



The conference of the Jay branch of the Church was held in the meeting-house at Jay, Kansas, Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19. Elder James G. Duffin, and Arthur Livingston and Sister Laura Boley and Nellie Thomas were present from Kansas City, and Elders George A. Martineau, John P. Smith, Jr., and Charles French of the East Kansas conference.

Elder Duffin, in his remarks, stated that the Saints should never fear for their branch, for there shall, he said, never be a time when there shall be no branches of the Church in Kansas. Many colonies, he said, shall be built and the Saints shall make this part of the Lord's vineyard a fruitful field.

In the Saturday morning session Elder John P. Smith, Jr., spoke on the resurrection and salvation for the dead. In the afternoon session Elders Arthur Livingston spoke on Joseph Smith's mission and Elder George A. Martineau on the necessity of revelation.

Sister Boley spoke on obedience and Sister Thomas on the work that the children should be constantly engaged in.

Three meetings were held Sunday and in the forenoon Sister Boley gave instructions on how to keep records. Sister Thomas spoke on Sunday school work. In the two afternoon sessions Elders Livingston, Charles French and Duffin spoke on the principles of the Gospel.

The conference was made a time of rejoicing as the Spirit of God was made manifest in our midst.

The work of the Lord is progressing in this part. Another Sunday school has been organized in Wilson county during the last month and the "S. S." and Era are always welcomed and do

and left Salt Lake City the next day for Gotham. I spent one day at the world's fair and one day in Chicago.

After a few days' sight-seeing here I was appointed to labor in the Brooklyn conference and stationed at No. 46 Lewis avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., with Elder Jos. S. Welsh as my companion and Elders Geo. D. Parkinson and Jas. R. Kennard, the other two companions now occupying a flat at this place. We have a few Saints, and a few enquirers with whom we hold Sunday school, sacrament meetings and evening meetings regularly on the Sabbath day. We hold street meetings twice a week usually. A short time ago after I had spoken on "God's Teaching of Theology in All Ages," not forgetting the Restoration in our day, followed by Elder Kennard on "The First Principles," a man came up to us and said, "if we would restore his fingers, he would be healed and become a convert." The same old story!

We distribute tracts from day to day in this great city, and find a few friends. Last Saturday we baptized two bright young men.

Would be glad to hear from any of our old friends.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

### MORGAN STAKE.

Instructive Address Delivered at The Quarterly Conference.

Porterville, Utah, June 23.—The June session of our quarterly conference convened Sunday and Monday, June 20 and 21 at the Morgan Stake Hotel. We were favored with the presence of

June 18 and 19, 1904. It was fairly well attended. All of the stake presidents, all the bishops, several of the High Council and the officers of the various associations were present, together with our visiting brethren, Elder Rudger Clawson of the Council of Apostles, and Henry McCune of Nephi, Juab stake.

The reports given in were very good. The remarks of our brethren were very instructive. They spoke on marriage, Word of Wisdom, fidelity and integrity in the Gospel of Christ. Elder Clawson also gave much good instruction in the Priesthood meeting on duty in the Priesthood.

Two of our lately returned missionaries, Henry C. Esplin and Henry Chamberlain, gave some instructive remarks and missionary experiences. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained.

A state Sunday school board was organized and sustained as follows: President, A. C. Hoyt; Secretary, T. C. Hoyt; James A. Brown, Edw. W. Little, Asst. Secs.; Henry C. Esplin, and Warren Cutler, Asst. Treasurers; P. G. Spencer; as secretaries, Nellie and Asa. As department workers—Theological, Joseph Palmer; second intermediate, Wm. H. Heaton; first intermediate, Middle Roundy; primary, Annie Englested. Kindergarten, Edie Chamberlain, Chorister, Henry Chamberlain.

After the close of the conference, there was a joint session of the Y. M. C. A. in the evening. The program was in which Elder Rudger Clawson related his experience while laboring as a companion of Joseph Standing in the missionary field at the time the latter was shot and killed by a mob.

The people are anxious that a good rain will come to moisten the parched earth.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

### NORTH SANPETE STAKE.

Report of the Quarterly Conference Held at Moroni.

The quarterly conference of the North Sanpete stake was held at Moroni, Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. Stake President C. N. Lund presided. The meetings throughout the entire conference were very well attended and an excellent spirit prevailed.

Remarks were made at the opening session by President C. N. Lund, Bishop R. Lambert and A. C. Sorenson. Saturday afternoon the Bishops reported the conditions existing in their respective wards. The reports generally showed the people to be in the enjoyment of health and happiness in the pursuits of their labors, spiritual and temporal.

President F. M. Lyman of the Council of Apostles said he had much enjoyed the spirit manifested by the brethren who had spoken, and the reports given by them. He suggested that the Saints pray for their brethren who are not members of the Church, and labor with them, that they may be brought into the fold.

The Bishopric of the Spring City ward having been dissolved through the death of the venerable Bishop James A. Allred, a new Bishopric was organized and set apart at the close of the afternoon session. Bishopric members, Larsen as Bishop, John S. Blain as first and Henry L. Acord as second counselor.

At 4 p. m. a meeting was held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in which President Lyman addressed the young people on timely topics.

It was a pleasing sight to see the large throng of bright Sunday school children who greeted the authorities on Sunday morning in the Sunday school session. After imparting instructions to parents and children, President Lyman stationed himself at the door of the spacious building, giving the little ones the opportunity of a warm and hearty handshake, which privilege was enjoyed immensely by the little folks.

Conference continued at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

The general and stake authorities were unanimously sustained.

Elders P. H. Nelson and George Christensen of the stake presidency spoke in the morning session on the proper training and educating of the children of the Saints.

President Lyman addressed the people on the duties required of the officers and members of the Church. The office of a ward teacher, the speaker said, is a very important one. He cited the example of the Great Teacher of humanity, the Savior of men, and urged to imitation of His example. Men and women should repent of their sins and strive to be like Him, that they may obtain forgiveness which endures forever, through the cleansing blood of Christ.

Sunday afternoon the labors of the High Priests of the stake were reported by President J. F. Allred.

President Lyman then delivered a very interesting and instructive discourse on the perfect organization of the Church of Christ, and the different ways of procedure in cases of appeal from the lower to the higher Church courts.

A. MERZ, Stake Recorder.

### BIG HORN STAKE.

Brief Report of the Quarterly Conference at Byron.

Byron, Big Horn Co., Wyo., June 23.—The regular quarterly conference of the Big Horn stake was held in the Otto ward, June 11 and 12. Elder Sessions presided. He and members of the High Council were the speakers. The reports of the stake presidency showed a healthy and prosperous growth throughout the stake. The reports of the bishops showed a spirit of general improvement, activity in the Priesthood and especially in the Lesser Priesthood.

At the Priesthood meeting there was a good attendance.

Sunday afternoon Sister Harriet B. Barker and Francis Smith arrived from Salt Lake City in the interest of the Relief Society in the conference Monday.

Sunday evening was devoted to the joint session of the M. I. A. The weather is fine and much better for good crops.

EMANUEL THOMAS, Stake Clerk.

Returned Missionaries

Elder David Lee of Farr West, Weber county, passed through Salt Lake City April 5 on his return from a mission in Scandinavia, for which he was set apart April 2, 1902. His field of labor was in the Aarhus conference, Denmark, which has just come into possession of a beautiful church building. The Gospel work is making good progress in Denmark. Many strangers attend the meetings and there are good prospects and hope for the future.

Elder Charles H. West of Hoytsville, Summit county, returned May 5, from the British mission which he went March 10, 1902.

Apostle Lyman then discussed the duties of labor that in his judgment would be admissible on the Sabbath day. He warned the people against the unscrupulous purchase of Sunday as a time for sports and games.

Monday morning Elders Isaac Morris and George Gibby reported their work in the European Mission from which they have recently returned.

Apostle Lyman made a thorough and comprehensive review of the course of procedure in settling difficulties between members and the Church. His subject being "Peacemakers." He exhorted the young to be modest and careful in their conduct and in general to avoid notoriety. The Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. conference was held Sunday evening.

All of the wards in the stake were well represented at each session, the attendance was good, the spirit of the Lord was manifestly present.

### KANAB STAKE.

Report of the Recent Conference at Glendale.

June 28, 1904.—The Kanab stake quarterly conference was held in Glendale

The Work in Brooklyn.

Writing from Brooklyn, June 25, Elder W. M. Egan says in part: I was set apart on the 8th of May,

## THE PROTECTION OF GOD.

Savage Beasts Refuse to Attack The Elders.

Writing from Harley's Mills, Lunenburg Co., Va., June 11, Elder A. R. Johnson says in part:

My companion and I have been laboring in one of the outland counties bordering on the James river, for some time, and have met with many good and kind-hearted people, who have been our warmest friends and sympathizers, as they have been able to get a little insight into the plan of salvation. We have had the



CENTRAL BUILDING, GENTLE VALLEY. Fine Building Erected by the Latter-Day Saints in That Section.

UNLIKE most other stakes, the Bannock Stake of Zion, containing the Saints residing in Bannock county, Idaho, has no natural center, hence the quarterly stake conferences are held in different settlements, being changed to suit localities and the circumstances of the people. But out of the Bishop's wards, which constitute the stake, four, writes Andrew Jensen, are located in Gentle valley, namely Thatcher, Cleveland, Trout Creek and Mound valley. Two of these are on the east and two on the west side of Bear river, which runs through the entire length of the valley from north to south. Neither of these four wards having townships for a center, as nearly all the inhabitants

reside on their farms and ranches, they all joined together last year and built what is now known as the Central building, which is represented in the accompanying picture. This structure, which cost the people about \$7,000, (raised by voluntary donations) stands on the east bank of the river. It is a beautiful two-story building, 40x70 feet, the lower story is built of lava rock and the upper story of pressed brick. There are three large rooms in the lower story, which make it a very convenient place for Sunday school class work, and the upper story consists of one commodious hall, with a large stage platform in the east end, and is not only intended for general meetings (such as stake conferences) but also for theatricals and other social gatherings. The building may also be utilized as a central schoolhouse for the people of the four

wards who have built it. In calling for donations, both "Mormon" and non-"Mormon" responded with almost equal willingness and liberality, and the people are justly proud of their "Central building," which, at present, stands all alone in the center of a valley that has great future possibilities. The probability is that a business village will soon spring into existence in the immediate vicinity of the new house. Elder Lewis S. Pond, president of the Bannock stake, and both his counselors reside near by, and other leading men own farms and ranches in that particular neighborhood. The distance from Central building to the nearest railway station (Bancroft) is about 25 miles. It is only a little further to Soda Springs, Preston and Oxford, the three other railway points to which the people of Gentle valley do business.

much good amongst friends and earnest investigators.

### A FAVORED SPOT.

Plenty of Rain, a Mild Climate, And a Paradise of Fruit.

Elder W. E. Reed, in a letter dated Kelsey, Upshur county, Texas, June 21, says:

We are located in a colony which was dedicated for the settlement of the Saints by Apostle Woodruff and President Duffin, about two years ago, and we now have about 45 families. As I am a ditch clerk, will say that nearly 90 per cent are paying their tithes and keeping the Word of Wisdom. This is a most favored spot, now open for settlement to the Saints. It is in a mild climate, about 100 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana, and in the same degree of latitude as Charleston, S. C. Peaches begin to ripen the first of June, tomatoes on the 10th; cucumbers and cabbage are now in harvest. This is the greatest peach section in the United States. The writer has been in about 20 states and never seen any place where peaches do so well.

It is also good for other fruits. Early apples would pay, because it is about as far south as they can be raised. Black melons and water melons will begin to ripen about July 4. This part of Texas is generally favored with plenty of rain. There was no snow here last winter. The coldest was 14 degrees above zero.

Kelsey is located on the Texas Southern railroad six miles west of Gilmer, the county seat, and in the highest part of the county. One thing which favors us for a settlement is that the natives of Texas are not so proud and haughty as you find many in the southeastern states. No whisky is sold in the county and the people of Gilmer, the county seat, are remarkable for steady habits and good behavior. Many out in the county are also fine, honest people.

Bishop Judd, of St. George, Utah, was here at conference, May 15, and dilated on this superior land, where no irrigation is needed to produce crops in abundance.

Those wishing to serve the Lord will be welcomed here, but the transgressors need not come, because they will be dissatisfied if they do. A gross sin—entering heaven—would be more anxious to leave than he was to get there.

Branch Conference.

Elder John P. Smith, Jr., writes from Jay, Leavenworth county, Kansas, June 25:

branch for eight months, and baptized three. The work is progressing nicely and the prospects are very promising.

Elder Albert Glover, Jr., of East Jordan, Salt Lake county, returned June 21 from the Northern States mission of which he was sent April 1, 1902. The Minnesota conference was his field of labor, where he reports the work progressing slowly, but surely, and prospects are brighter than they have been for some time.

Elder Oliver B. Pickett of Marion, Cassia county, Idaho, reached home June 24 from a two years' mission in the Northwestern States, having been set apart June 11, 1902. He spent four months at Spokane, was then sent to open up and prosperse over the new conference at Seattle, Washington, and after 17 months in this field he was sent to preside over the Ammonia conference, Montana. The mission is in a healthy condition; much good is being done among non-members and the branches in the mission are growing.

Elder Walter A. Porter of Colonia Pacheco, Chihuahua, Mexico, was set apart May 6, 1902, and passed through this city June 24, on his return home from the Southwestern States mission. The Oklahoma conference was the scene of his missionary operations. He reports that he had the privilege of baptizing 27 persons, and he walked 5,400 miles in the prosecution of his ministry. The work is progressing nicely in that conference and the future is very promising.

Elder Oscar L. Rider of Winder ward, Salt Lake City, who was set apart April 22, 1902, to labor in the Central States mission, returned June 27. The first 13 months he labored in Missouri and the remainder of the time in east Kansas. The work of the Lord is progressing nicely in these fields. Since the spring conference there have been 16 members added to the fold and one Sunday school organized in the East Kansas conference. The Smoot agitation has awakened great interest among all classes of people, and gives the Mormon Elders access to people who were before unapproachable.

Elder John S. Harekley of Centerfield, Sanpete county, passed through this city June 28 on his return from the Southern States, whither he was sent to perform a mission June 3, 1902. He labored in the East Tennessee conference, where he has been engaged in canvassing Elder for nine months but on account of ill health was called to the office where he labored for some time. During the last six months he presided over the conference. The work is progressing very nicely.

Elder Willard Garr of Millville, Cache county, was set apart April 1, 1902, for the Colorado mission and returned June 28. The Dakota, Nebraska and East Colorado conferences were his fields of labor. The Gospel work in these fields is in a prosperous condition.

Elder Laron Lionel Bates of Erda, Tooele county, passed through this city July 1 on his return from New Zealand, where he has been engaged in mission work in the conference of Hau-raki and Bay of Islands since Sept. 25, 1900. He reports the mission in good condition both Elders and Saints are doing all in their power to spread the Gospel and many new converts are being made among the Maori people and some few among the Europeans. At the last conference held in April, the report of the mission showed a Church membership of 4,228 and there are about 50 Elders from Zion laboring there.

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