance from the now numerous settlements of Sevier Stake. Bishops reported favorably of the condition of their several wards, as to general condition of day and Sunday schools, payment of tithing, the nature, necessity for, extent and effects of obedience to this department of God's economy and purposes. The building of temples, and observance of the holy ordinances thereof, educational interests and objects, the responsibilities which attach to parents to watch over their children's interests, to whose care they should be entrusted for correct moral and intellectual training in the first principles of the gospel. Over 1,300 children under eight years were represented at this conference. Parents are responsible to train them for membership in the Church of Jesus Christ as the children of the Saints, at eight years of age, and lead them on in the paths of virtue, purity and truth. These and kindred subjects were largely dwelt upon by the several speakers in the gift and power of the Holy Ghost.

Pres. Spencer delivered an interesting discourse illustrative of the simple principles of the gospel, and presented in striking contrast with the vagaries of sectarianism. We have had a good conference.

The authorities general and local were presented by the Stake clerk, and were unanimously sustained.

Not less than \$160 was collected for the Manti Temple, of cash donation.

A good feeling was everywhere apparent, both with speakers and congregation, and that peace, harmony and good will may abide, and we be able to stem the adverse element to our happiness and prosperity, which almost invariably accompanies railroading, now on our border, is the wish of the majority in these parts, as also the welfare and general prosperity of the various Stakes of Zion.

Respectfully, WM. MORRISON, Stake Clerk.

Correspondence.

LOGAN, May 16, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

The Saints of Cache Valley Stake of Zion have been greatly blessed and strengthened in their faith, through the teachings and instructions of the First Presidency and brethren of the Twelve, during our recent quarterly Conference, as also in their visits among the settlements of this valley.

Immediately after the adjournment of our Conference on Sunday, President Taylor and Counselors, accompanied by President Woodruff and President W. B. Preston, proceeded to Hyde Park and held meeting at that place in the evening, tarrying there until the following morning, when the party started northward and held meetings at Smithfield, Richmond and Franklin, returning to Mendon on Tuesday evening, May 8th, and held meeting at which place they were joined by Apostles L. Snow, F. D. Richards and Brigham Young, and Counselor C. O. Card, who, in the meantime, had started south from Logan at the same time the other party started north, and held meetings at Providence, Millville, Hyrum, Paradise and Wellsville.

On Wednesday, May 4th, the First Presidency, President Woodruff and Apostle F. D. Richards took train from Mendon for their homes, Apostles Snow and Young remaining, who, in company with President Preston and Elder Thos. H. Merrill, son of Counselor M. W. Merrill, drove to Benson and held meeting at 11 a. m. Afterwards proceeded northward on the west side of Bear River; they held meetings at Newton, Clarkston, Trenton, Weston, Five Mile Creek, Clifton, Oxford and Swan Lake, arriving at Marsh Valley on Sunday, May 8th, at which place they held two meetings.

On Monday the brethren continued their journey northward across mountains toward Soda Springs to Mormon Ward, and there held meeting, after which they proceeded to Mound Valley Ward, on the road to which the party crossed Bear River, which is much swollen at present; they availed themselves of a boat at hand, and detaching their vehicle, placed it on board, swam their horses, crossed the river in safety, arriv-

ing at last named ward held meeting. Afterwards the party held meetings at Mink Creek and Worm Creek, arriving at Franklin and held meeting in the evening. Next morning at 11 a. m., drove to the woolen factory in the vicinity, recently erected and in running order by the co-operative institution of Franklin, S. K. Parkin, superintendent; dedicated it. Elder B. Young uttering the dedicatory prayer. They proceeded to Lewiston and there held meeting at 12 m. After which the party returned to Logan same day, May 10, having held some 30 meetings.

The party, composed of the First Presidency, in connection with the other brethren, were welcomed wherever they went, and the Saints turned out universally and filled up the meeting-houses to overflowing, and received with rejoicing the presence and teaching of the brethren, much good having been done, the Saints appreciating such visits, and all felt blessed and built up through the ministrations of the brethren.

Respectfully, JAS. A. LEISHMAN.

MORGAN, Morgan County, May 17, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Though a subscriber, it is but seldom I find mention of Morgan in your paper. But we are alive, and lively for all that. The health of this place is good at present, though diphtheria still lingers in some parts of this county.

Our spring prospects for a heavy grain crop are the best known for many years. Feed on the hills plentiful Friday, May 6th, we had a sharp frost, injuring our fruit trees, some early garden stuff, lucern, etc. On Tuesday, May 10th, we were visited by a severe hail storm, which damaged cabbage, cauliflower and other tender plants considerably. We have had two heavy rains within a week, and the weather is rather cool for this month.

A majority of the citizens of our county have concluded that the law for the protection of game (as far as its operations here are concerned), is merely a license to Indians; as we have abundant proof to offer, that deer have been slain during the past year or five months, by Indians, to the number of thousands, merely for their hides; the carcasses, or most of them being left to rot where they were skinned.

Very respectfully, JAMES H. MASON.

RICHFIELD, Sevier Co., Utah, May 16, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

We have had a most unexceptionally favorable spring, the frequent showers of rain and the absence of the severe southwest winds that sweep through this valley at this time of the year, and the absence of the late frosts has caused the face of mother earth to smile. The prospect for an abundant harvest of both fruit and grain is flattering, but a much dreaded scourge, the grasshoppers hatching out in immense numbers at different places in this valley, and in places the ground is literally alive with them, they are a cross between the "ironclad" and the native. Some people have become totally discouraged and have not planted any grain. In this place a great number of the young grasshoppers have been destroyed by the system of dry ditching; in the settlement of Elsinore, the settlers have resorted to plowing the hoppers into the ground during the cool and moonlight nights, and have been successful thus far.

A shock of earthquake was felt here last Saturday the 14th inst., at 6 p. m., it lasted for about five or six seconds.

The worthy Bishop of the second ward of this city, Bishop Joseph S. Horne, was the recipient of a pleasant surprise party, on the 39th anniversary of his birthday, on Saturday evening, the 14th inst. A few of his numerous friends assembled at the residence of President W. H. Seegmiller, and from there went in a body to the Bishop's place where a most pleasant evening was passed in social conversation, varied with some speeches, and an essay for the occasion, and an excellent supper. The company dispersed about midnight.

VICTOR.

PROVO, May 22, 1881.

Editor Deseret News: We have a great deal of sickness here of that disease, diphtheria, sev-