

report, Arthur Stayner spoke of the great privileges of the Saints, and the glorious future before them. President Joseph F. Smith, although not very well, delivered a powerful discourse on true religion and true science; the creation, death and resurrection of the earth and its inhabitants.

2 p. m.—While the sacrament was being administered the general authorities of the Church and the officers of the Stake were presented. Presidents Anson Call, C. Layton and Wm. R. Smith endorsed former remarks and enjoined a closer observance of the Sabbath, as it was not right to make it a day of pleasure-seeking.

President Joseph F. Smith bore his testimony to the good spirit of the Conference and the practical nature of the advice given.

Thus closed one of the most interesting conferences ever held in Davis Stake.

J. H. WILCOX,
Clerk.

SEVIER STAKE CONFERENCE.

RICHFIELD, Sevier County,
August 22d, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Our conference of the 20th and 21st is numbered with the past. It is indeed gratifying to realize quarterly on these occasions the onward tendency and progress, individually and collectively, of the Latter-day Saints. This, the 16th quarterly conference of Sevier Stake, is but a repetition and still in advance of all former and similar occasions of a home conference; where home, its best interests and immediate concerns, temporal, spiritual and domestic, are fully and freely discussed by men inspired of God, illustrating the force of organization in the development of God's purposes. It was a busy time in the midst of a bountiful harvest. Everybody cheerful and happy, planning for the upbuilding of our Manti Temple, payment of tithing, matrimonial alliances for time and for all eternity; the fostering care of the young, introduction here of a high school, the protection of virtue, and whatever may be required of a sacrifice to maintain our inalienable rights, without which to Latter-day Saints life itself would have no charms. The force of one remark will be endorsed by all Israel, that the kingdom of God now upon the earth never would be smaller than it is now. The evidences cluster around this expression to absolute demonstration. Time, space and circumstances preclude needless comment. Praying that the power and demonstration of the Spirit may abide and forever increase with our Presidency of the Stake, the Bishopric, quorum organizations, Sunday and day school in erests, M. I. A.'s and home missionary labors together with the Relief Societies and kindred associations. "Amor vincit omnia"—love conquers all things.

Yours fraternally in the bonds and fellowship of the Kingdom

whole on either side—hundreds of dollars of damage being done in that respect, nor a vestige of a bridge left to show where they stood. One bridge that was built by the people, close to Jewkes' mill, the abutments of which and stringers were Green Leaf Pine, and had stood two seasons of high water, seemed to be nothing but pipe-stems in the water's hands, and left for more genial climes. When the waters gathered together in our stream it was from seven to ten feet deep by 200 to 400 yards wide. There were no human lives lost; two or three pigs belonging to Brother Erastus Curtis went down stream and were not recovered. Damage to the grain in the shock and standing can not be estimated, as everybody sustained loss to some extent. James Petersen's and Orange Seeley's houses being surrounded on all sides. James Petersen's being the lowest the water went in at one door and out at the other, making them think they had better get on higher ground, which they did as soon as the flood abated. President Larsen's dogout was threatened pretty close; the water came to the door step, as much as to say I'm coming. But the most deplorable case of the whole was that of a party of women and children camped in tents between this place and Wilsonville, in what is known as the Breaks, their husbands being away working on the railroad. They had left the Sevier Valley to go to Colorado, but taken a notion to work on the road, had left their families where there was feed and water for their cows, supposing them safe from danger of any kind. A party of men, your informant being one of the number, hearing of them being camped there, started off in the morning to see what had become of them; they found them all alive, but in a sad state. We found them hunting in the mud and water and brush for what had not left them entirely. They said the flood struck them about 9 o'clock in the evening, after they had gone to bed. The first intimation they had was a roar of water around them. Jumping out of bed they found themselves waist deep in mud and water. The brush kept the drift wood from hurting them; they crowded the children into the wagons.

At the present writing, a great many people are getting discouraged; so much labor gone in such a short time, and the people, as a general thing, not having any to throw away, most of them having given up doing anything with their ditches this season, thinking that most of their crops that are left will mature with what rain they have had.

Hoping that the next time I write there will be better news to relate. I remain your brother in the Gospel.

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