

Utah border, and a very few in the northwest corner of Mojave county on the Rio Virgen. These people cannot get title to their lands from the fact that it is not surveyed. Several years ago Mr. Woolley wrote to the man then holding the position of surveyor general of Arizona asking that the land he surveyed and the people be given a government title to their lands, and that official replied that it was impracticable as the country was not accessible for surveying. The Colorado river is a barrier to the surveyors and the survey would have to be made from Utah.

For a distance of 300 miles, between Lee's ferry and Pierce's ferry, there is no way of crossing the Colorado river, and it is very expensive for the communities in Arizona to give proper protection to the people interested in the district in question. The only use this land can be put to is for grazing purposes, as no mineral deposits of any importance have ever been discovered.

The United States government has reserved over a million acres of land, including the Grand Canon of the Colorado and all the valuable timber land, for a national park, and in this tract the best summer range for cattle is located.

Mr. Woolley expects to leave for Richfield tomorrow. He has been informed that the snow on the divide between Panguitch and Kanab is six feet deep and if that does not prevent travel over that route he will continue his journey home.

ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

ALBERTA, Canada,
February 27, 1897.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake, was held Sunday and Monday, February 21st and 22nd, according to appointment, Counselor Sterling Williams presiding. On the stand were Patriarch H. L. Hinman, the Bishops of the various wards of the Stake, and their counselors, the majority of the High Council, and leading men of the Stake; President C. O. Card and Counselor J. A. Woolf being absent, having recently gone to Utah.

In the forenoon on Sunday the Sunday schools held their regular session, the pupils showing a lively interest in their exercises and a notable progress in the studies assigned them.

In the afternoon, after the opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament, Counselor Williams made the opening remarks and called for reports from the different wards of the Stake.

Cardston, Acton, Mountain View and Leavitt wards were reported by their respective bishops as being in a favorable condition generally speaking, the members being alive to their duties, and the different organizations, and associations holding their regular meetings as much as possible under the circumstances.

Patriarch Hinman then addressed the conference impressing upon the Saints the necessity of complying strictly with the requirements of the Gospel, especially the law of tithing.

The statistical report of the Stake was then read, showing an increase of 130 souls since our last report; and the average of tithing paid per capita by

the tithe payers of the Stake for 1896 was given.

Counselor Williams made the closing remarks.

In the evening a priesthood meeting was held, at which the Seventies, High Priests and Elders' quorums in the Stake were reported, showing that those quorums met regularly, and the members were seeking to qualify themselves for the duties devolving upon them.

The members of the High Council who were laboring as home missionaries in the Stake reported their labors among the people, showing that the various wards, branches and outlying districts had been visited, and meetings held in each according to their circumstances.

James Quinton Sr. then reported his labors as visiting Priest in the Stake.

Patriarch Hinman gave the Bishops some necessary instructions in regard to holding their ward conference; spoke of the power of faith among the Saints manifested in trying circumstances in the past, and the necessity for us as a people in this region at this time exercising faith in fasting and prayer, that the elements might be tempered for the sake of the Saints, that the earth might bring forth in its fulness, and that we unitedly plead with the Lord to this end on the next regular fast day.

Counselor Williams followed, endorsing the remarks of Elder Hinman, and instructing the home missionaries to call the attention of the Saints specially to the importance of strictly complying with the law of tithing. He reminded the Bishops of the necessity of the Teachers faithfully performing their duties.

On Monday, (22nd) the Sunday schools of the Stake were reported by Supt Heber S. Allen, there being an increase of 100 members in the past year; the methods of teaching had been improved, and much good accomplished.

The Relief societies were then reported by Sister Mary L. Wolf as being alive to their duties, relieving the wants of the poor, and comforting those called to mourn.

Elder John W. Woolf reported the Young Men's association favorably, there being 107 members enrolled; several having gone on foreign missions.

Elder William Wood followed with an impressive discourse upon the importance of strictly complying with the law of tithing, giving the word of the Lord as contained in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants in regard to this law.

In the afternoon interesting reports were given of the Young Ladies' associations of the Stake by Sister Ateena Williams, also of the Primary associations by Sister Amy Allen.

Elder Heber S. Allen was unanimously sustained as superintendent of the religious classes of the Alberta Stake.

Counselor Williams reported the labors of the presidency of the Stake to the effect that they had visited the different wards and branches of the Stake, and found the Saints, generally speaking, enjoying the spirit of the Gospel, although much improvement could yet be made on many points.

Patriarch Hinman bore testimony

that the spirit of the conference, which weighed heavily upon the strict obedience to the law of tithing, was dictated by the Spirit of the Lord. We must live by faith and also put our energies at work the coming spring, as soon as it is barely possible to cultivate the soil; and that our united faith may reach the heavens, it has been deemed wise to plead with the Lord for His blessings upon the earth specially on the next Fast day, March 7th; he asked the Saints to manifest their feelings on this matter by the uplifted hand. A unanimous vote was given.

Counselor Williams then gave the Bishops some instructions in regard to their ward conference; spoke of the advantages we have of obtaining seeds from the experimental farms of this Dominion, and encouraged the farmers to study agriculture, keep up with the spirit of the time, and thus make a success of their labors.

The conference was well attended, notwithstanding the weather was rather severe. SYLVESTER LOW,
Stake Clerk.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS:

ESCALANTE, Utah,
February 28th, 1897.

President Woodruff's birthday was duly celebrated by the Sabbath schools of this place, in the following manner:

Meeting convened at 2 p. m.; called to order by Bishop A. P. Schow.

Music by the brass band, under the leadership of Bishop A. P. Schow, Sweet Bye and Bye.

Singing by the congregation, We Thank Thee Oh God for Prophet.

Prayer by the chaplain, Brother J. D. Wilcox.

Singing by the Sunday school choir, God Speed the Right.

Speech by Superintendent Joseph H. Spencer, on the life of President Woodruff.

In our Lovely Deseret, was next beautifully rendered by the whole school.

The brass band then rendered the selection, Nearer My God to Thee.

Brother Philo Allen addressed the congregation, on the life and labors of President Woodruff.

Song by Miss Polly Deuel and company entitled, I Love You Yet.

Repeating of the Lord's Prayer in concert by the primary department.

Song by the Sunday school choir, A Song of Praise.

Essay by Miss Rhoda Cottam, on President Woodruff's travels and warning dreams.

Song by the Primary department, The Sweet Story of Old.

Short speech by Bro. John C. Roe, on the early life and missionary experiences of President Woodruff.

Singing by the Sunday School choir, Is There Anything We Can Do?

Song by Brother Wm. Alvey and company, What Shall the Harvest Be?

The Articles of Faith were then repeated in concert by the Sunday school.

Singing by the Primary department, The Sweet Story of Old.

Closing remarks by Bishop A. P. Schow, who said he was well pleased with the program and selections rendered.