

Written for this Paper.

WEBER STAKE CONFERENCE.

OGDEN CITY, Oct. 15, 1894.—For several seasons past I have heard brethren who have attended the General Annual or Semi-Annual Conferences at Salt Lake City say: "Well, this is the best Conference at which I have yet been present. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit seems to have been richer and more copious, and the teachings of the Priesthood have been so suited in every respect to the times in which we live, and so very appropriate to the circumstances of the people." So, also can it be said of the two days' conference of the Weber Stake, which closed this evening.

By 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 14th instant, the Ogden Tabernacle was well filled, and by the time the opening exercises were completed the building was packed to its utmost capacity. On the stand were Elders F. D. Richards and A. H. Cannon, and later came Elder John H. Smith, the presidency of the Stake, members of the High Council, Bishops from nearly every ward, and many others of the several quorums of Priesthood. The meeting was called to order by Elder C. F. Middleton, who, after the opening exercises, reported the general condition of the Stake. The condition of the Saints, he said, was good. They were endeavoring to do right and keep the commandments of God; still there is room for improvement, which, he believed, will be effected as time progresses and the Saints obtain more knowledge. He stated that the presidency of the Stake are united in their labors to build up the Saints, and to strengthen them. They meet with the people in the several wards and impart unto them such instructions as the Spirit of the Lord directs; but their visits are not as frequent as desirable through circumstances over which they have no control. They are assisted, he said, materially in these labors by the members of the High Council, who are home missionaries, and are united with the presidency. The Bishops also are energetic in the discharge of their duties in administering to the people of their several wards. He spoke in deserved commendation of the faithful and efficient labors of the Relief Societies.

The other speakers during the conference were Elders A. H. Cannon, John Henry Smith, Wm. N. Fife, W. R. Stowell, Lorenzo Clark, Lorin Farr, F. A. Hammond and Franklin D. Richards. The subjects spoken on were numerous. Among them were the evils of intemperance, portraying in a forcible manner the distress, misery, degradation, destitution and ruin to which many once happy families have been reduced through constantly imbibing of the demon drink! This was contrasted with the happy results of observing the Word of Wisdom.

Home habits and the force of examples that are exerted in the family circle by the parents on their children, for good or evil, and the great responsibilities of heads of households were dwelt upon. It was shown what great influence mothers and wives can exercise for good in guiding their children in the fear of the Lord, and assisting their husbands and encouraging them to fidelity in the performances of their

duties as husbands, fathers and servants of God, whether at home or abroad.

The true relation of parents and children in the New and Everlasting Covenants were pointed out in a clear and instructive manner.

The Saints were reminded of the great blessings which will result from a faithful obedience to the law of tithing, fast offerings, etc., and they were counseled to comply cheerfully with these requisitions that they may be in communion and fellowship with God and enjoy His protection.

Temple building and temple work for the salvation of the living and the dead formed an important part of the instructions given to the Elders. The Saints were forcibly reminded that we are living in the hour of God's judgments, which were so visibly manifested in so many portions of the earth and which are chronicled daily in the public journals.

They were earnestly continued to avoid false teaching and false doctrines; to beware of those who declare that Christ has already come; that David is resurrected; that Nathan, the prophet, is again on the earth. They were exhorted to so live that they may always be in possession of the Spirit of God to enable them to detect all false spirits that may attempt to lead them astray—that the testimony of the truth may ever abide with them. They were urged to avoid contention and strife, either in religion or politics; to cultivate the spirit of peace, forgiveness, forbearance and love to each other; also to earnestly seek after and pray for greater faith in God, to enable them to call on Him in confidence, that through the ordinances which He has appointed they may be healed when they are sick, if it be the will of God to raise them up. They were also counseled not to be too importunate for the Lord to restore those of their dear ones who appear to be on the brink of death, but to submit the matter to the will of the Lord—that His will may be done. Then, if they live, they live to God, and if they die, they "die in the Lord," and are secure from all the evils to which they would be liable if their lives were spared.

The Saints were admonished to uphold those brethren whom God has appointed to preside over the people in the several departments of His Church government; to seek advice and counsel from them in all important matters pertaining to interests and welfare in life. They are men of God and can always be consulted by the Saints with safety and with profit.

A number of other interesting matters were spoken upon—indeed it seemed that "no stone was left unturned" to wake up the people to a realization of their true conditions and of their surroundings.

On Sunday afternoon an overflow meeting was held in the Third ward meeting house, at which much valuable instruction was imparted. At all the sessions of this conference the speakers were listened to with deep interest and attention; and at the close many were heard to say it was the best Stake conference they have attended.

Yours truly,

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Diphtheria is raging epidemically in the parishes of northern Jylland.

UTAH COMMISSION RESOLUTION.

The Utah Commission has adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the county registrars and deputy registrars of this Territory and any judge of election who has been hereinbefore appointed to such position or place by this Commission and who has since the date of such appointment been nominated by either political party or who shall be nominated hereafter prior to the election in November for any office, either Territorial or county, is hereby required to forward to the Commission immediately after accepting such nomination, his resignation as such registrar or judge. Where it is impossible to notify the Commission by mail of such resignation in time for the appointment of others prior to November 6th, such resignations must be forwarded by telegraph. The clerk of this Commission is directed to notify parties in interest of this action at once.

THE MAPLE AND THE FIR.

When Winter came to the mountain tops,

Summer was still at their feet,
And stretching afar the valley slept

In the haze of August's heat;
The farmer still in his harvest field,
The orchards bending low,
The woods and fields in their summer dress,
With never a thought of snow.

Then Winter called the wind from the north,]

Which comes with death in its hand,
And noiselessly buries its victims

In a shroud that covers the land.
But lofty mountains guard the retreat

Where Summer is wont to tarry,
And the north wind spent its force in vain
On walls it could not carry.

So Winter held a council of war

High up on a mountain peak,
And gathering clouds concealed his camp

While he made his plans complete.

But when he lifted his head, behold,

A fir tree stood at his side,
And Winter knew that the fir tree saw

The plans he endeavored to hide.

"If you do not betray me," said Winter,

"If you keep my secret true,

I shall bid my frost and wind to take

Neither hue nor leaf from you."

Then the fir tree bowed her stately head,

"I accept your terms," said she;

"What you may do to the other trees

Matters but little to me."

But a little dwarf of a maple

Kept guard in the traitor's stead,
And when the clouds had floated away,

He hoisted his flag of red.

And now far up on the mountain slopes,

These colors may be seen:

The loyal maple's crimson blush,

The fir tree's guilty green.

FRANK QUALTROUGH.

Monterey Bay, Cal., was visited last

week by an immense school of whales,

which are on their way from the north

to the warmer waters of the south to

rear their young.

Two years ago yesterday, remarks

the Laramie, Wyo., *Boomerang*, of

Saturday, the great October snowstorm

of that year began. Two years ago

today it was raging with its greatest

violence and continued through the

13th. People were shut into their

homes here and some fainted by the

wayside in plodding through the big

drifts and facing the storm.