

MINUTES

Of the Quarterly Conference of the Cache Valley Stake of Zion.

Conference convened in the Tabernacle, Logan City, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday the 3rd inst.

There were present of the Apostles, President John Taylor, C. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, and Counselors John W. Young and D. H. Wells.

Of the Presidency of the Stake, Moses Thatcher, Wm. B. Preston, and Milton D. Hammond. Also Elder A. M. Musser.

President M. Thatcher called the meeting to order. The choir sang, and Elder Lorenzo Snow offered prayer. Singing again by the choir.

The Bishops were called upon to report, verbally, the condition of their wards, and the following were represented:

1ST WARD, Logan City—B. M. Lewis, Bishop. The condition of his ward was good; the people manifested a readiness to support public enterprises. The United Order Foundry and Machine, Blacksmith and Wagon Shop which had been in operation some eighteen months, had done very well considering the difficulties all such enterprises had to struggle against.

2ND WARD—Henry Ballard, Bishop. Since the late organization he could perceive quite an improvement in his ward. The U. O. Manufacturing and Building Company, which was incorporated two years ago, was doing a good business; it had in connection with it a small store.

3RD WARD—Robert Davidson, Bishop. The members of his ward were imbued with the spirit of Temple-building, and their apportionment of labor in this direction was performed willingly. The Co-operative Dairy, started two years ago, was now connected with the 2nd Ward enterprises.

4TH WARD—Thomas H. Smith, Bishop. Some of the farmers had made a move towards combining their labor, which had given satisfaction. The people felt more zealous of good works than ever before, which was manifested in the desire they evinced to share in the work of building the Temple and other requirements.

5TH WARD—Wm. Hyde, Bishop. Improvement in faith and works was very apparent among the people of his ward; meetings were better attended, and a willingness to contribute to the building of the Temple, sustain the poor, etc., was general among the people.

HYDE PARK—Robert Daines, Bishop. He had never known the people of his ward manifest by their works so good a feeling. A source of strength had been opened up through the organization of the Aaronic priesthood, the young men acquitting themselves very creditably. The Female Relief Society was alive to its duties, by gleaning and otherwise. It had stored this fall seventy-five bushels of wheat.

SMITHFIELD—S. Roskelley, Bishop. The ward had an excellent Sabbath-school and two day schools in successful operation. The Aaronic priesthood was organized. In connection with their store of general merchandise they had a tannery employing five hands, boot and shoe shop employing nine journeymen and two apprentices, harness shop employing two men, all of which were doing well. Also connected with the institution was an agricultural department, consisting of five companies of men, who supplied it with grain, receiving therefor stock in the institution. The proceeds from a threshing machine were appropriated in the same way. The blacksmith's shop and saw mill were also a success.

RICHMOND—M. W. Merrill, Bishop. The ward consisted of 150 families, numbering 1,000 persons. The people were pretty well united, and as a whole their condition was fairly good; their crops this year suffered from the ravages of grasshoppers, which had somewhat crippled them financially. They had three good school-houses, two day schools and one Sunday school, a Female Relief Society and a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. Their co-operative store was started 13 years ago, with a capital of \$1,300; now it represented \$9,000. Their co-op. saw-mill, butcher-shop and shoe shop were doing well. They had subscribed \$2,500 towards the building of the temple and already paid \$1,800 of it.

FRANKLIN—L. H. Hatch, Jr., Bishop. The majority of the people

of his ward, who belonged to the church, were trying to live their religion. The crops had failed, but no difficulty had been experienced in subscribing \$1,300 for the Temple. Much good had resulted from the labors of the Relief Society, the Sunday School, and the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Societies.

MINK CREEK—Bishop. The settlement was two years old, it consisted of 50 families; a school-house was nearly finished, which, besides making themselves homes, was all the people had done by way of public enterprise. The Saints felt well, and were willing to do all they could to meet any call that might be made upon them.

MOUND VALLEY—R. H. Williams, Bishop. The Saints were scattered; they had a school-house and a Sunday school well attended by those living a convenient distance to it. A co-op. saw mill had been commenced; there were some very good people associated with him who labored willingly to build up the kingdom.

CLIFTON—Harry Dixon, Bishop. A co-op. store and a saw mill had been started, which were doing first rate. The crops had failed the last two years, but the faith of the people was good. Referred to the good that the Relief Society was doing.

LEWISTON—Wm. H. Lewis, Bishop. A splendid feeling existed among those who belonged to the Church. Nearly all the heads of families were young men, who availed themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Y. M. M. I. Association, which was doing much good. The Relief Society was storing grain and doing many good works.

WESTON—A. L. Allen, Bishop. The people were increasing in faith, unity and good works; and a willingness was manifested to assist in building the temple he never before had witnessed. Their co-op. store was in an excellent condition and doing a good business. The grasshoppers had done them considerable damage.

CLARKSTON—John Jordan, Bishop. A new meeting house was built, nearly ready to be dedicated, and the people, young and old, manifested a united energy while doing this work, that was truly characteristic of the United Order. The young men conducted themselves well, and he had great hopes of them. The last two years crops had failed, but the faith of the people was increasing.

NEWTON—Wm. F. Littlewood, Bishop. Their meetings were well attended, and they had an excellent Sabbath school. The ward was small, consisting only of forty-five families. Much of their building material had to be hauled from fifteen to forty miles, and they had to make a reservoir to reserve water for irrigating purposes. The failure of crops had caused most of the brethren to go from home to earn breadstuffs. The Relief Society and Improvement Society were doing good.

BENSON WARD—Alma Harris, Bishop. It was composed of nineteen families who had settled along the banks of Bear River, and were scattered over a large district of country; they had an interesting Sunday school during the summer, but none now, having no meeting-house. The ward was quite lately organized, had some very good people in it.

MENDON—Henry Hughes, Bishop. The large majority of the people had a desire to build up the kingdom of God. The Relief Society was saving grain, ministering comfort to the sick and needy. They had a good store, connected with which was a butcher's shop, doing a successful business; also a U. O. farm, from which was raised 150 bushels wheat; had it not been for grasshoppers 400 bushels would have been raised. The proceeds of this farm were devoted to Temple-building this year. The Sunday School and Relief Society were to farm part of the land, the benefits of which would go to these institutions.

WELLSVILLE—W. H. Maughan, Bishop. Crops had suffered severely. The Sunday school and Young Ladies' and Young Men's Improvement Societies were doing much good. Their co-operative business represented \$20,000; it was invested in a store, butcher's shop, sheep herd, saw mill, and threshing machine. The people were interested in building the Temple and the woolen factory and sustaining the kingdom of God.

PARADISE—Orson Smith, Bishop. The people felt well. They were building a meeting house 34 x 59 of rock, which will cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000; they had subscribed yearly \$800 towards the Temple until its completion, \$600 of which was paid; they had a Sunday school, Young Men's Improvement Association, and a Female Relief Society. Only 2,000 bushels of grain was raised this season, the men were compelled to go from home to earn breadstuffs.

HYRUM—James McBride, Acting Bishop. The majority of the people tried to live according to their profession. The farmers only raised a quarter crop. Their store now represented \$30,000; they had a steam saw-mill and a water-mill, a shingle mill, dairy and butcher's shop, all successfully managed.

MILVILLE—Geo. O. Pitkin, Bishop. The people had improved of late, a good feeling prevailed; most of them were desirous to do their portion toward building the Temple. Timber was cut and piled for a new meeting-house and tithing office; their crops were a partial failure.

PROVIDENCE—Melville M. Hammond, Bishop. They had a co-operative store and saw-mill doing well. Sunday and day schools well attended; the children as well as the people donated willingly towards the Temple. The Relief Society was a great aid, and many had deceived their attentions.

PREST. M. THATCHER then read the statistical report of the Stake, also an exhibit of the receipts for building the Logan Temple; showing that \$22,213 had been received from Cache Valley Stake, from Bear Lake, \$7,428, and from Box Elder, \$4,275. He said that considerable of this means had been expended in making new canon roads to the timber, in making and supplying the camps, and in purchasing a saw mill. The mill, however, sawed the first board on the 2d inst., and the results of this expenditure would soon be apparent. Also read a financial statement showing that during the last ten years, 16,438 persons had paid tithing, amounting to \$607,568; also that \$38,193 had been donated to P. E. Fund and paid on its indebtedness, and \$3,704 donated to Temple building.

The condition of both Sabbath and day schools had greatly improved, and the interest in educational matters, both religious and secular, was most encouraging. The Improvement Associations and the Relief Societies were filling their missions, and the people generally were manifesting a splendid spirit, and he could testify to the fact that the work of God was onward.

The choir sang the anthem, Jerusalem, my glorious home.

Closing prayer by Prest. D. H. Wells.

Afternoon, 2 p. m.

Services commenced by the choir singing.

Elder F. D. Richards engaged in prayer.

Choir sang

An angel from on high,
The long, long silence broke.

PRESIDENT WELLS referred with pleasure to the reports given during the forenoon, on which he based an interesting discourse, showing the nature of the great latter-day work to be decidedly practical as well as spiritual, incorporating our dealings one with another and every act of our lives, as well as laws and government and everything necessary for the gathering together of a people of every kindred and tribe and tongue, and making of them a nation and kingdom in the earth.

ELDER LORENZO SNOW was highly pleased with the reports referred to, and considered that they indicated that the kingdom was onward, and the hearts of the people represented were being moved to a temporal as well as spiritual union. He traced the history of the children of Israel showing that in consequence of disobedience they suffered in divers ways, and that Moses, because of his devotion to his mission and the common interests of the people, won for himself their confidence as well as power to prevail with God. Their experience in the wilderness was referred to as having a direct bearing on the lives of the Latter-day Saints, serving to show how we might shun their errors and avoid their misfortunes; also how that the Bishops might, by emulating the acts of Moses, enjoy the love and confidence of the people, and have power to prevail with the

heavens and succeed in establishing in our midst the Zion of God.

BROTHER GEO. C. LAMBERT represented the interests of the DESERET NEWS and Juvenile Instructor.

The choir sang and the meeting adjourned.

Prayer by Elder C. C. Rich.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Choir sang

Joy to the world the Lord will come.

Prayer by Elder Lorin Farr.

The choir sang an anthem.

A portion of the time was occupied by ELDER JOHN W. YOUNG who read the revelation on the Word of Wisdom, and spoke on that subject.

ELDER C. C. RICH followed, speaking on present or every day salvation.

The remainder of the time was used by PREST. JOHN TAYLOR on the subject of the priesthood, setting forth the duties of the various quorums. He also referred to the subject of marriage; and as a matter of local interest intimated that proper arrangements would be made so that this ordinance might be performed at home instead of having to go to St. George.

An anthem was sung, and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Counselor John W. Young.

2 p. m.

Choir sang—

Sweet is the work, my God, my King,

Prayer by Elder George F. Gibbs.

Choir sang:

Nearer to Thee.

President M. Thatcher presented to the congregation, for approval or non-approval, the General Authorities of the Church; they were unanimously sustained.

President F. D. Richards then presented Moses Thatcher as president of the Cache Valley Stake of Zion, and Wm. B. Preston and Milton D. Hammond as his counselors; which vote was also carried unanimously.

President M. Thatcher then presented the following names, which were sustained without a dissenting vote:

Members of the High Council—Cyrus W. Card, Hans Anderson, Alvin Crockett, James Leishman, George T. Benson, Ezra D. Carpenter, Charles B. Robbins, Geo. W. Thatcher, H. K. Cranney, C. C. Hurst, Neils Hansen and Simpson M. Molen.

As President of the High Priests' Quorum, George L. Farrell, with Charles O. Card and Thomas E. Ricks as his Counselors. Also all the Bishops and their Counselors of the Stake, whose names will appear probably next conference, by which time it is expected the Aaronic Priesthood will be fully organized.

Charles O. Card, as Superintendent of construction of Logan Temple.

John Parry, Master Mason.
James Quayle, Master Carpenter.
Truman O. Angell, Jr., Assistant Architect.

James A. Leishman, Clerk of the Stake.

Moses Thatcher, as Superintendent of Sabbath Schools, with C. O. Card and O. C. Ormsby his Assistants.

Also the following as Home Missionaries, John B. Thatcher, Frank Benson, James Hymers, Charles Reese, Wm. A. Noble, Alonzo G. Barber, A. C. Brower, Wm. Wadrop, Robert Baxter, Charles C. Shaw, James Bullock, C. H. Rammell, Jeddy Blair, Frederick Lundberg, Thomas Durrant, Heze. Hatch, Hezekiah H. Peck, J. F. Falkman, J. H. Clark, Wm. Sant, Jonas N. Beck, Henry Yates.

ELDER GEO. F. GIBBS spoke a short time, and the remainder of the afternoon was occupied by ELDER F. D. RICHARDS who addressed the congregation quite lengthily on various subjects of interest and importance.

Conference was adjourned until Feb. 2 and 3, 1878. The choir sang an anthem, and Counselor M. D. Hammond pronounced the benediction.

Reported by

GEO. F. GIBBS.

A Waterville girl worked up the motto, "I need thee every hour," and presented it to her chap. He says he can't help it; it takes him two hours to milk, and feed the pigs, morning and night, and business has got to be attended to."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Congress has done some business at last. The House passed the army bill to-day, without division.

Experiments have demonstrated that light is detrimental to the development of the fungi known as bacteria. "Let there be light."

The Oregon Steamship Company plying between San Francisco and Portland, have contracted for two fine iron steamships of 3,000 tons each.

Canada has raised this year 30,000,000 bushels of wheat, 10,000,000 of barley and 48,000,000 of coarse grains. Pretty good for the Kanucks.

Twelve miles northwest of San Buenaventura rich oil springs have been discovered. Eight thousand acres have been located and wells will be started at once.

The total value of silk manufactured last year, in the United States, was \$25,595,103. And yet silk dresses cost more than every paternal family can afford.

"Our Boys," a comedy which, strange to say, has not succeeded in Utah, has been played continuously for nearly three years at the Vaudeville Theatre, London.

The losses by fire in the United States are much heavier this year than last. For nine months they foot up \$52,000,000, against \$47,500,000 in '76. The fire-fiend has a ravenous maw.

The best remedy for bleeding at the nose is said to be a vigorous motion of the jaw. In the case of a child afflicted with hemorrhage of this kind, give it something to chew. It is pronounced a certain cure.

The Providence Tool Company are manufacturing fire-arms again for the Turkish Government and have a thousand men at work to fill a contract. The "Sick Man" is lively, if he is in a bad fix just now.

A new weapon of warfare has been invented in Connecticut. It is a torpedo balloon, designed to carry torpedoes over an army or a besieged city, and drop destruction into the midst of the enemy. A Russian agent is making experiments with the contrivance.

According to the latest estimates of the population of Russia and Turkey, the Muscovites number three times the sum of the Moslems. Russia has 75,000,000 people against Turkey's 25,000,000. Strength does not always consist in numbers, but the "Sick Man" fights against fearful numerical odds.

A tall, weedy grass, that grows in Algeria, is being utilized in England for paper, and several large journals are printed on it. What was once a nuisance is now a profitable export. It requires no cultivation, and as soon as cut sprouts again. Its botanical name is *stipa tenacissima*.

Petroleum has been successfully employed in the East for removing scale from boilers, and deposits from water pipes. It can be used without difficulty, at the rate of a quart a week for a boiler of twenty-five horse power, and may be introduced through the safety valve or in the feed water. It must be pure petroleum. It will penetrate into the scale, rotting it so that it will disengage itself from the boiler to which it is attached.

Elders and Lesser Priesthood.—The Presidency of the Stake will meet with the Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons of the following wards, on the dates, and at the places named below:

Sixteenth Ward, on Wednesday evening, 14th inst., in the Sixteenth Ward Meeting-house.

Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, on Friday evening, 16th inst., in the Twentieth Ward Meeting-house.

Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, on Monday evening 19th inst., in the Twelfth Ward Meeting-house.

Thirteenth and Eighteenth Wards, on Tuesday, 20th inst., in the Thirteenth Ward Assembly Rooms.

Fourteenth and Seventeenth Wards, on Wednesday, 21st inst., in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms.

Brighton and Fifteenth Wards, on Thursday evening, 22nd inst., in the Fifteenth Ward Meeting-house.

All the above meetings begin at 7 o'clock.