



CONFERENCE IN VIRGINIA.

Fairmont, West Va., Oct. 21.—The semi-annual conference...

The event had been looked forward to with great anticipation by the elders and members.

Not only the members of the Church but a goodly representation of those not of our faith...

The meeting on Sunday morning was one of those rare occasions...

There were present several of the leading citizens of the city of Fairmont...

They were not a little surprised to learn from their own Bible that Christ is not an absentee...

Among others present was a prominent newspaper editor of Baltimore...

Elder Smith and President McQuarrie were the speakers...

On Monday two priesthood meetings were held, where the elders gave...

In the evening a social was given by the elders...

On Tuesday morning another priesthood meeting was held...

The visiting members returned to their several homes...

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pleasing manner, Elder Joseph A. Harding pronounced the benediction.

Conference adjourned for six months.

The choir, under the leadership of Elders M. J. Westwood...

Monday a priesthood meeting of five and one-half hours' duration was held...

In San Diego, R. M. Swallow, San Bernardino, James Peacock, P. L. Smith and J. Holman and wife...

Monday a baptism was given in Odd Fellows' hall. Tuesday evening at the meetinghouse a social was given...

Mr. Meakin lectured on Thursday, Oct. 25, before the Woodmen of the World. Press and public gave him kindly prizes...

A reception was tendered him by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraft at their beautiful home on Williams street...

Sunday evening he met with the missionaries and saints at mission headquarters and gave many encouraging thoughts...

There are no two things alike in this world, no two blades of grass, no two men, no two minds, no two anything alike.

How ridiculous for two men to stand up and quarrel and abuse each other because they are not alike.

The Lord says, "Come, let us reason together." So I say to every man and woman, my brothers and my sisters...

"Wherever you go and anything is said about Utah, there is a saucer, a turned up nose, and in a minute you are an outcast."

He referred to the purity of the Mormon elders and said, "I can lift my right arm to Almighty God and say, there is not a purer band of men associated together..."

"Don't you worry about Utah polygamy until you take care of your own. Am not saying this as a Mormon but as John P. Meakin. Don't make such a fuss about a people whose mountains are growing all around you..."

He dwelt upon the advancement Utah is making, and paid glowing tributes to the veteran builders of the state...

The evening closed with uplifting thoughts and poems, which can only be related by those talent as he possesses.

STAKE CONFERENCES. WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Fifty-second quarterly conference of the Wayne stake of Zion was held at Loa, Utah, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3 and 4, 1906.

Present were the stake president, George S. Bastian, Joseph Eckersley and John R. Stewart, a good representation of the high council and all stake and ward officers.

Confession opened at 10 a. m. by the choir and congregation singing "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer was offered by Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn.

President Bastian reported on the wards in the stake, excepting Cainesville and Giles, had been visited since stake presidency since last conference. A feeling of contentment prevailed to an extent that had not been for some time past.

Confession opened at 10 a. m. by the choir and congregation singing "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer was offered by Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn.

President Eckersley made a plea for more earnest devotion and diligent work on the part of every ward and stake officer, and promised if all would be united the condition of the people in things temporal and spiritual would be greatly improved.

He counseled the thorough organization of ward and stake officers throughout the stake. President John R. Stewart was pleased with the prospects before us for growth in the Wayne stake.

He urged the importance of Latter-day Saints interesting themselves in all things that concerned the material and spiritual growth of the work of the Lord.

Sister Flora A. Russell, president of the Relief societies in the stake, recently been visited and a good work was being done by the associations.

President Robinson spoke upon the organization of the Church and personality of God.

After a mixed quartet given in a

hobby of the departed. All the societies in the stake had been visited by the presidency and they were found to be accomplishing great good.

Supt. Edgar W. Jeffery said all the Stake Officers should be more diligent in their efforts to give the children proper spiritual training.

At the afternoon session the Loa, Lyman and Teasdale wards were reported to be in a prosperous condition by Bishops William H. Morrell, Joshua H. Cook and Heber J. Wilson.

Elder William J. Callahan said the religion of the Latter-day Saints is a blessing to the world, for success in their labors, it will be necessary for them to see that all the priesthood are performing the labor assigned them, and that priesthood meetings for the transacting of the business of the ward are regularly held.

Elder Moroni Lazenby treated upon the parable of the fig tree and exhorted the saints to be faithful and active that they may be counted among the wise when the Savior shall come.

He said if we hope to escape the promised Spirit of God, we must keep the commandments and sustain the men whom the Lord has called to preside over His work.

Elder Matthew W. Mansfield commented upon the power of good and evil that are everywhere present. Satan is ever influencing the weak in faith to find fault with the leaders of the Church.

The spirit of the evil one brings the opposition. Patriarch Benjamin F. Brown felt assured that all the people could say that the Lord was inspiring the speakers to say those things that are most useful to be said.

When we are humble the Lord makes us equal to every responsibility. There is need for mechanics and artisans in the stake to lighten the burden of those who are laboring almost night and day.

President Bastian said there was need for the Latter-day Saints to set their houses in order and act as the Lord in every action of their lives.

At 7:30 p. m. Sunday evening a conference of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. was held at the home of Elder Matt. W. Mansfield.

Addresses were made by Supt. Matt. W. Mansfield, and Flora A. Russell, Elder Ray E. Hanks and President Bastian, interspersed by singing, music and essays. The meeting was well attended.

Sunday morning at 10 a brief session of Sunday school was held, after which the conference meetings continued. Bishop George Brinkhous and Walter E. Hanks gave good reports of the Thurber and Cainesville wards respectively.

Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn discoursed upon the steady growth of the work of the Lord since the calling of the boy prophet, Joseph Smith. He said the Lord had brought His people out of obscurity and had yet made them the glory and excellency of all the earth.

He spoke of the signs that follow believers and bore testimony to the miraculous power of God in healing the sick.

The general and stake authorities were then presented and unanimously sustained. Edgar W. Jeffery was honored as stake superintendent.

At the closing meeting of conference, Bishop Elias H. Blackburn gave a good report of the Fremont ward, which George D. Morrill reported the Torrey ward in a thriving state.

Jacob S. Bastian said he had spent the best part of his life in Wayne county and although he had moved away he was still interested in the people. He spoke of the prosperity of the people who live here and encouraged them to be contented with their homes and not get the spirit of restlessness as there are many advantages for those living in Wayne stake.

He was not anxious for the praise and honor of men, but to glorify God in his work. He urged the Bishops to give attention to the quorums of lesser priesthood and find every means of promoting the work of the gospel.

President Stewart, addressing the conference, said if we practice all we are taught we will be a power in the earth. He was not anxious for the praise and honor of men, but to glorify God in his work.

President Eckersley addressed the conference upon the way of eternal life as taught by the Savior and pointed out that all the children of men will receive a reward according to their works.

He said that some may claim membership in the Church is not of itself a guarantee that they will be numbered among the redeemed of the Lord.

Only by absolute obedience to all the requirements of the gospel will Latter-day Saints receive exaltation.

President Bastian spoke at some length upon the necessity of parents placing proper restrictions upon their children, and by love restraining them from entering the paths of evil.

Wholesome amusements should be provided for the protection of the children of the saints, and such amusements should be given at the proper time. Every effort should be put forth to save the young people from the snares and pitfalls that are laid for their destruction.

The choir sang the anthem, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength." Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn.

The meetings were well attended and the Spirit of the Lord was poured out in rich measure.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY, Stake Clerk.

STAKE CONFERENCES. BINGHAM STAKE.

Idaho, Nov. 5.—Quarterly conference of the Bingham stake convened at Ammon, Bingham Co., Nov. 3 and 4. Elder John Henry Smith was present and spoke at all the meetings. The reports and advice given were timely and much appreciated.

The reports of the stake presidency, bishops of wards and others show the stake to be in a thriving condition, especially temporally. President Steele remarked that he had never seen such a bountiful harvest in the Snake River valley.

A very interesting feature of the conference was the report of the recent returned Elders from Australia. Their discourses were very interesting and instructive.

On the last day of conference Elder Smith ordained Joseph L. Taylor, bishop and set him apart to preside over the Grant ward of the Bingham stake. A vacancy having been caused through the resignation of A. K. Dabell. Charles Kingston of Ammon was chosen as president of the high priests' quorum, and was set apart to that office by Elder John Henry Smith. The counselors chosen by President Kingston were Jas. N. Southwick and J. J. Hammer of the Ammon ward.

The Ammon choir furnished excellent music, and all who attended the conference were made happy.

The general and local authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained. J. W. TELFORD, Clerk.

SOUTH SANPETE STAKE. The conference of the South Sanpete stake was held in Ephraim, Nov. 3 and 4. Elder Lewis Anderson presided.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES. Elder David R. Eccles of Baker City, Oregon, passed through this city Nov. 7, 1906, on his return from the Central States mission, for which he was set apart Feb. 6, 1906.

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