



## CONFERENCE AT GREELEY.

Greeley, Colo., May 22.—The semi-annual North Colorado conference convened in the M. B. hall at Greeley, Colo., May 19 and 20.

There were present President James P. Baxter and six traveling Elders of the conference and President J. A. McRae of the mission and President George E. Ferrin of the Denver conference.

During the conference one Priesthood meeting and four public meetings were held.

Many valuable instructions were given to the Elders by President McRae Saturday morning in Priesthood meeting.

The first public meeting held Saturday afternoon was occupied by President McRae, who spoke of our doctrine being unpopular among the people. Elders Nuttall and Barkdull also spoke upon the truth of the Gospel. As duty called President McRae elsewhere he left immediately after the meeting and left Elder George E. Ferrin of the Denver conference to represent the mission during the rest of the conference.

At the Saturday evening meeting the speakers were Elders Zundel and Dalling also President George E. Ferrin. During services a quartet was rendered by Elders Zundel, Taylor, Ferrin and Baxter.

Sunday morning Sunday school was held as usual attended by all the Elders and Saints.

At the afternoon services Sunday the speakers were Elders Arthur G. Taylor and President James P. Baxter. President Ferrin also bore his testimony. A quartet was rendered during services.

After the afternoon services an Elders council was held. President Baxter instructing the Elders in their duties and encouraging them to be faithful to their calling. President Ferrin also gave some very timely instructions and asked the Elders to be careful and honor the Priesthood at all times.

The evening meeting at 8 o'clock was very well attended by our friends and the time was occupied by Elder Nahum T. Curtis also by President Ferrin, he delivering a very powerful discourse upon the sanctification of mankind. Closing remarks were made by President James P. Baxter. He also thanked those in attendance at our conference for their presence. During the evening services a duet was rendered by Elders Zundel and Taylor.

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The quarterly conference of the Granite stake of Zion convened in the stake tabernacle on Sunday, May 27, 1906, at 10 a. m. President Frank Y. Taylor presiding.

There were present during the conference Presidents Joseph F. Smith and John R. Winder, Elders Chas. W. Penrose, Orson F. Whitney and David O. McKay, Bishop Orin P. Miller, the stake presidency, High Council, and a splendid representation of stake, ward and quorum officers.

After the opening exercises President Frank Y. Taylor reported conditions, they exist in the stake. Spoke of the unanimity of spirit and action existing in the various councils and organizations of the stake. He also referred to the support due the Prophet of the Lord.

Elder David O. McKay took for his text the statement of Christ, "He who will save his life will lose it, but he who will lose his life for my sake will find it," showing the need of each individual striving for the advancement of the truth and for the advancement of himself. Spoke of the unity of the Father and the Son, emphasizing the need of the same unity existing among the Saints of God.

Elder Chas. W. Penrose referred to the proper seating of congregations, also to the need of the people attending the stake conferences. Spoke of the power and effect the truth has upon the children of men. Read from the 9th section of the Doctrine and Covenants, treating upon the duties of the Saints toward their Creator and their fellow men.

Children's choir sang, "True to the Faith," the benediction being pronounced by Elder Samuel Oliver.

The afternoon services commenced by the combined ward choirs singing "Glory to God on High."

Bishop James D. Cummings offered the opening prayer.

After the choir had rendered the "Thanksgiving" anthem, President Frank Y. Taylor presented the general authorities of the Church also the stake officers, all of whom were sustained unanimously.

Elder Orson F. Whitney was the first speaker, he congratulated the people upon conditions as they exist in the Granite stake. Spoke of the relations existing among the children of men and of associations enjoyed prior to mortality. Stated that mortal man would be judged by what they accomplish not by the positions they hold or by the blood in their veins, also that man is to worship the Creator and not the creations of God.

The choir sang the anthem, "Send out Thy Light," after which President Joseph F. Smith addressed the congregation. He referred to the simplicity of the principles of the Gospel, also to the fulfillment of the efforts of men to find the way to heaven without revelation. Spoke of the multiplicity of religious denominations and sects, also of the opinions of many prominent men in the world that the Gospel of Christ is inadequate to the needs of the present time. Referred to the power, glory and majesty of the Son of God and to the grandeur of the principles of life enunciated by Him. Stated that the way of life is humility, repentance, submission to the will of God and to have the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul.

Choir sang, "Our God we raise to Thee." Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph Boyes.

On Saturday, May 26, 1906, the regular stake meeting of the Granite stake of the stake was held, commencing at 10 a. m. President Frank Y. Taylor presiding.

There were present upon this occasion President John R. Winder, Apostle Chas. W. Penrose, the stake presidency, 14 stake, 35 ward, and 14 quorum officers; 29 home missionaries; 25 High Priests; 67 Seventies and 71 Elders; 15 Priests; 18 Teachers and 143 Deacons.

Elder Chas. W. Penrose addressed the meeting at length upon the power and authority connected with the various callings in the Priesthood, also for the need of being active. Assured those present that they would lose nothing by attending to their spiritual duties.

President John R. Winder spoke of how willing the Lord is to hear the petitions of His children, offered in righteousness, also of the great amount of good accomplished by the auxiliary organizations. Admonished the young people to put themselves in a position to enter the House of the Lord.

After singing the Doxology, Patriarch Amos H. Neff pronounced the benediction.

## NEBO STAKE.

The quarterly conference of Nebo stake was held at Payson, Utah county, Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday. The presidency of the stake presided.

On Saturday there were in attendance of the general Church authorities, Elders Hyrum M. and George Albert Smith of the Apostles and Elder Seymour B. Young of the First Council of Seventies, and on Sunday Elder George Albert Smith and Seymour B. Young, and their instructions and counsel were much enjoyed.

Opening prayer was offered by Bishop George Hales of Spanish Fork Third ward. President J. S. Page, Jr., spoke on the favorable conditions and the good outlook for crops, etc., and urged the need of better attendance at Sabbath meetings. Reported the stake as being in a good working condition.

Other reports were given as follows: W. S. Tanner of the High Council, Z. S. Taylor of the Forty-ninth, J. T. Hales of the Nineteenth quorums of Seventy, and T. W. Lovell of the Nineteenth quorum of Elders. Reports were also made by a number of the Bishops and the presidents of other quorums, and auxiliary organizations, all of which were generally satisfactory.

The general Church and stake officers were presented and sustained unanimously.

The Payson First and Second ward choirs rendered beautiful singing throughout the conference.

THOMAS W. LEHWILL, Stake Clerk.

## BENSON STAKE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Benson stake was held at Richmond in the ward meetinghouse Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, and was well attended. There were present of the quorum of Apostles Elders George Albert Smith and George F. Richards and Elder Chas. H. Hart of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy, President Alma Merrill and his counselors, B. A. Hendricks and Wm. Wadsworth, Bishops of several wards, and the High Council.

The stake and the various wards, the Priesthood quorums and auxiliary organizations were reported in good condition generally.

The instructions of the visiting brethren were practical and timely, and much appreciated by the people.

The general Church authorities were sustained, but few local changes were made from the last quarter.

Notice of the old folks' reunion, to be held at Smithfield on June 1, in commemoration of the birth of President Brigham Young was read, and all were invited to participate.

The several quorums of Seventy in the stake held a meeting at 4 p. m. on Sunday, when they were instructed in their duties in the Priesthood.

The Mutuals of the stake convened in quarterly conference on Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The presidents of the two associations presided conjointly. A very nice program was rendered, after which some very timely remarks were made by Elders Smith, Hart and Richards.

The singing by the choir, under the leadership of Otto J. Munson was a feature of the conference much enjoyed.

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