

Hinckley, B. S. Hinckley, Orson Martin, A. A. Kimball, F. G. Warrick, Rufus Day.

The general and Stake authorities were presented by Christian Anderson, and unanimously sustained.

The vacancy in the High Council, caused by the death of Christian Hanson, was filled by choosing Alonzo A. Kimball for that position. H. G. Labrum was chosen first counselor to Bishop Bennet of Meadow ward in the place of N. M. Stewart who had left on a mission to Scotland.

The Kanosh choir is the largest in the Stake for the size of the ward, and is fully up to date; showing excellent training by Prof. Pewgh. Besides the regular opening and closing pieces by the choir, the services were interspersed with some fine quartet selections by the Whitaker family of Petersburg.

This was the first Stake conference ever held at Kanosh and seemed to be much appreciated by the people of that ward, who endeavored to do everything possible to make it pleasant for the visitors, and all arrangements for caring for them, and the janitor work at the meetings, showed forethought and system.

#### CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

Fillmore, Utah, Aug. 24, 1898.

#### Alberta Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake was held in the Cardston ward meeting house Sunday and Monday, August 21st and 22nd.

There were present, of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, Elder Abram O. Woodruff; of the presidency of the Stake, Elders Charles O. Card and John A. Woolf; the Bishops of the wards and leading Elders of the Stake; also Sisters Helen W. Woodruff and A. W. McCune from Salt Lake City.

Sunday, Aug. 21st, 10:30 a. m.—After the opening exercises and introductory remarks by Elder Card, the Bishops reported the condition of their wards, showing progress among the Saints, the different organizations of the wards being as complete as possible under the circumstances, and the members generally desirous of doing their part in the labors assigned them.

Elder A. O. Woodruff addressed the congregation, speaking of the necessity and power of unity among the Saints, and of the hand-dealings of the Lord with His people in the past.

Elder H. S. Allen reported the Elders of the Stake as a body of assiduous laborers in the cause, especially in the Sunday schools, spoke of the progress of the religion classes, and the good work done by them. The Sunday schools, as had been reported by the Bishops, were doing an excellent work, and the attendance increasing very fast, there being over five hundred Sabbath school workers in the Stake.

2 p. m.—After the opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, Sister Mary L. Woolf reported the Relief societies of the Stake, as being in good working condition, the members laboring diligently in caring for the poor; ministering to the sick, and laboring for the salvation of their fellow beings. Sister A. W. McCune, from Salt Lake City, in the interests of the Y. L. M. I. A., spoke very impressively against the sin of Sabbath breaking, and upon the necessity of strictly keeping the Word of Wisdom as taught by the Latter-day Saints. She exhorted the sisters to study the principles of the Gospel and prepare themselves for future usefulness.

Elder A. O. Woodruff occupied the remainder of the time, speaking of the liberality begotten in the minds of mankind to their fellow beings, by the Spirit of the Gospel; of the proper course for the Saints to take to be able

to discern the hand-dealings of the Lord with the children of men; counseled the people to guard against being so engrossed in the things of every-day life, as to forget the Lord, and impressed upon parents the necessity of training their children aright, and taking a course to beget confidence between them and their children, by setting examples before them worthy of imitation, especially in keeping the Word of Wisdom.

Monday, Aug. 22, 10 a. m.—After singing, and prayer by Bishop R. Pilling, the Seventies of the Stake, and home missionary labors were reported by their representatives, after which Sister Emily Biglow reported the Primary associations, there being two hundred and twenty-five members in that organization, and a steady increase in numbers, and interest manifest; the organization of a kindergarten recently, being the latest movement, which was having the desired effect.

Addresses were then given by Elders E. Leavitt, and Charles O. Card, the latter especially directing his remarks to those newly arrived in our midst, showing the necessity for those who were Latter-day Saints to unite with the various organizations in our midst, and each one stand in their lot and calling.

Elder A. O. Woodruff followed, speaking of the responsibilities of mothers in the rearing of their children, and of the duties of the Saints in becoming thoroughly versed in the rites and ordinances of the Gospel, and in our prayers and supplications, to speak appropriate to the occasion and circumstances.

Monday, August 22nd, 2 p. m.—Opened by singing, and prayer by Elder J. H. Gold.

Elder H. L. Hinman spoke of various laws of the land in this Dominion, especially for the benefit of those newly arrived in our midst, that they might not be taken unawares.

The general authorities of the Church and the local authorities of the Stake were then presented before the conference and unanimously sustained.

Sister Helen W. Woodruff of Salt Lake City spoke of the necessity of the sisters qualifying themselves for missionary labors, and of the importance of obtaining our Patriarchal blessings, and of striving to walk worthy of the blessing pronounced upon us.

Sister A. W. McCune related some of her missionary experiences in the world, showing that many ways were being opened up for the dissemination of the principles of the Gospel by the servants of the Lord through the inspiration of His Spirit.

Elder A. O. Woodruff bore testimony that the gifts of the Gospel are again restored to the earth; and warned the Saints to be careful in the exercise of those gifts, as the adversary is on the alert to deceive the Saints, and would if possible deceive the very elect. Gave the keys whereby we could detect a visitation from the powers of darkness; quoting from the writings of the Apostle Paul in regard to the various gifts of the Gospel, and their uses, and impressed upon all the necessity of being humble and consistent, and relying upon the Lord; invoking the blessings of heaven upon all.

President Card made the closing remarks.

During the conference the Cardston choir enlivened the meetings with some of their choicest selections.

Notwithstanding the busy season of haying and an abundant harvest, the attendance was unusually large, the house being filled to overflowing, which in connection with the rich outpouring

of the Spirit of the Lord caused a time of interest long to be remembered.

SYLVESTER LOW,  
Stake Clerk.

Cardston, August 23rd, 1898.

#### ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

##### MORNING SESSION.

Stake Superintendent O. C. Ormsby presiding.

The session opened by singing by the schools of When the Rosy Light of Morning. Prayer was offered by Counselor Isaac Smith, after which the schools sang, Welcome Happy Sunday.

Superintendent Ormsby made a few opening remarks welcoming those in attendance, and called attention to the fact that no especial program had been prepared.

Elder George Goddard of the general Sunday school board made a brief address. He stated that it was evident from the prevailing influence that the Spirit of God was present, and predicted the conference. In conclusion he sang, Children, Praise the Lord.

Elder W. H. Apperly, assistant Stake superintendent, next addressed the congregation. He spoke of the responsibilities appertaining to the duties of the Sunday school workers in the various departments, particularly referring to the necessity of instruction by example as well as precept. In treating this phase of the question he laid great stress upon the importance of the strict observance of the Word of Wisdom upon the part of all Sunday school workers.

Members of the Fifth ward Sunday school then sang a kindergarten song.

The roll called, and it was found that all Logan wards with the exception of the Second, were represented, also that representatives from Hyde Park, Greenville and Mendon, were present.

Elder C. D. Fjelsted of the general board next spoke. He expressed his satisfaction at the work which has been and is being accomplished by the Sabbath schools, and encouraged the children to maintain their diligence, that the good work may continue and the standard of efficiency be maintained, as upon them depended the success of the Sunday school work.

The combined schools recited in concert the Articles of Faith, Superintendent Ormsby leading the exercise.

Elder M. F. Cowley of the Council of the Twelve next spoke. During the course of remarks regarding the necessity existing for the leading of exemplary lives by workers in the Sunday school cause, he referred to the bright example of Brother Goddard, and his great influence with the children as a direct example of a life of purity, and a convincing example of the truth of his statements. As to the effect of leading a godly life upon the workers themselves, he called attention to the joy and satisfaction felt and expressed by active missionaries, as compared with the experience of the slothful who remained idle at home. The active worker in God's kingdom not only experiences happiness and self-approval at home, but will receive exaltation above. The speaker gave many excellent instructions to the children regarding honesty, also as to the indispensable necessity of constant prayer upon the part of those who wished to live exalted lives and keep in accord with the true spirit of the Latter-day work. He referred to the work of the seducer, whose number was greater than it should be, and advised the young, in addition to constant prayerfulness, to keep proper hours and company. Tithing and contributions to the Sunday school work were also instructively dwelt upon.