

to look after their children and as often as possible to accompany their children to the associations to which they may belong.

Elder Teasdale occupied the rest of the afternoon. The subjects on which he spoke were the proper training of children, family prayer, the efficacy of prayer, and children honoring their parents.

On Sunday at 9 a. m. the members of the three Sunday schools of Farmington assembled in the Bowery, and after the opening exercises and the administering of the Sacrament were addressed by Elder Geo. Teasdale, whose talk to the children was very plain and fatherly and greatly appreciated by them.

Conference reconvened at 10:30 a. m. Elder Teasdale read and commented on a number of passages from the Doctrine and Covenants and Bible.

Sunday 2 p. m.—Sacrament administered. The general and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. Elders D. O. Willey, Ezra T. Clark, John N. Woolley, Thos. J. Steed, John Walsh, Starns Hatch, Joseph Smith, Richard Duerden, Walter W. Steed, Harry Perkins and Amos Cook, members of the High Council testified to the truth of the Latter-day work and expressed their desire to be faithful to the end. Elder M. Thomas also spoke for a short time quoting many passages from the Bible to show that Mormonism is not un-Scriptural or un-spiritual.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Kaysville.

JOHN J. SMITH, Stake Clerk.

### A PLEASANT EVENT

A very pleasant reunion of the returned Elders of the East Tennessee conference, Southern States mission, was held at Pleasant Grove, Sunday and Monday, September 12th and 13th.

Such an event has been in contemplation for some time past, but definite plans were consummated during the Jubilee, when several of the Elders, being in the city, met and selected a committee to arrange for the gathering. Invitations to the Elders who had labored in that particular field were immediately sent out and all arrangements were completed for a pleasant and profitable time. The Elders commenced to arrive on Saturday evening, September 11th, and by Sunday evening about twenty-five Elders with their families and friends had gathered and were entertained by the kind people of Pleasant Grove.

The Elders present were: William Spry and Robert R. Judd, Grantsville; Joseph C. Orme, Tooele; Moses W. Taylor, George A. Smith, and Thomas W. Sloan, Salt Lake City; John W. Webster, Taylorsville; James A. Muir and William Fairbairn, West Jordan, Salt Lake county; A. S. Richardson, Charleston, Wasatch county; John R. Halliday, William L. Hays and Jas. T. Thorne, Pleasant Grove; William Southwick, Lehi; George Cunningham, Fred M. Houston, Leo T. Shell ey, and John R. Hindley, American Fork; John Koyle, Spanish Fork; Marian Clinger, Lake View, Utah county; H. Walter, Christensen, Redmond Sevier county; and Robert C. Young, Three Mile Creek, Box Elder county.

Sunday morning the visitors attended the Sunday school which was found to be an unusually large one with an efficient corps of teachers. An interesting time was spent in visiting the different classes.

Through the kindness of Bishop Thorne, the Elders took charge of the afternoon meeting. Elder Spry was chosen to preside, and interesting and spirited remarks were made by several of the Elders. One feature of the meeting was the reading of a letter

from President Hart, now laboring in the missionary field, giving an account of the labors during the past year and report of the work done.

Another meeting was held in the evening at which some old-time hymns were sung by the Elders and many interesting experiences related. A very pleasant diversion of the meeting was the introduction of musical and other selections by some of the local talent of Pleasant Grove.

Monday morning the Elders met and organized a permanent association and the following officers were elected: Thomas W. Sloan, president; Wm. L. Hays, vice president; John R. Halliday, secretary and treasurer. In the afternoon the visiting friends, about seventy in number, enjoyed the delicious fruit at the Wadleigh vineyard. In the evening most of the Elders and families with warm expressions of appreciation for the kindness shown them departed for their homes. All were pleased with the reunion and vigorously urged a continuation of such gatherings. Much credit is due to the local Elders, John R. Halliday and Wm. L. Hays for the success of the reunion.

### ALBERTA STAKE CONFERENCE.

Cardston, Alberta, N. W. T.  
Canada, August 25, 1897.

The quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion was held in the Cardston meeting house, Sunday and Monday, August 22nd and 23rd. Prest. Charles O. Card presiding. There were present, the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishops of the different wards, and leading men of the Stake, also Elders J. W. Summerhays and J. M. Tanner from Salt Lake City.

Sunday, 10:15 a. m. After the opening exercises, President Card made the opening remarks, counselling the Saints to lay aside their cares during conference, that they might enjoy the Spirit of the Lord in assembling together.

Patriarch H. L. Hinman spoke of the increased population of the Stake, and also of the increase of faith and good works among the Saints in this region.

Elder Niels Hansen, representing the Manitoba mission, reported the labors of the Elders in that region. The brethren were laboring assiduously among the people, many believing in their words, but on account of existing prejudice, had not sufficient stability to give obedience to the Gospel.

Reports of the Aetna ward, the High Priests' quorum, Seventies and Elders' quorums and religion classes were then given by the representatives of those organizations, showing a laudable activity and increased desire among the Saints to perform the various duties assigned to them.

Sunday, 2 p. m.—After the opening exercises reports were given of the Cardston, Leavitt and Mountain View wards showing the organizations of those wards to be as complete as circumstances would permit, the Sunday schools especially doing a good work among the youth, and the Saints generally alive to their duties.

The Relief societies of the Stake were next reported by Sister Mary L. Woolf. The members were striving diligently to keep the commandments of the Lord and set good examples to those around them.

Sister Amy Allen reported the Primary associations of the Stake in good working order, although laboring under disadvantages in some parts, the meetings being well attended and the members striving diligently to perform the duties assigned them.

Elder Summerhays testified to the truth of Elder Tanner's remarks, said the Gospel jobs death of its sting, and the grave of its victory, but those who

have not enjoyed the spirit of the Gospel cannot comprehend this.

Monday, August 23rd, 10 a. m.—After the opening exercises Counselor John A. Woolf spoke of the blessings the people were enjoying in this land, and testified that the Saints who came here were moved upon by the Spirit of the Lord.

President Card then addressed the conference, stating it was not what we read or heard that would profit us but what we remembered and practiced; requested those who were coming in our midst to settle in this land, to report themselves, and bring certificates of recommendation from their former Bishops, and unite themselves with us. Counseled the Saints to observe the laws of the land and keep strictly the laws of the Lord.

Elder Summerhays followed in a brief address.

In the afternoon President Card gave notice that Sunday, September 5th, be generally kept in the different wards, as a day of thanksgiving, in connection with the fast to be observed on that day.

The presidency of the High Priests' Quorum were then called, and sustained unanimously to labor as home missionaries in connection with the home missionaries of the Stake.

The Seventies' quorum were then called and unanimously sustained to labor among the youth to induce them to be in regular attendance at the Sunday schools and Mutual Improvement association meetings.

Elder Tanner spoke of his experience as a teacher of the youth, and of the circumstances of the Saints in Alberta in regard to every day schools.

Elder Summerhays spoke on the subject of education.

President Card made the closing remarks.

The weather being fine, a large attendance was present at all the meetings, the Spirit of the Lord being poured out in much abundance, causing a time of rejoicing long to be remembered.

Your brother in the Gospel,  
SYLVESTER LOW,  
Stake Clerk.

### LABORS IN SWITZERLAND.

Bienne, Suisse, Aug. 30, 1897.

Seeing that a great many of my co-laborers have been giving accounts of their various experiences in the missionary fields, and thinking a few words from the Jura conference would not be amiss, I herewith take the liberty to pen you a few lines, in order to give the readers of your worthy paper an idea of the work done in the land of mixed nations, where the German, Swiss and French people dwell, and where the combined charms of beauty of scenery and historical recollections are an attraction to thousands of tourists through the entire year. Here are found all classes of people, all kinds of occupation, and religion of every possible description on the face of the earth; and here in the Jura mountains have sprung into existence five branches of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, presided over by Elders N. Bangerter, W. J. Heckmann and Arthur Porter.

The membership of this conference numbers over one hundred and are represented from nearly every village in the district. Services are held every Sunday at Biel, Chaux-de-Fonds, Les Loges and Lamboing, and once or twice a month in Neuchatel and Schwanden. A Sunday school in a flourishing condition, where the young and rising generation can learn the Gospel of Christ, is also a feature of this conference, as well as an excellent choir considering the scattering residences of its members. All the