

present. It is the prerogative of the members to express by vote their approval or otherwise, of all matters which are presented for their consideration; always remembering that the covenants made cannot be disregarded or broken without the person so doing becoming subject to the displeasure of our Heavenly Father. He also invited an intelligent consideration of all matters presented.

Arthur Porter was appointed secretary, and Ira N. Hinckley assistant secretary, and unanimously sustained by the meeting.

The First Presidency, general and local authorities of the Church; also the following appointments were presented, and sustained by unanimous vote:

Elder Alma Greenwood, to labor in Auckland district.

Elder Lucien C. Farr, to labor in Wellington district, to be assisted by Elder P. E. Hansen.

Elder Joseph S. Morris, to labor in Invercargill district, to be assisted by Elder Joseph Bastow.

Elder Ephraim Ralphs, to labor in Dunedin district, to be assisted by Elder Nathan Ricks.

Elder Ira N. Hinckley, Jun., to labor in Timaru district, and Elder Walter R. Barber, to visit Le Bon's Bay to recruit his health.

President Bromley stated that he had visited the above named districts and established headquarters in each.

The total number of branches represented were eight, consisting of thirty Elders, eight Priests, three Teachers, two Deacons, one hundred and twenty-two members, one hundred and twelve children blessed, showing an increase of thirty-four since last conference, one cut off, also twelve Utah Elders in the mission.

Communications were read from the following branches, viz: "Auckland, Carterton, Alford Forrest, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, showing that in these places the Saints were enjoying the spirit of the Gospel, and energetic measures were being taken to disseminate the principles of truth among the people.

President Jensen reported the Le Bon's Bay branch, with one exception in good standing.

There is but little interest manifested by those outside the Church, although the Elders have faithfully warned the people.

President Nordstrand reported the Christchurch branch as follows: Since last conference this branch has been visited and labored in more or less by the following Utah Elders: President Bromley, and Elders Morris, Burnett, Barber, Ricks, Hansen and Hinckley. A great many tracts have been distributed and house visiting done, but without any other apparent result than bringing the gospel to their notice. We have tried faithfully to obtain a public hall for the Elders to preach in, but without success; the secret societies who hold the halls in this place have combined themselves against us, and the people have no time for the Gospel; money, women, and the honor of the world appear to be their only aim. The Saints in this branch are doing well, paying their tithing, and otherwise helping to promulgate the gospel.

Supt. Porter reported the Sabbath school as being in a flourishing condition, and his assistant teachers energetic. He was pleased to state that the number of scholars was increasing, and the interest manifested by the children was abundantly evident by the pains they take in committing to memory their lessons and the instructions imparted to them. He had adopted the plan of rewarding them according to merit, issuing cards, books, etc., and found this course resulted in good, but was sorry the prizes issued were not the production of the Church, for although they contain much that is good, still error is mixed with it.

President Bromley said, there were other Sunday Schools organized, and likely to be more in the near future, it was therefore wisdom to appoint a general superintendent to direct the whole, whereupon Elder Porter was appointed to this position and the appointment unanimously sustained. Sister Louisa Porter Secretary of the Female Relief Society presented a report which was read and on motion it was resolved to forward a copy of the same to the *Woman's Exponent*.

The Missionaries present all spoke, testified of the providence of God extended to them, and also of the bitterness and opposition to the truth which they met, although a few honest souls received the truth. The following officers were then

unanimously sustained viz Peter J. Nordstrand, president of the Canterbury Conference, also president of the Christchurch Branch; Wm. John McDonnell, president of the Auckland Branch; Wm. Wiley of the Carterton; Hans Peter Jensen of the Le Bon's Bay; Charles Petersen of the Timaru; Joseph Dyson of the Dunedin; Henry Williams of the Invercargill also Elder Bennett Clerk to take charge of the Alford Forest Branch until an Elder is set apart to reside in place of President Hutchison (resigned).

Prest. Bromley explained the duties of the officers and members and urged all to be diligent in the discharge of their duties.

Conference adjourned.

2.30 p. m.

After singing and prayer the Sacrament was administered by Elder O. Larsen and Priest Mitchell, after which the time was occupied by the brethren and sisters in bearing testimony and speaking of the goodness of God towards them. Among other gifts the meeting was blest with the spirit of prophecy. Adjourned.

6.30 p. m.

Conference again convened and after singing and prayer was addressed by Elders Burnett, Hansen, Hinckley, Barber and Prest. Bromley. There were very attentive congregations at all the meetings, much of the Spirit of God was enjoyed, the spirit of love and unity characterized the entire proceedings, prominent among which the excellent singing, led by Elder Porter, was noticeable, making the day one long to be remembered by all who were participants in its blessings.

WILLIAM M. BROMLEY,  
President of Conference.  
ARTHUR PORTER,  
Secretary.

#### THE DELEGATE TO THE FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

THE *Congressional Record* of December 5th, contains a brief allusion to the presentation by Hon. S. W. Moulton, of Illinois, of the petition of Hon. John T. Caine, claiming to be Delegate from Utah, and its reference to the committee on elections. The *Record* of the 6th inst. contains the text of the petition, which is as follows:

"The petition of the undersigned respectfully shows: that he is the delegate elected for the Territory of Utah for the Forty-eighth Congress.

That at the last session of the present Congress the seat of Delegate for said Territory to the Forty-seventh Congress was declared vacant, and the people of said Territory are now unrepresented.

Prior to the election held on the first Monday in November, 1892, the Governor of said Territory was requested to call an election to elect a Delegate for said Territory for the unexpired term of the Forty-seventh Congress, and refused on the ground that he had no power in that respect.

A like request was made to the commissioners of elections for said territory appointed by the President of the United States under what is known as the Edmunds bill, and they refused on the same ground.

At the election held November 7, 1892, to elect a delegate to the Forty-eighth Congress, your petitioner received 15,490 voters for the office of delegate for the unexpired term of the Forty-seventh Congress, and to fill the vacancy existing in said office.

The commissioners of elections for said territory, as will appear from a copy of their instructions annexed, refused to canvass or allow said votes to be officially canvassed or an official return thereof made, on the ground that their power did not extend to that subject.

The number of votes so cast and the fact that the voting for delegate to fill said vacancy was quite general throughout the territory will appear from the affidavits of precinct judges of election, and a summary thereof hereto annexed.

Inasmuch as the people of said territory are entitled to representation in your honorable body, and under the construction of the law by the governor and commissioners there seems to be no way provided for calling such an election, your petitioner submits that the voluntary and general expression of the will of the people through the ballot-box is the best and only obtainable manner of filling said vacancy, and

requests that he may be declared entitled to a seat as delegate for said territory for the unexpired term of the Forty-seventh Congress.

The points in the foregoing document are all well and tersely put, and there is reasonable ground for the hope that the petition will be favorably received and the prayer be granted, as there is no doubt that the will of the people of Utah was expressed at the polls as declared in the petition, and that this territory has the right to representation in Congress as provided for in the Statutes of the United States.

It is noticeable that President Arthur in referring to the regime of His Fraudulency Rutherford B. Hayes calls it "the four years immediately preceding Mr. Garfield's accession to the Presidency."

The Indians in the section of Oregon and Washington Territory east of the Cascade Mountains, number 10,562, and there is reserved to them over one million acres of arable land, some of the most fertile in the Territory.

After an interval of five months, during which no case of foot and mouth disease has happened in the county of Norfolk, England, the contagion has again broken out in a dangerous form, and farmers are very much alarmed.

Mr. C. F. Moore, a correspondent of the *Journal of Agriculture*, says the grades from Merino rams will shear more wool than those from the Cotswolds, and that they eat less food. They are hardy, and for general purposes the best.

The Isle of Man census shows that on April 4 the population numbered 53,492—a decrease, as compared with 1871, of 550. The number of summer and autumn visitors during 1871 was about 75,000; last year the number was about 130,000.

One result of the late Egyptian war has been the giving of the name Arabi to a color—Turkey red—and the name Khedive to a dress material which is of silk and wool with a satin finish. It is to be hoped that none of the bellicose spirit will be developed when there happens to be a difference of opinion as to the pronunciation of the two names.



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