

CORRESPONDENCE.

JUAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Juab Stake convened at Nephi at 10 o'clock a. m., January 15, 1898.

After the usual opening exercises, including prayer by Elder George Teasdale, Elder James W. Paxman congratulated the Saints on having congregated, and said he felt that the Spirit of the Lord was with us. He announced that President George Q. Cannon would honor us with his presence during the conference, and felt that we were highly favored in many respects. Exhorted the Saints to be meek and humble, and bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel. He urged upon the people the necessity of attending to their temporal duties, and paying their tithes and offerings, and spoke of the good work being done by the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. associations, and by the Relief Societies.

Elder Charles Sperry, in addition to endorsing the remarks of President Paxman explained the duties and privileges of the Seventies' and Elders' quorums. He spoke of the precarious condition of many of the nations of the world and of the calamities that are daily befalling the people, and explained how this was in accordance with the predictions made by ancient and modern Prophets.

Elder Isaac H. Grace made brief remarks expressing his desire to continue to work for the furtherance of the Gospel.

President George Q. Cannon expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints. He spoke of the influence of the Holy Spirit upon us and what a great blessing it is to us. He explained that Satan was a spirit of great power in the councils of heaven, and that he advanced a plan of salvation which, when it was rejected, caused him to rebel, and he exercised the power that he had in inducing others to follow him and succeeded in leading away one-third of the hosts of heaven, and that by reason thereof he and his followers were cast out of heaven and lost their first estate. He compared the course of the evil one with that of many persons who become possessed with a desire to thwart and destroy the plan of salvation and on that account speak evil about those things they once knew to be of God.

In the afternoon the Bishops of the various wards made their reports, which showed matters to be in a very satisfactory condition.

President George Q. Cannon again addressed the people. He referred to the opportunities of doing missionary work at home, and related how some young Elders in one of the wards had visited among the non-Mormon residents in their vicinity and awakened a considerable interest among them in the principles of the Gospel, which had resulted in some being baptized. He spoke of the disposition being manifested among some of the wealthier classes in the Southern states to receive and entertain missionaries and investigate our doctrines, and said similar reports were being received from all parts of the world. The Lord is opening up the way so that all who are desirous will have an opportunity of hearing the Gospel.

Elder George Teasdale made the closing remarks.

On Sunday morning Elder Sudbury made the opening remarks, after which the general and Stake authorities were presented by Elder George Teasdale, and on motion were unanimously sustained.

Elder Teasdale said that on inquiry he had found that there were some children over eight years of age who had not been baptized. He said there should not be. He explained the necessity of having this ordinance attended to, and spoke also on the necessity of teaching the children the benefits of the Word of Wisdom.

President George Q. Cannon followed, also speaking on the Word of Wisdom.

In the afternoon, Sacrament was administered by Elders William H. Pettegrew and John A. Booth, after which President George Q. Cannon again addressed the Saints. He read from the Book of Mormon the instructions given by Christ to His disciples on the western continent. He also spoke on the law of tithing and the great blessings to be derived from observing it.

Elder James W. Paxman said he was grateful for the privilege we have had of having President George Q. Cannon in our midst during the conference.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder James W. Paxman.

The conference was adjourned for three months.

A Priesthood meeting was held Saturday evening, which was addressed by President George Q. Cannon, Elder Teasdale and Elder Sudbury.

T. G. WINN, Clerk.

GOVERNATORIAL VISIT.

Colonla Juarez, Mexico,

Jan. 17, 1898.

In response to an invitation of the Stake presidency, we have just been favored with a visit by the governor of the state of Chihuahua, Col. Miguel Ahumada, and many civil and military officials, among whom were Senor Joaquin Cortazar, secretary of state; Senor Bonche, collector of customs at Ciudad Juarez; Sr. Jose Maria Gandara, attorney general; R. H. Bergue, state surveyor general, prominent lawyers and several distinguished military officers, with the 11th regimental band.

The party arrived at Dublin on Friday, the 14th inst., and were welcomed at the railroad station by the people of that place and by a large contingent from Colonia Juarez, including our band. Having intimated his desire to visit this place during the next forenoon, the brethren returned home the same evening to make such arrangements as they could in the brief space of time allowed before the governor came.

Before sunrise many carriages from this place were in Casas Grandes to convey our visitors hither, and at 10 a. m. they arrived here, having been joined in Casas Grandes by the municipal authorities and leading citizens there. As the long procession neared the academy, headed by horsemen bearing the national colors of green, white and red, the people assembled shouted "Viva la Republica Mexicana!" "Viva el Gobernador!" and the band played the national hymn so dear to every Mexican. The unfortunate absence in Sonora of President A. W. Ivins was much to be regretted, but his place was admirably filled by Counselor Henry Eyring, assisted by J. C. Bentley, who were a host in themselves, and who, well seconded by our citizens here, carried the affair through with signal success.

The academy was tastefully decorated with national colors and mistletoe sprays and the words of welcome "Viva el Gobernador" which spanned one

end of the room were also of the same beautiful plant.

President Eyring opened the entertainment with prayer in Spanish, followed by music by the choir and the band, and a speech in Spanish by the governor, which was interpreted by a Mexican gentleman. He expressed his gratitude for the hearty reception given him and his party, and was greatly pleased at the evidences of prosperity around him as shown by the handsome dwellings, fine orchards, well fenced lots and other improvements, all proofs of the industry and energy of the colonists. He was also pleased to see so many children who, he said, were already Mexicans by virtue of their birth in Mexico. His remarks were replete with encouragement and praise, as were those of others of his party who spoke.

A hastily improvised program had been arranged, consisting of a speech by President Eyring, music by the band and choir, quartets, and a song by the Primary children led by Sister Sarah Clayson, and all concerned in these exercises acquitted themselves and were heartily applauded by our visitors.

Meanwhile busy hands had prepared the tables in the basement with a tempting and abundant feast, places being made for seventy persons. The tables were surrounded by happy faces three several times and there was plenty for all.

After inspecting the wire suspension bridge over the Rio Piedras Verdas the party returned to Dublin, fifteen miles distant, and thus terminated an event full of interest and possibly of importance to us as a colony. One official was heard to say that from this time forward our colony would receive many more favors than formerly, and we have reason to hope that ere long we may receive a municipal charter for Colonia Juarez.

I omitted to state that the governor left his band at Casas Grandes, deeming ours fully equal to all requirements of the occasion.

Governor Ahumada is a gentleman of dignified presence, about 6 feet 3 inches in height, well proportioned, and in the prime of life. Having already served one term of four years as governor of Chihuahua he has recently entered upon another. His pre-eminently wise and broad-minded administration has so greatly enhanced the prosperity of this state that the title—rarely bestowed—of "Bienhechor del Estado"—Benefactor of the State—has been universally accorded him.

JAMES H. MARTINEAU.

BEAVER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Beaver Stake of Zion was brought to a close at 1:30 p. m. today, after a succession of meetings since the commencement on Saturday, January 8th.

The first meeting commenced at 10 o'clock a. m., the Stake presidency presiding. There was a large representation of the officers of the different grades of the Priesthood as well as the Bishops and counselors. A large audience filled the house.

Elder White expressed much pleasure at seeing so prompt attendance at the commencement of what he confidently hoped would be one of the best conferences ever held in this Stake. He testified of the perpetuation of the of the truths of the Gospel, and important position occupied by the Latter-day Saints.

Elder C. T. Harris explained the objects for which conferences are held, and gave a somewhat detailed account of the organization of a branch of the Minersville ward at Frisco, and the prosperity attending the Saints there.