

Styler, Bishop, a young man who a few years ago came to Utah as a poor, almost friendless boy, but who through opportunities such as the Gospel of Christ only affords the humble and meek, has been appointed to his present position, which he fills with honor. Elders Lars Hansen and Jacob C. Hawley are his counselors.

ANDREW JENSON.

### SNOWFLAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake of Zion was held in Snowflake on Sunday and Monday, May 28th and 29th, 1893. There were present on the stand Elders Jesse N. Smith and L. H. Hatch of the presidency, and members of the High Council.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—The speakers were Elder Jesse N. Smith, L. H. Hatch and J. W. Freeman; all gave an account of their visit to Salt Lake City and the enjoyable time that was had at the dedication of the Temple.

2 p. m.—The Sacrament was administered to the congregation. The time was then occupied by Elders John Hunt, A. Minnerly, G. B. Gardner and F. A. Webb. All spoke of the counsels and instructions given at the dedication of the Temple and the good spirit they enjoy while there.

Monday, 10 a. m.—The speakers were Elders R. Ramsey, W. H. Solomon, John Bushman and M. E. Willis.

2 p. m.—The clerk read the statistical report, also the ward reports, which showed the wards in very fair condition. The wards were all represented except Tuba. The general and local authorities were presented and sustained by vote of the conference.

The rest of the time was occupied by J. H. Frisby, W. J. Flake, H. M. Tanner, J. M. Flake, J. C. Hansen, M. E. Korchner, and J. Fish.

The subject of the dedication of the Temple at Salt Lake City was the main one treated on during the conference. The speakers enjoyed a good spirit, which was shared by the congregation.

There was a priesthood meeting held on Sunday evening at which some business was transacted pertaining to the Stake.

JOSEPH FISH, Clerk.

SNOWFLAKE, May 31, 1893.

On Monday teams began grading on the San Diego and Phoenix Railroad, commencing at the terminus of the Coronado railway. According to the officers of the road, work is not to cease until Yuma is reached, where the Phoenix graders will meet them. Engineer Sanford is at work on the necessary maps and will finish them soon.

James M. Reed, 43 years of age, and his wife Mary, aged 39 years, were drowned on Sunday in an irrigation canal at Bakersfield, Cal. The weather was very hot and Mrs. Reed went in the canal to bathe. She got into a deep place and disappeared in a few minutes. The children noticed her actions and ran to tell their father, who was in a tent near by. He jumped in to save her, but both were drowned. They leave four little children, the oldest eight years of age and the youngest 18 months.

## RELIGIOUS.

### Sunday Services.

Religious exercises were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, June 4th, 1893, Elder Joseph E. Taylor presiding.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join  
In work so pleasant, so divine.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. M. Musser.

The choir and congregation sang:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.

BISHOP ORSON F. WHITNEY

was the speaker. The Latter-day Saints, he said, are spoken of as a peculiar people. One of their peculiarities is that their speakers are expected to rise when called upon and speak without premeditation such things as the Lord may desire to have placed before the people. This does not mean without preparation, for we believe in filling our minds with knowledge of useful things and then rely on the Holy Spirit to bring to our minds that which He chooses. We are also considered an original people. Some of our doctrines are even held to be blasphemous by other men. But we claim to put forth no new teachings. The truths we advocate have been taught again and again by the Lord and His inspired men. The Gospel was formulated from eternity and by it we believe worlds have already been redeemed and glorified till they shine in luster, even as this planet shall do in the due time of the Lord, when it shall have fulfilled its destiny. The Gospel is therefore an old thing indeed and will be in operation throughout the endless ages of the future. God, in the beginning, saw fit to institute laws whereby the spirits surrounding Him might advance towards perfection. He arranged and formulated certain principles whereby the lesser intelligences might progress and become like himself. For this reason the earth was formed, a habitation for such intelligences. Then the question arose who should be sent to be a Savior for the planet about to be formed. One rose and said, send me, and another said, send me. The Lord then selected one and the other became angry and rebelled against the Almighty; which is the origin of the devil and his angels.

Everything arranged, Adam was sent to this world. There was to be a great difference between the privileges of the spirits who were deemed worthy of obtaining bodies through his lineage and those who were unworthy of this privilege. Lucifer belongs to this latter class. He was denied it because of his rebellion, when his plan of salvation through coercion was not accepted. The plan chosen was one which left all men and women their free agency. Hence Lucifer and his angels were doomed to remain spirits, and are now walking up and down the earth, tempting people and seeking to break down the Kingdom of God.

We held that the fall of Adam and Eve was a necessary preliminary to

the plan of redemption. We do not anathematize Father Adam for failing, for we believe that he felt that man might be, and man is that he might have joy. Adam had to believe in God, repent, be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost, and having done so, could rejoice in the redemption accomplished. There have been many dispensations, but whether it be called Mormonism today, Christianity yesterday and something else at another time, it is the same plan of salvation. Enoch had it revealed to him and was glorified thereby. It sounds like a fairy tale today for some men to read of his city being taken up to heaven, and they reject the Scriptures in which it is told. But it would seem that our age is so full of discoveries that it should not be difficult to believe in the possibility of moving part of a world or a whole world by means known to the Almighty.

The speaker referred to the history of Abraham, who was chosen to leave his own country and come to a foreign land, as a preparation for the coming of the Son of Man. The Lord gave him remarkable promises, which were all fulfilled after he had nobly stood the tests to which he was submitted. Jesus Christ, whose atonement wiped away the consequences of Adam's transgression, was the Seed through whom all the nations of the world should be blessed. But the glad tidings of this work had to be proclaimed in the world, and hence the nations have been sprinkled with the blood of Abraham for a wise purpose, making what seemed to be a curse a wonderful blessing; a seeming defeat, a signal victory. Even Christ, when put to death, was by many thought to have failed, although He had told them that He had to die and rise again. It was first after He had shown Himself after His death and demonstrated that He had all power in heaven and on earth that His people understood that by a seeming calamity a great victory was achieved. "Go ye," He said, "into all the world and preach the Gospel to every nation; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." This Gospel was the same that had been preached to Adam by the angel of God; the same which Enoch obeyed and by which his city was translated into glory. It was the same which enabled Moses to speak to God face to face, but which the people at that time could not endure, wherefore it was taken away for a future time, which came when Jesus appeared. The Saints believe that they are the children of Abraham and that the Lord has revealed the same old Gospel to be preached to all men as a preparation for the inauguration of the grandest dispensation of all. Joseph Smith was one of the noble spirits set apart for this work. This is why we have assembled here and why there will always be a people found willing to go where the Lord sends them to gather the scattered sheep of Israel. Our mission is one of peace and good will to all men. Soon the grandest event of the world will happen, when the heavens shall burst and the Lord be revealed. For this we wish to prepare ourselves and all mankind.

The choir sang the anthem, "God of Israel, hear our prayer."

Benediction by Elder John Henry Smith.