

the afflicted "Mormons," joined the Church, took a prominent part in the defence of Nauvoo and followed the Saints to Winter Quarters. After returning to Nauvoo to settle up his affairs, he came to Utah, reaching this place in 1848, and has ever since occupied a prominent place in the affairs of the Territory and in the hearts of the people.

He was for many years second Counselor to President Brigham Young and at his decease was made a Counselor to the Twelve Apostles. When the Manti Temple was completed he was appointed to take charge as President which position he held until his death.

As Superintendent of Public Works, as a military officer, as Mayor of Salt Lake City, as a member of the Legislature and as an ecclesiastical officer he was eminently successful and won the respect and esteem of all with whom he was associated. He was a man of character, kind, affectionate, cheerful and generous to a fault. He has gone to join the great spirits who laid the foundation of this latter day work and to rest from his labors. Peace be to him, and may God comfort his bereaved family and friends.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

ST. JOHNS.

The quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake of Zion convened at St. Johns on the 8th and 9th of March.

Present on the stand were the Presidency of the Stake, High Counselors and Bishops of wards. Also Bishop John Hunt of Snowflake.

The reports of the Bishops show progress temporally and spiritually. At present the outlook for crops the coming season is better than ever before. A more settled feeling pervades our settlements, and a spirit for solid improvement is manifest.

The principal subjects dwelt upon by the speakers were faith, the power and authority of the Priesthood, and the proper education and training of the young.

The Church School, under the efficient management of Brother J. W. Brown, is becoming a power for good. Good public schools are also running in all our wards in Arizona.

The statistical report was read and the general and Stake authorities were unanimously sustained by the conference.

The societies and associations of the various wards are all in good running order.

A good spirit prevailed in the conference, much valuable instruction was received, and the Saints seem to return to their labors with renewed energy and hope increased.

SAMUEL D. MOORE, Clerk.

ST. GEORGE.

The quarterly conference of the St. George Stake of Zion convened on the 15th and 16th of March, 1891, in the St. George Tabernacle.

There were on the stand Presidents McArthur, Ivins, and Snow, of the Stake Presidency, also Bishop John Booth of Provo, and Elder E. G. Woolley of Salt Lake City, besides several of the High Council.

Conference opened Sunday morning, at 10 a. m., with singing and prayer.

President McArthur remarked that he, together with his Counselors, had visited all the settlements in the Stake except three; found the people feeling well in the Gospel, but having considerable sickness among them.

Elder E. G. Woolley remarked that it gave him considerable pleasure to meet with the people of this Stake, after an absence of three years, but could not say he was pleased in being called upon to speak. Thought the people in this part of the country, enjoyed themselves about as well as any he knew. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Bishop Robert Knell, of Pinto Ward, reported his ward in a prosperous condition with the exception of the different associations, which were not doing well owing to so many being away from home.

President McArthur read the 21st section of the Doctrine and Covenants and commented upon the doctrines and principles therein contained; rehearsing the duties of the officers and members of the Church.

Recess till 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—Opened by singing and prayer. Sacrament was administered by the Bishopric of the First Ward, St. George.

Elder John L. Smith spoke a short time on his experience as a missionary in Europe. Bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel and that Joseph Smith and his successors were prophets of God.

Bishop John Booth, of Provo, read from the 3rd chapter of Amos, 7th verse: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets." He quoted several passages from the Bible, Doctrine and Covenants, and Book of Mormon. Commented upon and gave a very interesting and able discourse from them. Choir sang an anthem. Adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Monday morning.—After the opening exercises, President A. W. Ivins read from the seventh chapter of John, and showed from it that the Gospel was the power of God unto salvation, and bore testimony that all might know of the doctrine whether it was of God or whether he spoke of himself, by keeping the commandments of God. He cited the conversion of Paul as an example to show how a man might be made to turn from his wickedness, and serve the Lord. Spoke a short time on education, exhorting all to support the Stake Academy, both by their patronage and means.

Elder D. H. Cannon bore testimony to the truth of the work. Spoke a few moments upon the order of proceedings in Bishops' Courts, and appeals to the High Council. Read the revelation found in Section 68 of the Doctrine and Covenants, also Section 259.

The statistical report of the Stake was read by President A. W. Ivins. The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained by the conference. The Sunday School report was read.

President E. B. Snow thought the things spoken at the conference had been edifying and instructive, and that the words of President McArthur had been realized when he said the Spirit

would divide to all the things they most needed. Believed the Doctrine and Covenants to be the laws of God to the Latter-day Saints, just as much as were the laws written upon the tables of stone, said to have been written by the finger of God. Thought the people in this part of the country should be thankful for the blessings of the Lord the last season. Remarked that notwithstanding the severe losses in the Stake, they had paid \$29,000 tithing against \$23,000 last year.

Elder E. H. Snow said the things we had had at conference had been dictated by the Spirit of God. Spoke to the young at some length, encouraging all to read the Book of Mormon and other good books, to prepare themselves for usefulness.

President McArthur made a few remarks, exhorting all to remember and put in practice the things they had heard.

Choir sang an anthem,

Awake, put on thy strength,

when conference was adjourned for three months. WM. H. IVINS, Clerk.

THE INDIAN PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The War Department is taking advantage of the cessation of hostilities among the Indians of Dakota and has been engaged in gathering authentic information as to the probabilities of another outbreak this spring. A careful investigation has been made by the officers serving as agents at Pine Ridge and Rosebud agencies, and their reports are not altogether reassuring. In substance these officers assert that there need or need not be trouble, just as the government desires. An outbreak can be prevented, or, on the other hand, very little will fan the slumbering feelings of the aborigines into a fierce flame. That is to say, the whole case rests upon the care exercised in the distribution of the appropriations. If the Indians get promptly all that is due them, and there is not too much haggling, there will be peace, but the moment the government attempts to pinch the Dakota tribes, the hitherto friendly Indians, who do not feel very complacent over the late trip to Washington, will, it is predicted, surely revolt. These Indians are at present in a majority in the Dakotas, as most of the hostile chiefs have been taken by a Wild West show for a European trip, and the remaining hostiles are thus short of leaders. They realize perfectly well that the chiefs are not held as hostages, but have gone as a matter of enterprise, and so they would not be necessarily deterred from an outbreak through fear of retaliation on their followers. These absent chiefs, however, are perhaps the worst fighters of the nation.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Charles Arbuckle, the millionaire coffee merchant, is dead. His remains will be cremated in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Arbuckle was 58 years of age. He gained considerable notoriety in a breach of promise suit, in which Miss Clara Campbell of Ironton, Ohio, recovered a verdict of \$45,000. The letters will be remembered, in which Arbuckle was called "Baby Bunting" and Miss Campbell "Bonnie."