

such a way as to concentrate the sunlight upon the central point of the room. This feature of his Newport palace the millionaire contemplates adding to his California home, so that in winter he and his family may have the advantage of almost tropical heat and sunshine.

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, Utah, Nov. 28, 1896.

The quarterly conference of the Sevier Stake of Zion was held in Richfield Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, 1896. There were present of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Francis M. Lyman and Anthon H. Lund; also the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council, Bishops and Counselors and representative brethren and sisters from various parts of the Stake.

After the usual opening exercises on Saturday morning, President Seegmiller made a brief report of the condition of the Stake, which in general is satisfactory; yet in many respects there is much room for improvement.

Elder Wm. H. Clark of the Stake presidency also addressed the people for a short time, after which the following named wards were reported by their respective Bishops:

Richfield ward Bishop, Theo. Brandley; Elsinore ward Bishop, J. I. Jensen; Joseph ward, Bishop George Charlesworth; Monroe ward, Bishop O. Magleby; Annabella ward, Bishop J. W. Fairbanks; Glenwood ward, Bishop H. H. Balt.

Elder Victor E. Bean of the Stake superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A. reported that organization in fair condition.

Elder F. M. Lyman addressed the conference in relation to mutual improvement work, fast meetings and other matters of interest to the people.

After the opening of the afternoon meeting Elder Joseph S. Horne of the Stake presidency spoke on the subject of keeping holy the Sabbath day, the evil of indulging in swearing and improper language, and the necessity of living pure and virtuous lives.

Reports were then rendered from the Bishops as follows:

Sigurd ward, Bishop John Dastrop; Vermillion ward, Bishop Thomas Gledhill; Salina ward, Bishop James S. Jensen; Redmond ward, Counselor A. P. Anderson; Koonsparem ward, Bishop E. A. Bagley; Burrville ward, Bishop H. Teepler; Maryvale ward, Bishop C. A. Pinney. Elder Anthon H. Lund addressed the conference upon the subject of keeping holy the Sabbath day, attending Sacrament meetings and partaking of the Sacrament worthily, the proper mode of fasting and attending fast meetings; also urged very strongly upon the people the introduction and maintenance of religious classes portraying the good results that would follow therefrom.

At 7 o'clock in the evening a meeting was held. Elder I. J. Stewart spoke a short time, after which Elder F. M. Lyman spoke very forcibly upon the necessity of the people living up to the commandments of God putting away from us stubbornness, selfishness, self-will, and a disposition to find fault with the authorities of the Church. Elder

Lyman said that a careless, indifferent and slipshod way of going along in the Church will condemn every one who does it. He quoted from the sayings of Alma the Prophet, and admonished the people to arouse themselves from their lethargy and indifference, and be diligent and active, as the future welfare and happiness or sorrow and disappointment depended upon their conduct in this life.

Elder Anthon H. Lund testified to the truth of Elder Lyman's remarks; said none of us can afford to procrastinate or put off our repentance until some time in the future, as we know not when death will overtake us and the Lord will require an account of us when we leave this probation.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the Sunday school met in the meeting house and after roll call of the teachers and regular opening exercises, the school was addressed by Elders F. M. Lyman and A. H. Lund. Many valuable instructions were imparted.

During the noon intermission a meeting of the High Priesthood quorum was held, at which Elder Lyman gave instructions as to the proper way of conducting matters pertaining to this quorum of Priesthood. It was also decided that Elder Emil B. Jensen of Richfield ward be sustained as an alternate High Councilor and that Leonard Buttersfield of Sigurd ward be ordained a High Priest; also that Brother Christian Larsen who some years ago was cut off from the Church and recently admitted by baptism should have his former blessings bestowed upon him.

At the afternoon meeting the Sacrament was administered and Patriarch C. N. Smith spoke a short time, referring to the restoration of the Gospel in our day. He urged upon the people to go to with a will and complete our Stake Tabernacle.

Elder Simon Christensen presented the general and Stake authorities, all the voting was unanimous. Elder Emil B. Jensen was sustained as an alternate High Councilor and Patriarch C. N. Smith and Elder John E. Magleby as Stake tabernacle missionaries, to travel in the Stake and preach and solicit means for the completion of our Stake house.

Elder A. H. Lund admonished all to be kind and charitable toward one another and love the Lord above all things; referred to the law of tithing, the building of our Stake tabernacle, sustaining the missionaries and their families, and gave many valuable instructions. He closed by bearing his testimony that the same graces and gifts are bestowed upon the Lord's children in our generation as were enjoyed by the former day Saints.

Elder F. M. Lyman urged very strongly upon the people to go to with a will and finish the Stake tabernacle. He promised that the Lord will abundantly bless us in so doing. In referring to the principle of baptism the speaker said that the Bishops should see to it that the condition required by the Lord in the revelations concerning candidates for baptism are complied with before this ordinance is administered.

The choir sang an anthem and conference was adjourned for three months. Benediction by President William H. Seegmiller.

The Salina choir under the leadership of Prof. Hood furnished the singing. The weather was very favorable and during the Sunday afternoon services a great many were unable to get inside the meeting house. The Spirit of God was poured out on speakers and hearers and all had a time of rejoicing.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Stake Clerk.

A TURKEY DINNER.

The Ladies of the Pleasant Hour club of Sugar House and Forest Dale gave a turkey dinner to the old folks over 70 years resident in their respective wards yesterday, December 1st. The committee in charge called for the old folks early in the day, with closed carriages, and took them to the residence of Mrs. W. C. A. Smoot Jr., where spacious parlors were appropriately decorated for the occasion, and easy chairs, cozy corners and comfort and cheer were provided on every side. It was not long after all had arrived before "ye old" folks were casting about to find out the oldest person present. Sister Jane Cornwall was given the seat of honor, she being in her 95th year. Soon the tables were spread with the steaming turkeys and all the delicacies of the season; and the old folks did justice to the good things present.

After dinner a choice program was rendered, consisting of songs, speeches, recitations and a dance, Scotch hornpipe, by Miss Hood. After the program each person present was presented with a souvenir card in remembrance of the occasion, and the old people were carefully tucked away again in the conveyances and taken home to their own firesides. Each and all, when they said good night, voted it one of the most enjoyable occasions of their lives.

The committee did not forget those who were too feeble to come, and sent them good things from the tables to their own homes.

There were present 23 old folks over 70, the Bishopric of both wards, and many friends. Too much praise cannot be given to the ladies of the club for their kindness in observing a sacred commandment respecting honor to the aged.

Last Saturday Orrin Brown was shot and killed by his partner, John Van Dorn, in a dispute over a mine in the mountains, about eighty miles east of Bakersfield, Cal. Lack of means of communication prevented the news from being received earlier. It appears that Brown and Van Dorn were partners in a mine, and they were working the ore with an arrastra. Brown wanted to fill the arrastra that night and Van Dorn wanted to wait till next morning. A dispute arose over the matter and Brown struck at Van Dorn with a shovel, smashing a jawbone Van Dorn held in his hand. Brown made two more passes at him, and at the second stroke he struck Van Dorn on one of his hands and broke a finger. The third time he struck at him, Van Dorn pulled his pistol and fired at Brown, the shot taking effect in the breast. Brown fell and died about nine hours later.