

reported the general condition of the Stake as found by the visits of the presidency, by members of the High Council or by home missionaries. This report was of a most encouraging nature.

Nine of the wards of the Stake were reported by Bishop or other representative.

Counselors David H. Cannon and Erastus B. Snow of the Stake presidency; High Councilors James G. Bleak and Thomas Judd; Father Edward Busker and Elders James G. Duffin, Chauncey Spillbury (just starting on mission to Samoan Islands) and Andrew Sproul Jun. (about to start on mission to Great Britain), addressed the conference on subjects spiritual and temporal in which a strong spirit prevailed of testimony to the divinity of the work of the Lord in which we are engaged.

The general authorities of the Church and the authorities of this Stake were presented and were sustained by the people without a dissenting vote. JAMES G. BLEAK, Stake Clerk.

KOOSHAREM, Plute Co.,
Utah, June 24, 1897.

Reading an article in the NEWS from "A Handcart Pioneer," has led me to write the following, as I am a living witness of those memorable days. My father and mother both died on the Missouri river, at Mormon Grove. The eldest child was in Utah, the other five were distributed in different places. My lot fell with unfeeling guardians.

The summer following my parents' death, 1858, I think in July, we started with our handcarts for Salt Lake City, under command of Captain Hunt. As soon as President Brigham Young learned that there were companies on the road, he started teams and supplies to meet us. They found us camped at the two old log cabins on the other side of Devil's Gate. I was a 7-year-old orphan, without a relative near. My guardians were careless and unfeeling, and perhaps I was a child that did not complain; but, however, when we arrived at those old log cabins my feet were found to be frozen very badly. While there they were thawed out and turned black. The rest of the way I was taken care of by kind friends; all was done that was possible under the circumstances, but my feet both dropped off before we got to the city, which was in December, if I remember correctly. My legs were amputated above the ankles, and then at the knee. My two brothers had reached Salt Lake City in November. How well do I remember our meeting. I told them not to cry so, for I would have my feet again when I got to heaven. I have walked on my knees for forty years; during that time I have had three operations performed at the knee, the last one by Dr. Seymour B. Young a year ago last November. I was married in 1868. I am the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters, five of whom are now living. The family I came with soon left the Church and returned East.

MARY C. JOHNSON PARSONS.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake Stake Relief Society was held in the Fourth-enth ward assembly hall June 26, 1897. President M. I. Horne

presided. Counselors A. T. Hyde, C. O. Cannon, and Sisters B. W. Smith, E. T. Taylor, M. W. Wilcox, Julia C. Howe, L. D. Alder, E. J. Stevenson were present on the stand. The meeting opened by singing, Our God we raise to Thee. Prayer was offered by Sarah B. Gibson, and the meeting sang, We thank Thee O God for a Prophet. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

President Horne spoke to the sisters of her late visit to Sanpete and her anxiety to be present at this conference. Our religion should be our first duty and we should make sacrifices to perform our duties. The requirements of the Gospel were of more importance to us than our own personal interest. The speaker gave valuable instructions to the presidents of the society on their duties, both temporal and spiritual.

President E. T. Taylor of the Y. L. M. I. A. spoke of the great and arduous work of the Relief Society, what it had accomplished in caring for the poor and nursing the sick and urged the younger sisters to connect themselves with the society and help the aged sisters in works of charity.

The remaining part of the morning was taken up by verbal reports from the presidents of each society in the city.

The meeting closed by singing, Do What is Right. Benediction was pronounced by Maria W. Wilcox.

Afternoon session opened by singing, How Firm a Foundation. Prayer was offered by Sister E. Webb, and the congregation sang, The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning.

Sister Zina D. H. Young of the general Relief society and Sisters S. M. Kimball and Rachel Grant were also on the stand. A large assembly was present. Reports from some of the country wards were given and the meeting was addressed by Sisters A. T. Hyde, C. C. Cannon, B. W. Smith, Zina D. H. Young, S. M. Kimball and Rachel Grant. All testified to the noble work of the Relief Society, its growth and importance. Joseph Smith the Prophet was its organizer and turned the key for the advancement of woman. The Spirit of God rested on the speakers, and all felt edified by the intelligent and inspiring remarks.

Adjourned for three months by singing, Praise to the Man who Committed with Jehovah. L. D. Alder offered the closing prayer.

MARGARET Y. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

CONFERENCE IN MONTANA.

ANACONDA, Mont.,
June 23, 1897.

The past week has been one of much importance to the work of God in this place.

Since the opening of the mission in Montana, inaugurated last August under the direction of the presidency of Bannock Stake, the work of the ministry has been done in part by seven missionaries, some of whom have been in the field all of the time.

Saturday and Sunday, the 18th and 20th inst., had been appointed as conference days, at which a general review of the work done, present and future prospects considered, and plans

formed to carry on the work more systematically.

Elders M. W. Merrill of the quorum of Apostles, T. E. Ricks, president of Bannock Stake, Prof. D. M. Todd, Elders Ben E. Rich, P. Tempest, C. J. Black, George S. Young, Cyrus J. Harrie, Eph. Ricks, Henry S. Jackson, Wm. Widdison and Arnold D. Miller Jr. were present—the last five named being new missionaries—and took part in the exercises.

The Lyceum hall was secured and fair sized audiences attended the services.

Due notices of our meetings were published in the Anaconda Standard, a very influential paper having a wide circulation over this state and elsewhere, and a column each day was devoted in giving a synopsis of the sermons and business done.

At a Priesthood meeting held after the preaching meetings, some slight changes were made in the missionary field, Elders Black and Young being honorably released for a few weeks. Elder Ben E. Rich was given a mission to fill special appointments as follows: At Anaconda on the second Sunday in each month and at Lima on the first Tuesday following.

The Elders are now in their fields of labor hard at work. Some inquiries of our doctrines are being made by intelligent persons and we feel that much good has been done.

P. TEMPEST.

CACHE VALLEY VETERANS.

LOGAN, June 25th, 1897.

In the NEWS of June 22, a Peter Nielsen of Jacinto, Miss., makes inquiry for T. W. Malou. This man's address is Hyrum City, Cache county, Utah. The old gentleman is blind, or nearly so, and perhaps that is the reason he has not answered this inquiry.

Five generations, great-great-grandmother Mary Wright (mother of Bishop John F. Wright of Hyrum), aged 93, September 14th next, her eldest daughter, Mrs. Harriet Shipley of Draper, Salt Lake county, Mr. Robert Shipley, her eldest son, and Ellsworth Shipley, eldest son of Robert, and baby daughter of Ellsworth of Paradise, Cache county, being the five generations, went to Logan Friday and had their likeness taken. It is a rare thing to find that five generations are living at the same time. Yet Sister Wright, at her advanced age of 93, is as active as many women at 70, waiting upon herself and looking after her own room.

There is a Mrs. Barnum in Hyrum who also represents the fifth generation, and a lady, aged 94, living here. Cache valley is a good place to live in for the aged are very numerous and long may they live. SALOP.

Sunday morning, shortly after 12 o'clock, the crew of a freight train on the Berkeley local track found the body of Dennis B. Smyth on the roadway, near B and Helen streets, Oakland, Cal. Smyth had been to San Francisco and it is supposed he was returning home and was walking along the track when the train ran into him. He lived across the street from the place where his body was found.