

wards; the Bishops to be conferred with as to time, place, etc. The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Bishop John E. Booth moved that a committee be formed of the Stake Superintendency with Joseph A. Reese, of Spanish Fork, for the purpose of drafting plans for each school, hearing subjects for each month on Bible and Book of Mormon history. The name of Bishop John E. Booth was added to the committee. Prof. R. G. Maeser was largely in favor of this move, as the subject had been taken up by the Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union. He also endorsed the business which had been presented.

On the motion of Assistant Superintendent S. S. Jones, a committee of two was appointed for anniversaries and jubilees. The following being named by Superintendent D. John: Wm. Grant, of American Fork; James Brown, of Pleasant Grove, and James Whitehead, of Springville.

On the motion of Assistant G. H. Brimhall, there were appointed, for the schools of each ward of the Stake, missionaries to labor on the streets and in the homes of those who do not attend Sabbath School. It was also agreed, on the suggestion of Superintendent G. H. Brimhall, that the Stake Secretary be furnished each year with \$1.00 from the large schools and fifty cents and twenty-five cents from the smaller ones, to defray the necessary expenses for stamps, stationery, etc.

On the proposition of Evan Wride, superintendent of the Second Ward, the conference adjourned subject to the call of the Stake superintendent.

The proceedings closed with the benediction by Karl G. Maeser.

JAMES HARDY,  
Stake Secretary.

#### Parowan Stake.

THE quarterly conference of this Stake convened in the Parowan meeting house Sunday and Monday, December 23 and 24, 1888. President Morgan Richards, junr., presided. On the stand were Apostle John W. Taylor, Elders David Cannon and Seegmiller, of St. George Stake; High Counselors, Bishops and representative men from the various wards in the Stake. On Sunday morning, after the usual opening services and the reading of reports from a number of the Sabbath schools, Apostle Taylor gave some important instruction in regard to the selecting of competent clerks,

and punctuality in making out true and proper reports, etc. Elder Wm. Connell bore testimony to the truth of the work in which we are engaged, and declared that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God.

The remainder of the morning was occupied by Elder David Cannon, who spoke on the subjects of the building of Temples and the nature and objects of the various ordinances performed therein.

At 2 p. m. the Sacrament was administered, and the Stake statistical report was read. The remaining portion of the afternoon was occupied by the Stake Presidency and Apostle Taylor, and the subjects discoursed upon were the training of children, encouraging and sustaining the Sabbath schools, attending meetings, family and secret prayers, and the kind of reading matter that should be used by Latter-day Saints. The speakers pointed out that it was the duty of every Latter-day Saint to investigate and ascertain if the religion they have embraced is true. Reference was made to the wonderful inventions that are being made in the world for the destruction of human life, to retain the human voice, and for the use of steam, electricity, etc. The time of the evening meeting was occupied by Elders Daniel S. Macfarlane, William Ford, and Henry Leigh, who gave good instruction on a number of subjects.

Monday, President Richards presented the general authorities of the Church, and they were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference. Afterwards David Matheson was presented and sustained by vote of the conference as second counselor to Bishop Adams in the Parowan Ward; also William Corry as Bishop of Cedar City Ward, with Uriah T. Jones as first and John Chaffin as second counselor; Joseph B. Dalley as Bishop of Summit Ward, with Robert B. Dalley first and William F. Smith second counselor; William Ford as Bishop of Kanarra Ward, with Myron S. Roundy first and James Stapley second counselor; Daniel S. Macfarlane, Francis Webster and Hans J. Mortensen as regular members of the High Council, to fill vacancies in that body; Joseph Mikkelsen as president of the first quorum of Elders, with Enoch Wardell first counselor.

President Richards said he was most thankful for the visit of Apostle Taylor and for the excellent admonitions he had given. He had no fault to find with the changes made

at the conference of this Stake of Zion, and he believed the Saints would acknowledge God's hand in all these things. He gave good advice to the young people, advised them to investigate the Gospel, live pure lives, be honest and virtuous, and seek diligently for a testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and then God would crown their labors with success.

Apostle Taylor next read the revelation known as the Word of Wisdom and spoke upon the same, showing very plainly the weaknesses of human nature, and the effect of liquor upon the human system. The speaker spoke also at some length upon the subject of temperance and the result of violating the laws of nature, which are the laws of God.

At 2 p. m. the local authorities and home missionaries were presented and sustained by vote. Elder Cannon again addressed the meeting, among his subjects being the atonement and the agency of man.

The closing discourse was delivered by Apostle Taylor. He continued the subject of temperance.

By invitation of President Richards, the Cedar City choir was present in full force, and much credit is due to them and their able leader, Brother Joseph Cosslett, for the part which they took in furnishing some excellent music and singing during the conference. The Parowan choir was also present, and added materially to the enjoyment of all who took part in our conference.

The various subjects treated upon, together with the valuable information given, made the conference interesting, instructive and profitable. The meetings were largely attended.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,  
Clerk of Conference.

#### THE TERRITORIAL FAIR.

*To the Citizens of the Territory of Utah:*

For many reasons the work of holding the recent Territorial Fair was undertaken by the Board of Directors of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society with feelings of trepidation and concern. At the very beginning of its endeavors vexatious questions arose and had to be determined respecting the validity of the act making appropriation for the exposition building, necessitating the exercise of wisdom and caution in the contracting of debt and consequent delay in preparations for the fair. When finally