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SUMMIT STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of Summit Stake, was held in the bowerly, Coalville, Saturday, Aug. 7th, 1880, at 11 a. m. After the usual opening exercises, President W. W. Cluff said: It would be well to attend to the business part of the conference, so as to give the Twelve as much time as possible to instruct us in our duties.

Elder Peter Anderson, a returned missionary from Norway, related some of his labors, and rejoiced in the privilege of bearing his testimony of the truth to many thousands of his countrymen. He had baptized nearly one hundred persons while on his mission, and had come back with a clear conscience. He exhorted all to come right up to the mark as Latter-day Saints.

Bishop William G. Burton showed the benefits of charity, covering up the little foibles that will leak out occasionally. He made a few remarks on the visit of Col. Thomas L. Kane to Nauvoo, after the driving of the Saints from their homes and their beautiful temple, by the mob of Illinois.

Singing. Benediction.

2 p. m.

Meeting opened in the usual form. Bishops Atwood, of Kamas; Malin, of Rockport; Jones, of Henefer; Marchant, of Peoa; Burton, of Evanston; and Salmon, of Coalville, reported their several Wards as enjoying good health, busy on their farms, with good prospects for crops.

Apostle Joseph F. Smith delivered a discourse touching on the subjects of the proper training of our youth and the force of example; the necessity of building up Zion on the principles of truth, honesty and virtue; the course to be taken by the righteous to obtain that dominion on the earth which has been held by the wicked; the folly of turning over to the control of the "Gentiles" the land, the coal, etc., which God had placed within the reach of his Saints; the benefits of the Utah Eastern Railroad; and the propriety of profiting by past experience.

President Cluff gave out an appointment for a priesthood meeting in the evening.

Singing and benediction.

Sunday, Aug. 8, 10 a. m.

Conference opened with the usual services.

President W. W. Cluff said it afforded him great pleasure to see so many coming from a distance, it showed they were interested in building up the kingdom of God; it is for us to be united in carrying out the designs of our Father in Heaven. We are frail and shortsighted; when we see our children lacked experience, we send them to school to learn to obtain the knowledge we desire them to learn. We are only larger children; we must be obedient, and have a desire to learn and do our duty. What has already been accomplished in these mountains by the Latter-day Saints is a marvel to the people; it has been done by union, and all must continue to work together.

Apostle Joseph F. Smith showed that the plan of life and salvation and the sayings of the prophets could not be comprehended without the Spirit of God. The gift of the Holy Ghost was something greater and higher than the influence of that spirit which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; that all men are free agents and can receive the light or reject it; that the servants of God are not at all times inspired of God, but when they are they do not sin nor err; that there are different spirits in the world, some seeking to deceive, God never deceives; that the rebuke of a friend should be received in kindness; that sin will lead to death and hell; that those who sought to break down the influence of their leaders were traitors, he that hateth his

brother is of the devil; and exhorted to union, fidelity, righteousness and obedience to all that is good.

2 p. m.

Opened with singing and prayer. The sacrament was administered.

Bishops Chester Staley, J. C. Roundy, A. H. Winters, Richard Michel and James Bowns, reported their several wards.

Counselor Ward E. Pack said he had reflected on what he had heard, and found that the more he learned the more he had to learn. It is a good thing we have independence of character, for if we had not we should not have received the gospel, neither should we have been here; each of us has a work to perform for ourselves, and for those who have passed behind the veil, and what we leave undone for others our children who follow us can continue, but we have to obtain our own salvation and exaltation by our own works.

Elder Thomas Bullock presented the general authorities of the church, who were unanimously sustained, as also the authorities of the Stake and the home missionaries.

President W. W. Cluff read a list of donations to the Salt Lake Temple.

The officers of the Y. M. M. I. and Y. L. M. I. Associations were sustained by unanimous vote.

He then spoke of the Stake House and its slow progress.

Elder Alma L. Smith, as treasurer of the missionary fund, reported that he had received from some of the Wards \$85.25 in the past six months.

Conference adjourned for three months. Singing, benediction.

THOMAS BULLOCK,
Clerk of Stake.

Correspondence.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan,
August 8, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

After a short sojourn in Westville, Montcalm County, with President Palmer and others, Elder John Leishman, myself and brother were assigned to the Wisconsin field. We left for our field of labor May 19th, and, after a pleasant trip, arrived safely in Milwaukee, a very pretty and well located city of near 130,000 inhabitants. Our ride across Lake Michigan was indeed a treat, with the full moon a clear sky, a pleasant breeze and a calm sea, the hours seemed unusually short. This being our first out on the waters, I can assure you we much enjoyed it.

From Milwaukee we proceeded to Union Grove, at which place we keep our address. During our stay in Wisconsin, we held five meetings the last being in a church, for the use of which we paid one dollar. The people generally exhibited a very indifferent feeling, both toward us and our principles. Were not at all hospitable, for we had to pay for our board and lodging nearly all the time we were there.

On the 10th of May, Elder Leishman was obliged to return home on account of sickness, with which he has been troubled, more or less, for several years past. My brother's health had also been quite poorly, and he was suffering a great deal with his lungs.

On the 19th of June we left Union Grove, coming via Racine, which, as a manufacturing city, is one of the most important of the State. It has a population of 15,000, is beautifully situated, has a very fine harbor, and, ere long, bids fair to become a great city. Here, it will be remembered, the Fish and Mitchell wagons, the Case mowing and reaping machines are manufactured. At Grand Rapids, Michigan, we were met by President Palmer and Elder Geo. H. Butler, the latter of Ogden City. President Palmer thought it would be well for my brother (Alma P. Spilsbury) to go to Westville, and stay a few weeks with the saints in that vicinity, thinking, perhaps, the rest would do him good; and I was to labor in company with Elder Butler, with whom I am now traveling. My brother's health still failing, he, like Elder Leishman, was, with much regret, compelled to return home.

Elder Butler and I have been laboring in Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon Counties, traveling valise in hand, from place to place, holding meetings wherever we could get houses. We succeed in getting about one house in four, after walking from one to five miles to see the board of trustees, have to

get the consent of two, and even then, if the third strongly protests, we do not get it. And again, having got the consent of the board, we have been told by them we would have to consult the school teacher, and perchance he or she objects, all our former labor is for naught. Have more or less opposition in all parts, and have many very unpleasant things things to meet; still we do not care for this if we can accomplish any good.

Three in Ottawa Co. have applied for baptism, a mother and daughter are two who are convinced of the divinity of our mission. The husband told Elder Butler that if we baptized his wife and daughter he would shoot us. The third is the daughter of a man—I cannot call him a gentleman—who ordered us, like dogs, off his premises. He also whipped his daughter inhumanly for coming to our meetings. Another man up in Muskegon Co., while on our last out, abused us and our principles in a shameful manner. He said we were the most deceitful, corrupt and licentious people on the face of the whole earth. Also, that we were out here for nothing else than to deceive the people by lying to them to get them to come out to Utah, where the "Mormons" would "bilk" them out of everything they had. Finding to his astonishment that he could not make our "angry passions" rise, he turned right around and treated us splendidly. He could not do enough for us. One example out of many where patience and a kind word have turned away wrath.

Such are a few of the ups and downs of these two young Mormon Elders, aged respectively 20 and 21. I expect soon to start to England, as I was called to that part last conference, but, however, before my name was reached, the list for England was filled, and not wishing to disappoint me they set me apart to labor in the United States until such time as other missionaries were called to cross the "briny deep," when I would be included in their number. I lately received word from Elder E. Snow to the effect that I was to prepare to go to England just as soon as I could receive the necessary means to take me there.

The DESERET NEWS is always very acceptable and after reading I give it to some of my friends, and it is handed from friend to friend until it is completely worn out.

With kindest regards to all the Saints, I remain your brother in the gospel of Christ.

DAVID SPILSBURY.

News from New Zealand.

Editors Deseret News:

Since I last wrote to you many changes have taken place in the New Zealand mission. On the 2nd of June, Elder T. A. Shreeve left with twenty-three souls for Zion, in company with Elder F. May and a few saints from Australia. The mail previous to that Elder N. J. Gronlund returned home on account of ill health. In consequence of so many leaving us, we have had to reorganize. Of the Christ Church branch, Elder Peter Nordstrand is now President, with Ola Larson first Counselor, and Priest William Knight second. Our sisters in the above branch have done remarkably well in the Relief Society, they have not only created a spirit of love and union, but they have helped with their means to clothe the Elders, and send the gospel to the honest people of these Islands. They are also watching the sick and the needy. Sister Larson is President, Councilors Sisters Nordstrand and Doak. Up till the 8th of July, I had been very anxiously waiting for intelligence of other Elders being called to assist us. The hall in Christ Church was well filled every Sunday, and invitations continually coming from some dozen towns to go and preach to them. I decided to leave this part of the vineyard—the local brethren in charge—I accordingly left on the evening of the 5th of this month after blessing and instructing the Saints. I came to Timaru (where I am now staying) by train. It is about 100 miles from Christ Church, found the Saints here with true feeling towards the Kingdom of God, although they had been disappointed in not having an Elder with them for so long a time.

About a year ago I first preached the gospel in this town. Several persons swore that I should never have the chance again. However, I held several good meetings. Shortly a branch was organized. Since then 17 souls have gathered to the

mountains. One John Frith, wife and child will leave by this mail, leaving still in the branch, all told, 30 souls. Last Sunday we held a good meeting in Queen's Hall, after which I sold two copies of Book of Mormon to strangers. To-night we shall reorganize this branch with John Hansen, president, Erasmus Johnson and Charles Petersen, counselors.

I shall stay here till after next Sunday when we expect to have some more good public meetings, then I shall proceed to Oamaru, 80 miles from here, another large seaport town. No elder has ever preached there. I look for some trouble in planting the standard of truth in the midst of that people. I shall travel alone. I then purpose going to the city of Dunedin, still further south. The last time I was there a few accepted the gospel, but no branch was formed because I had to return to the north when Elder Pearce went home. Something seems to tell me that I will have it rather rough in my journeyings this time.

I lately received a letter from Auckland written by Elder John P. Sorenson stating that the branch there was in a prosperous condition. Elder H. Allington writes me from Wellington in a good humble spirit, manifesting a strong desire to disseminate our principles. He once lived in Salt Lake City. Not long since I ordained a young Danish brother (Jens Jensen) and he proceeded to the North Island. The last I heard from him he was in Carterton. He had held meetings, found friends and one brother in the Church. I hope he will accomplish good in the Scandinavian settlements. We have received several good reports from those who have gone from our midst to the land of Deseret.

There has of late been a great deal of excitement over the capture of the Kellogg gang. These desperadoes are not the only ones who have possessed the spirit of murder and plunder in their hearts. There are many of these secret societies in the colonies, which, before long, will cause very serious troubles to the different governments. At the present the political outlook of this country is anything but promising. New Zealand is in debt about £30,000,000, and all the members of parliament are at loggerheads about it. They are trying to impose taxation, against which the people cry out. Hundreds are this winter out of employment. But the worst of all, the corrupting power of sin is spreading on every hand. I often think, if there was one-tenth of the evil in Utah, our enemies would have some reason to talk. As far as I am concerned I would rather be in the valleys of Ephraim with potatoes and salt than in Babylon with all she owns. Nevertheless, I am quite willing to labor here until I am honorably released from my mission. I still hope that we will, before long, have some more good Elders with us.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion, I remain yours in the everlasting gospel,

GEORGE BATT.

Timaru, New Zealand,
July 13th, 1880.

Minutes of the Georgia Conference.

HAYWOOD, Ga.,
August 9, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

On the 7th and 8th instants the annual conference of Georgia convened at this place. There were present seven Utah Elders, namely S. C. Stephens, N. L. Shirliff, E. B. Edlefsen, T. W. Heward, J. B. Keeler, Walter Scott and G. T. Bean, besides several local elders, teachers, etc.

An abundance of the Spirit of God prevailed through the whole of the exercises, and an enjoyable time was had. Timely and appropriate instructions were given by the brethren who spoke, and many of the principles of the gospel were dwelt upon, greatly to the edification of all present. Quite a number of strangers were present at every meeting.

Following is the statistical report of the conference:

There are in Georgia conference at the present date, August 8, 1880, Elders from Utah 7; local elders 10; teachers 4; lay members 62; total of officers and members 83. Baptisms since last conference—July 28, 1879—3; emigrated since July 28, 1879, 16; died 1; excommunicated 4; released to return home (E. B. Edlefsen) 1.

The authorities of the church were

presented and sustained in their respective offices by the faith and prayers of the Saints of this branch. Elder John Morgan was sustained as President of the Southern States mission; and Elder H. G. Boyle was sustained as president in Elder Morgan's absence. Elder S. C. Stephens was sustained as president of the Georgia branch. Elder N. L. Shirliff, T. W. Heward, J. B. Keeler, Walter Scott and G. T. Bean were sustained traveling missionaries.

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