

signed by this master, and the last-named picture was, a few years ago, exhibited in Berlin. The triumphant and smiling face of a conqueror appears to the angels who behold Him bursting the bonds of death, "leading captivity captive."

The remarkable profile of Christ, as represented in the above named picture, has for its starting point one of the numerous similar conceptions which prevailed in the fifteenth century, and it was associated with the tradition of the "Emerald-Vernicle." The legend usually accompanying this profile is as follows: "The only true likeness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, taken from the portrait carved on an emerald by order of Tiberius Cæsar, which emerald the Emperor of the Turks afterwards gave out of the treasury of Constantinople to Pope Innocent VIII., for the redemption of his brother, taken captive by the Christians."

It is a great and beautiful work, a divine study, the image of the Son of God, not in godhood, which man cannot picture, but in manhood, noble, dignified, chaste, loving, sympathetic, self-sacrificing, heroic, wise, majestic, worshipful. But who can picture all these attributes in one ideal? Yet more than all this—He was \* \* \* the Christ of God!

DR. ED. ISAACSON.

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## STAKE CONFERENCES.

### BANNOCK.

The quarterly conference of the Bannock Stake convened in Rexburg First Ward on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 17 and 18. President Thomas E. Ricks presiding. There was a good attendance from nearly all the wards.

At 10 a.m. on Sunday the meeting was called to order and the Bishops gave reports of their various wards. In the afternoon Bishop Donaldson and others gave some good and useful instructions to the Saints concerning their duties. Elder Jacob Spori, principal of Bannock Stake Academy, made a very encouraging report of that institution.

On Monday forenoon several of the leading brethren addressed the Conference. Sixteen home missionaries were called and set apart to travel throughout the Stake from house to house during the winter, preaching the gospel without purse or scrip. On the afternoon of Monday the General Authorities of the Church and Stake were presented and unanimously sustained. President Ricks presented Bishop Steele as his second counselor in place of Francis C. Gunnell, deceased, and he was sustained unanimously. Pres. Ricks in the course of an interesting address, reviewed the instructions given to the Saints during conference and counselled them to renewed energy in magnifying their callings. The choir sang an anthem. Benediction by Arza E. Hinckley.

JAS. GILLESPIE, Clerk.

EMERY.

The conference of the Saupete Stake

commenced at Moroni at 10 a.m. on the 16th inst. It lasted two days, during which time five meetings were held.

There were present Apostle Moses Thatcher, President Canute Peterson, Counselors Henry Beal and John B. Maiben, a good representation of the High Council, Bishops of the wards, with a good attendance of Saints.

The General and Stake Authorities were presented and sustained by unanimous vote. The Bishops were not presented to the conference, but the Bishop of each Ward will be duly presented to the members thereof for sanction.

Christian L. Thorp was sustained as High Counselor, to fill a vacancy in that body, and C. W. Peterson as assistant Stake superintendent of Sunday schools.

The speakers during conference were in the following order: President Peterson made a few opening remarks, and Apostle Thatcher occupied the remainder of the time of the first meeting. In the afternoon C. H. Wheelock spoke, and next Apostle Thatcher addressed the Saints. At the evening meeting Bishops W. T. Reid, C. C. N. Dorius and J. W. Irons were the speakers. Counselor C. P. Lund and Bishop C. A. Madsen each made a report of his ward and offered words of encouragement to the Saints. Elder C. C. A. Christensen, President Beal and President Peterson, Elder Alma Greenwood and President Maiben also addressed the conference. The instructions generally given were timely and good, and full of encouragement.

Conference adjourned to meet on the 15th of February, 1890, at Ephraim. GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk of Conference.

## CURRENT TOPICS IN EUROPE.

History has ceased to be written exclusively concerning kings and princes. The democratic tendencies of the age re-echo the sentiments of Burns, "Titles and ranks are but the breath of kings." Yet the sovereigns of Europe continue to play a large part in the making of the history of their times.

It was January 27th, 1859. The Emperor William I. of Prussia was acting regent for his crazy brother, William IV. It was just 4 o'clock as the cannons of Berlin fired a salute of 101 guns to announce the birth of the first grandson of William I. The old Emperor was too impatient to wait for his carriage, but jumping into the first cab he met, he hurried to the residence of his son. "Is all well?" he asked. Marshal Wrangel answered "It is as fine and sturdy a recruit as we could wish." The little babe whose advent had caused all this commotion is now Emperor of Germany. And yet he was very nearly being precluded from a royal or military career. There is a law in Prussia that no one infirm in body or mind can succeed to the throne. The Princess Frederick William, or, as she is called in England, the Princess

Royal, had a difficult and dangerous confinement; an accident happened which might have cost her her life. Indeed at one moment the life of the Princess was despaired of, and when the child was born a slight injury was inflicted on the left arm, which appeared withered from below the elbow. Time, science and a determination on the Emperor's part has greatly lessened this defect. Little incidents like that of his dropping his helmet when on his visit to the Pope alone attest the fact that he has not the perfect use of both his hands.

The present emperor grew up in an atmosphere of enthusiasm for his great ancestor, Frederick the Great, and, like Napoleon, from his childhood he has loved the art of war, and a passion that made him love to be noticed by the soldiers. An amusing anecdote is told illustrating this trait of character. Like many small children, Prince William disliked being washed, and would often run away into the court, to the sentinel, for it flattered his baby pride to see the soldier present arms to him. One morning, however, when he had thus escaped his bath he was terribly mortified to find that the sentry took no notice of him. Bathed in tears of disappointment and sobbing bitterly, he returned to his father and told him that the sentry had failed to notice him, although he, the prince, had gone quite close to him. "Really," said the father, that seems strange." Then looking at the boy he quietly said, "The sentry did right." "But why, papa?" said the prince. "No soldier presents arms to an unwashed prince," quietly answered his father. Amazed, the boy stood rooted to the spot, but soon comprehending the situation he rushed back to the bedroom and begged as eagerly to be washed as he had formerly resisted. In the early youth of Prince William there came the three mighty wars—the Danish, the Austrian and the French, which made Prussia strong and Germany a nation. These wars inflamed the imagination of the boy with a love of military glory, of which he only saw the pomp and tin-trumpet splendor, whereas his father had beheld its terrors and horrors too close to love them.

At school Prince William was a hard-working student, and though seemingly charming to his comrades, really held them far from him. One of his biographers says: "He honestly tried to make himself one of them, but the native haughtiness was rooted too deep and had lasted too many generations."

In seeking an alliance for Prince William, Bismarck showed the intensity of his German ideas. He had had enough and even more than he could deal with in the pronounced individuality of the English princess, the present Emperor's mother. Conscious of her rank, devoted to her fatherland, and not to be bowed or subdued, she had at times given Bismarck no little trouble. Prince Bismarck determined that the present Emperor's wife should be a typical German