

guard their virtue, keep themselves clean, walk in the light of the Gospel and plead with God for His Spirit.

In the evening a Priesthood meeting was held, which was well attended by the sisters, who were present by special invitation. Elder Teasdale addressed the meeting on the various callings in the Holy Priesthood, and the duties callings and powers of the various offices of the Priesthood.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Sunday school session conference convened. After the usual opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, Elder George Teasdale explained and illustrated the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, the fifth commandment and the blessing of the Sacrament. He recited a poem composed by Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith, In Our Lovely Deseret, the school repeating in concert after him, and as the sang verse by verse he explained the same and showed the beauty of thought expressed. He exhorted the children to be loving and affectionate, prayerful and humble, and obedient to the will of the heavenly Father in all things.

Elder Gearsen S. Bastian of the Stake presidency, was the first speaker of the regular session Sunday morning. He spoke briefly upon existing conditions, and said it is time the Latter-day Saints should awake from their sleepy condition, put on the whole armour of righteousness and be valiant in the cause of truth.

Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn was the next speaker.

Elder George Teasdale then spoke briefly upon the apostasy from the Gospel and the restoration.

At the afternoon session, Elder Jos. Eckersley presented the general and local authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote. Elder Benj. F. Brown was sustained a member of the High Council; Elder Thomas Blackburn was sustained Bishop of the Loa ward, with Michael Hansen and Jacob S. Bastian as his counselors.

Elder Thomas Blackburn addressed the congregation. Others speakers were Bishop Benj. F. Brown, Elders Parley M. Grigg, Ephraim Blackburn, and George Teasdale. The latter emphasized the fact that without revelation and an abiding testimony that Jesus is the Christ, and we are reconciled to God, and are one with Him, we cannot attain to eternal life. He briefly reviewed the life, character and mission of Jesus Christ. He exhorted the Saints to keep in touch with the workings of the Church. Every family of the Saints, he said, should read the "Deseret News" and Juvenile Instructor. We should learn our duty and do it in every respect.

Elder Willis E. Robison said he only voiced the sentiments of all present when he said God had been with us and poured out His Spirit in rich abundance. He hoped that in the future providences of God Elder Teasdale would again visit the Saints.

The anthem, Therefore Awake O Jerusalem, was sung by the choir, and Elder George Teasdale pronounced the benediction.

In the evening Elder George Teasdale journeyed to Fremont and preached to a crowded house.

All the meetings of conference were well attended. The weather was warm and pleasant, and the Spirit of the Lord rested mightily upon the speakers.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,  
Stake Clerk.

### MISSIONARY WORK IN MONTANA.

A council meeting was called by our late president, Elder F. S. Bramwell, January 14, 1898, at Anaconda, to which all Elders were called from their different fields of labor to give in their respective reports and decide the best

method of conducting the missionary labors in the state of Montana.

Heretofore this mission has been under the supervision of the Bannock Stake presidency, and the missionaries have been supplied from that Stake. At the last conference in Rexburg it was decided to sever this mission from said Stake.

At our council meeting important business was transacted for the furtherance of the mission. The old fields were marked into conferences, namely: The Anaconda conference, embracing Granite and the southern half of Deer Lodge counties, with Elder C. R. J. Harris as president; the Butte conference, embracing Silver Bow and Beaver Head counties, with Elder C. J. Black as president; The Missoula conference, embracing Ravalli and the southern portion of Missoula counties, with Elder William Hill, who has recently returned from a mission to the Eastern States as president; the Sheridan conference, embracing Maddison and the southern portion of Jefferson counties, with Elder W. G. Paul as president.

Those fields have all been worked to a limited extent. On account of a lack of Elders, the work has been confined to a very small portion of the state.

The reports from the different Elders were very gratifying. A branch has been recently organized in Butte city with a membership of thirty-five Saints, by Elders Bramwell, Harris, William Thornby and H. S. Jackson. Other fields have just recently been opened. The Elders are treated hospitably. A number of local Elders were called to assist in spreading the Gospel when not otherwise engaged, as we feel that much help can be received from this source.

A proposition was made that the Saints pay in a small fund each month for the purpose of buying tracts, paying for the rent of the halls and to assist in various ways in the mission field. This will be generously responded to, as they express a desire to see a spread of the Gospel.

A mission house has been established with headquarters at Anaconda. A number of new Elders returned from Idaho with Elder Bramwell, namely, W. G. Paul, Erastus Jensen, William Ricks, J. L. Stoddard and William Hill. All were very encouraged by the reports from the different fields.

Your paper will be a welcome visitor at our fireside.

H. S. JACKSON, Clerk.

### ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

Cardston, Alberta, N.W.T., Canada.

February 26, 1898.

The regular quarterly conference of this, the Alberta Stake, was held Saturday and Sunday, February 19th and 20th, 1898.

Present on the stand, the presidency and local authorities of the Stake.

On Saturday after the opening services in the forenoon, the members of the High Council addressed the conference upon the practical duties of the Saints in every-day life.

In the afternoon Elder Card made the opening remarks, after which the Bishops of the different wards spoke on various topics of interest to the Saints, impressing upon all the necessity of continued diligence in the work of the Lord.

The Relief societies of the Stake, and also the Primary associations were reported by their representatives, showing a lively interest manifest among the members, in the duties devolving upon them.

Elder William Wood then addressed the Saints upon the necessity of so living as to be prepared for the mind and will of the Lord, as it shall be made known unto us, and impressed upon parents the duty of teaching their children the moral law, that they might better resist the temptations to evil

surrounding them, and qualify themselves for the responsibility of life.

In the evening the corps of special missionaries called to labor in the interests of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations of the Stake, gave a report of their labors for the past three months, showing a beneficial result of the same to the different associations, both in numbers and diligence.

On Sunday an outline of the increase of population during the past year of this Stake was given; also the marked increase in the payment of tithes and offerings.

The members of the High Council, presidency of the High Priests' quorum and four Elders were then sustained by unanimous vote as home missionaries in the Stake for the next three months, after which a number of the leading Elders and sisters were called upon, whose teachings were timely.

The weather being rather severe the attendance was not as large as usual, but the Spirit and teachings were much enjoyed by all present.

SYLVESTER LOW,  
Stake Clerk.

### A HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Gum Springs, Rusk Co., Tex.,

Feb. 14, 1898.

Elder John J. Gallacher of Salt Lake City, traveling in the Indian Territory mission, now in Rusk county, Texas, was honored by a beautiful birthday dinner served at Mr. and Mrs. David Hoskins, whose home is ever open to the Elders. Elders Gallacher and Newman, from Prospect, Idaho, have been laboring in Rusk county for about three months. During this time they have succeeded in making very many warm friends and investigators.

Elder Hyrum Andrus of the Lone Star conference, and Elder R. J. Harding of Malad, Idaho, who are traveling as "meteoric Elders," called on Elders Gallacher and Newman Friday, Feb. 12th, and exchanged a merry shake of the hand and a hearty "God bless you." Elder Gallacher led us to a friend's place where a meeting had been appointed. We were all welcomed in and after supper preparations for meeting were made. Elders Andrus and Gallacher were the speakers. The following evening was spent in a similar manner, but Elders Harding and Andrus were the speakers. Sunday we were invited to occupy the Baptist church. At 11 o'clock the house was packed. Elder Andrus presided and introduced Elder Harding, who occupied the forenoon and presented the subjects of faith and repentance.

In the afternoon Elder Newman was the first speaker, followed by Elder Andrus, who followed up the remarks of the forenoon services and presented the subject of baptism.

In the evening Elder Gallacher took up the subject of the Holy Ghost, showing the necessity of being born of the Spirit as well as of water. Elder Harding spoke on the same subject and particularly on the powers of the Holy Ghost.

After meeting we were preparing to take our departure, when Elder Gallacher announced it was his birthday on the morrow, and insisted that we should not leave until after that day.

On leaving here Elders Andrus and Harding will visit Elders in the adjoining counties. At present there are 17 Elders laboring in the Lone Star conference, Elders Jardine and Workman in Shelby county, Anderson and Coleman in Panola county, Young and Dean in Cherokee county, Hansen and Hansen in Smith county, Ash and Billingsley in Henderson county, Gallacher and Newman in Rusk county, and Elders Harris and Lee in Caldwell