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CONFERENCE WAS HELD YESTERDAY

People of Ensign Stake Met in Session Yesterday Morning and Afternoon.

**REPORTS WERE EXCELLENT.** 

President Winder and Elders Rudger Clawson, D. O. McKay and John Henry Smith Made Addresses.

The afternoon services of the Ensign stake conference which were held yes terday in the tabernacle, were marked

by a larger attendance than usual. Those present of the general author-lites were President John R. Winder Clawson and David O. McKay, of the council of twelve. There was also a large representation of stake authorl-ties on the stand.

connell of twelve. In the water authori-targe representation of stake authori-tes on the stand. A feature of the musical exercises was the singing of "Hosannah," by Horace S. Ensign and the choir. The other hymns were, "Come thou glor-lous day of promise," and "An angel from on high." "With Sheathed Swords" was sung as the closing an-

them. Patriarch Angus M. Cannon offered the opening prayer-and Elder W. W. Riter pronounced the benedicition. The speakers were Elders D. O. Me-Kay and John Henry Smith of the council of twelve Kay and John council of twelve

DAVID O. M'KAY.

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teach one another" and "Let every man esteem his brother as himself." The unselfishness of the precept re-quiring the people to teach one another was enlarged upon, and it was said that in this manner is manifested the true Christian spirit. The requirement that each one esteem his brother as himself is productive of good and makes for harmony. It is seen in the priesthood meetings on Monday eve-nings, when all classes of men, rich and poor alike, meet to study the things of God, and every man esteems his broth-er as himself. The third requirement to practise

From the Doctrine and Covenants

virtue and holiness was also read from the Doctrine and Covenants and emphasized. Elder McKay bore a strong testi-mony to the truth of the gospel and the joy he felt in knowing that God does speak to the spirit of man in these days God has revealed some things designed to assist man to keep in harmony with God. The word, of wisdom requirements all pertain to the appetites of man, and by obedience to these things and refusing to gratify his passions unlawfully he strengthens his communion with God. On the other hand indulgence in these things and refusal to obey the commands of God brings one his coloser touch with the things of the world but shuts out to a greater or less extent the com-munion of God. In conclusion, reference was made to the statement of Sir Isaac Newton

munion of God. In conclusion, reference was made to the statement of Sir Isaac Newton on his death bed that in spite of all the discoveries with which the world credited him, he had only stood on the shore and gathered a few shells while the ocean of truth was unex-plored. It is true of the spiritual things also, and the speaker exhorted all to live so that their light and un-derstanding of God may increase. JOHN HENRY SMITH.

derstanding of God may increase. JOHN HENRY SMITH. Elder John Henry Smith, of the coun-cil of twelve, expressed his pleasure the being present at the meetings of the conference and listening to the remarks of the elders of the Church. Some of the might be called old but they bore testimony that after lives of trib-ulation and hardship, they still enjoyed the assurances of the goepel's truth. The gospel of the Redeemer is the may woman and child who will apply its principles, and try to be honest, truthful, temperate and moral. The words of the Master come thundering down the ages, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt hot steal, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt hot steal, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt hot steal, thou shalt not lie, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt and the there into the kingdom of God, they will have to accept him. Students and wise men who think to unravel the mysteries of godliness will find them-selves mistaken, but those who live according to his commandments will find God and enter into his rest. Those who fail to acknowledge the power of God in the affairs of the world. They will know then that man was created in the mage of God and the Savior was the affairs of the world. They will know then that man was created in the image of God and the Savior was the affairs of the vorld. They will know then that man was created in the image of God and the Savior was the express image of his person. I want to declare unto you that any man who says Jesus is not the Christ is mistaken, and every man will learn the some or later.

small. The opening hymn was, "For the strength of the hills we bless thee" Prayer was offered by Elder Alex Mo-Master, of the stake high council, "Now let us rejoice" was then sung. The clos-ing hymn was, "Though deep'ning trials throng your way," and benediction was offered by High Councilor T. C. Cal-lister. B. W. YOUNC

council, who body of men. The out

the poor very often give more to help others in proportion to their means than those who have plenty. Those present were appealed to to donate lib-erally to the poor during Christmas, which is approaching, that the poor may be made to rejoice and those who give also receive the joy in their hearts that comes from imparting to the poor. given, and its effects on us and our children.

JOHN T. CAINE.

children. The benefits and blessings of endeav-ing to save souls and to make sacri-fices for others were mentioned as vell as the wonderful school God had pro-vided for the education of the boys of the Latter-day Saints in the missions of the world. The God-like powers given them to administer the word in the world with its effect in transform-ing them from uncouth boys into pol-lshed shafts, were dilated on. JOHN R. WINDER. President John R. Winder said he felt he would like to express his grati-tude to God for the privilege of meet-

IDENT CAINE. IOHN T. CAINE. The choir then sung "Redeemer of Israel," after which John T. Caine, of the high council, said he had been con-nected with the Church about 63 years. He had passed through a number of different scenes and had some ups cand downs, but he had never regretted the step he took in his youth, in Joining the Church. He rejoiced in the truth and was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. He was glad to hear the good reports, especially that made by Bishop Clawson of the Eighleenth ward, where he had lived for 40 years. He rejoiced at the progress of the work in the world and wished he were younger that he could take part therein. He found pleasure in attending the meetings, and while he was able to get out he intend-ed to continue to be present at his meetings. Columbus's instructions to the sail or? were referred to as being appropriate for Latter-day saints to remember in their attempt to gain eternal life. RUDGER CLAWSON.

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r ing in the conference. He had enjoyed the reports and instructions given, es-pecially those of Sister Romney regard-ing the needs of the poor at this sea-son of the year. He referred in terms of praise to the work of the Reilef society, which is worthy of every as-sistance from the bishops of the wards. Referring to the remarks of Elder Caine, President Windef said "Sail on," "sail on" were his sentiments. He never felt more like pressing on than he does now. After referring to the fact that he had passed another mile-stone in his life, the eighty-eighth, he expressed his thanks to God for all his mercies and invoked the blessings of the Lord on the Ensign stake.



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R. W. YOUNG. In a brief report of the stake Pres-ident R. W. Young stated that the stake is in a very satisfactory condi-tion. The presidency of the stake, he said, were perfectly united and had been since its organization. He paid a tribute of praise to his counselors in the stake presidency and also the high council, who were said to be a strong body of men.

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body of men. The quorums of the priesthood were reported to be in good condition, taken as a whole. The high priests of the stake were quite active in spite of the fact that many were of advanced

years. Regarding the elders quorums it was said that some were derelict in their duties, and efforts were being put forth to draw in those who were neglectful. The death of Samuel W. Richards was referred to by President Young, who briefly sketched some of the main incidents in his eventful life. The auxiliary associations were said



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incidents in his eventful life. The auxiliary associations were said to be in good condition and doing good work. Te Relief societies of the stake were in especially sound condition. The people have been liberal, more so perhaps than any stake in the Church, in their fast day donations. The general efficiency of the Sunday schools was referred to in terms of commendation, and the benefits of the weekly meeting of the Sunday school board, and the union meeting were mentioned.

The Primaries were also said to be in excellent condition, and the Religion class work is gaining ground in spite of a lack of conversion to the work on the part of some members of the Church.

the part of some members of the Church. The Mutual Improvement associations were reported to be in better condition than at any time in the history of the stake, and the benefits to be derived from having the boys take part in discus-sion in the associations were referred to in passing. The needs of the poor and the neces-sity for the Relief societies and ward teachers looking closely after the un-fortunate or distressed were referred to, and those responsible were advised to be particularly watchful so that none may suffer. The people were reminded that as the end of the year approaches the time for settling tithing is near at hand, after which the general and sustained. T. A. CLAWSON.

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Margaret Romney, president of the Relief societies of the stake, spoke of the efficiency of the work of the teach-ers of the Relief society. The labors of the Savior among the poor were men-tioned, and it was said that the teach-ers who visit among the people find that



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