

# PIONEER STAKE CONFERENCE

Large Attendance at Fifteenth Quarterly Session in the Stake Hall.

## GRATIFYING REPORTS MADE.

Interesting Addresses by Elders George F. Richards and Seymour B. Young — Work of Juvenile Court.

The fifteenth quarterly conference of the Pioneer stake was held yesterday, the morning session convening in the stake hall at 10 o'clock. There were present besides a large representation of stake authorities and members, George F. Richards of the council of the twelve apostles and Elder Seymour B. Young, of the first seven presidents of sevens. President William McLachlan and Commissioner Charles H. Hyde presided over the meeting. The choir sang, "Come Let Us Arrow." Invocation was offered by President David McKenzie. The hymn, "High on the Mountain Tops" was sung.

**PRESIDENT MC LACHLAN.**

President McLachlan greeted the assembled saints. He said the men called to the various positions to preside over the stakes are anxious to do that which is for the best good of all. The general condition of the stakes is the best since its organization. The high priests' quorum is the most largely attended quorum of priesthood in the stakes. The stake leaders up to now have been the young boys and men being trained to their duties in the priesthood; for without them the various quorums cannot be built up and strengthened. There is a crying need for efficient block teachers, as many people right here at home could be converted to the faith and kept within the Church if there were enough helpers to render the aid.

**VARIOUS REPORTS.**

Elder Harrison E. Jenkins, president of German meetings in the stake, reported that organization. Said they had a good attendance, an average of about 100. The German saints in the stake are a faithful class of people. Frank D. Jones, president of the Sixth quorum of elders, reported that quorum. There are 1400 in 53, three of whom are on missions, and there is an average attendance of about 60 per cent. They are following the outlines laid out for them, and make a rule of visiting the members each Wednesday evening.

Bishop Charles P. Margratt reported the condition of the Seventh ward. Said the bishoprics are doing well and doing all they can to better conditions in the ward. They are endeavoring to visit every family in the ward and are making improvements in their assembly house. The auxiliary organizations of the ward are all complete.

State Superintendent of Sunday Schools C. Clarence Nelson stated that he had been appointed but recently to fill that vacancy, which was created by the calling of former Superintendent James N. Lambert to work in the Seventies' quorum. The church statistics recently compiled showed that the average enrollment of the Sunday school equaled 42 per cent of church population. In Pioneer stake this average was exceeded.

President Annie Wells Cannon of the Relief society reported that organization. All the ward associations were properly organized and the attendance and interest among them in the general fund had been more than doubled since the organization of the stake. The mothers' department is exerting an educational influence in the meetings. They are endeavoring to interest some of the girls in taking the nursing course as they are growing in number of nurses for the meetings and also that there would be great benefit to some of the girls who are working in stores and factories if they would better themselves by taking this course.

Mrs. Nora H. Heath, president of the Stake Y. M. C. A., reported that there was a general improvement, the result of gradual and steady growth. There had been no changes in the stake board excepting that additional members had been added thereto, although they had experienced considerable hardship in having to reorganize some of their ward associations frequently.

**SEYMOUR B. YOUNG.**

Seymour B. Young expressed his satisfaction at the nature of the reports given. It showed that the people here have the welfare of the stake at heart. The speaker told how his mother, on the morning of June 24, 1844, when he was but a small boy, lifted him up



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In her arms so that he could see over the board fence that separated their property from the thoroughfare leading from the city of Navajo to the town of Carthage. There he saw a cavalcade of gentlemen, some in carriages, some on horseback. Among them were the Prophet Joseph Smith, mounted on his favorite horse, "Old Charley," the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, mounted on a beautiful gray messenger horse. Although he was but a child he vividly remembers the impress made upon him when his mother said, "My son, there are the prophet and his brother Hyrum, and I fear they are going to their martyrdom." When word was brought to their home that the prophet and patriarch had been martyred, he remembered the grief and deep sorrow of his mother and how the entire community mourned. In the house at that time, and the feeling of darkness and cloud that hung over the people was vividly impressed upon him.

In speaking of the new movement taken in by the seventies' quorums he outlined the growth of the priesthood from the date in 1833 when the Prophet Joseph Smith organized the first quorum and invited their members in their covenants. He said that the command given by the Savior to the seventy sent out by Him to carry the message of His coming to the Jews, "The meeting closed after the choir sang the hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken." The benediction was pronounced by President Charles H. Hyde.

### AFTERNOON MEETING.

Gathering in Tabernacle Addressed by Elder Joseph J. Cannon and Young.

The afternoon session of the conference convened in the Tabernacle at 2 o'clock, and was presided over by Charles H. Hyde of the stake presidency. The selections rendered by the choir were, "An angel from on high," "With Sheathed Sword," and "Let the Mountains shout for Joy," the congregation joining in singing the Doxology after the last named anthem. Elder Joseph J. Cannon offered the invocation, and Elder George E. Burbidge pronounced the benediction.

### COLORED HA-KSHAW.

Daniel Webster, After Being Held Up Successfully Shadows His Robber.

Daniel Webster, colored, played detective Saturday night and was the means of landing one of two holdups in jail. Webster was on the way to his home in Donaldson court when he was suddenly stopped by two masked men. One of the fellows carried a revolver, and pointing it at Webster, commanded him to throw up his hands. The fellow who had the gun, a high-wayman took \$1.20 from him. They then ordered the colored man to move away if he didn't want to get hurt.

Webster had not gone far when he saw Claude T. Miller. To the latter he told his story and the two began to shadow the robbers. They followed the men into Commerford street. The high-waymen went into a restaurant and ordered sandwiches. While Webster watched them Miller went for an officer. Patrolman McCormick nabbed one of the men, but the other made his escape after a lively chase. The man arrested gave his name as Tom Parker. He had been a member of the high-waymen took \$1.20 from him. Webster is positive the prisoner is the man who drew the gun on him.

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### VIGILANT BLIND YOUTH.

Ralph Clark, a blind youth who makes a living by selling pencils on the streets, and who has a room in the building occupied by the Leyson jewelry store, sought the attention of the police regarding a safe yesterday morning and sent an alarm into police headquarters. The boy thought he heard an explosion and concluded that burglars were blowing open a safe in the jewelry store. He managed to find the telephone and notified the police.

In a short time several officers were on scene and a full investigation made. There were no evidences whatever of an attempted burglary, however. The noise heard by young Clark was evidently caused by a drunken man who knocked a pole supporting an awning against the building.

### SHOPLIFTER CAPTURED.

Saturday evening a shoplifter named W. J. Malony, was caught in the act of stealing three silk waist in Keith O'Brien's store. The fellow rolled the waists into one bundle and slipped them under his coat. His actions were observed by Superintendent J. W. Clark. The latter caught Malony and held him until the arrival of Officer Griffith.

### GOES TO HELPER.

Dr. Clark, State Health Inspector, Will Renovate the Town.

Dr. Clark, state board of health inspector, leaves today for Helper where he will remain several days in the interest of public health. There have been four cases of scarlet fever, two of measles, one of diphtheria and any number of cases of tonsillitis. There, showing local conditions to be at a low ebb. Dr. Clark will disinfect, ramble and paint right and left, making a special effort to purge the town of disease and make it a healthy place to prevent the throwing of garbage and refuse into the river. Price residents have been registering a vigorous complaint with the board, as they claim Helper citizens have been great offenders in this respect, to the detriment of public health at Price. The operation of the D. & R. G. surgeon has been enlisted, as he has inspected ought to be able to do efficient work

### EVENING SESSION.

Large Attendance the Feature of Meeting in Stake Hall.

The evening session of the conference convened in the stake hall at 8 p.m. at which the afternoon session was large that many stayed during the entire meeting. The services commenced by the stake choir singing "Great God Indulge." Prayer was offered by Bishop Heber S. Cutler. A male chorister from the stake sang "Trust in the Lord." The sacrament was administered under the direction of Bishop Heber S. Cutler and Charles P. Margratt. A quartet sang "Our Best Response ere We Breathed."

### FURTHER REPORTS.

Elder James J. Cannon, stake superintendent of Religion classes, briefly reported the present condition of that part of the church work. It was in the most flourishing condition it had ever been with 12 classes in operation wherein 90 students workers were devoting their efforts to teach religion to the school children after school hours. He mentioned the nature of the guardianship that would be taken up in the cause of the religion class work.

Mrs. Rosina C. Lambert, recently appointed president of primaries to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Edith E. Hunter on a mission to the Hawaiian Islands was introduced and addressed the hall of the members of the stake. She spoke of the work already done. She spoke of the conditions that must be overcome in promoting work among the children.

Elder George G. Smith, chairman of

the stake finance committee, stated that an effort would be made during the remainder of the year to complete paying for the property acquired by the stake and he urged all whom the committee might visit in their endeavor to raise the necessary amount to ransom as far as a man while the entire people of the stake stand behind him and which they might feel proud to have a part in accomplishing.

The general and stake authorities were presented by President Charles H. Hyde without a dissenting vote being offered.

**ELDER GEORGE F. RICHARDS.**

Elder George F. Richards of the quorum of twelve addressed the meeting speaking upon the loyalty of the Latter-day Saints as evidenced by the cheerfulness and readiness with which they responded to every call made them by those who preside over them, whether those who preside were financial or of a nature that required a sacrifice of time for the good of the church.

In speaking upon the perception of the organization effected to carry out the purposes of the gospel and the fitness of each organization for its particular work Elder Richards explained the principles of the order of appointments and positions in the church and the results of the following discussion, a call to labor by any in authority.

He said the Latter-day Saints have well learned the lesson that it is more blessed to give than to receive and were trying to carry out the lesson of personal sacrifices as taught them in the example of the great prototypes given to them in the life of Jesus.

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**ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG.**

Elder Seymour B. Young briefly addressed the meeting upon "Faith and Works." He also spoke upon the spirit of the Religious class work and illustrated it by telling of a family that became a praying household through the influence of their pastor.

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**ELDER DAVID MCKENZIE.**

Elder David McKenzie was the first speaker. His remarks were repeated with good instructions, and the advice given was that all should place themselves in the hands of the Lord.

The inventive genius has made great strides in recent years, he said, and scientific research has kept pace therewith. To the boy prophet of the nineteenth century was revealed the great truth that matter is as eternal as is life itself, that principles taught him by Herbert Spencer, an apostle.

There is but one set of laws instituted of heaven for the guidance of mankind.

The two phases of life, spiritual and physical, are really one, and that one spiritual, governed and controlled by the same laws.

Heredity is the great factor of life, and to environment and training must be left the progress that mortals will make.

The physical being must have air to breathe, the warmth of sunshine, food to eat and water to drink, and spiritually man must be born again and be sustained by spiritual food.

In conclusion Elder McKenzie bore a strong testimony to the divinity of the calling of the prophet.

President J. Flumo addressed a large audience yesterday in the Salt Lake Theater on the mission and teachings of Christian Science. He defined the cult's name as the science of living. He sought to show that man is not material, but an immortal, unperishable, and incorporeal spirit.

The science teaches, he said, that there is but one mind: the mind of God. Man, in the teachings of the Scientists, is the perfect expression of God's pure and perfect principle, and is as perfect as God. Mrs. Marker, Christian Science, he said, admits of no errors either in premise or conclusion, in cause or effect, in principle or expression. It destroys sickness and sin, he declared, with the understanding that God is all.

**REV. SHORT ON "ATONEMENT."**

The Atonement, a Vicarious Sacrifice" was the subject of the Rev. Burgette Short's sermon delivered in the First Methodist church yesterday. In his discourse he drew a parallel between the Christian doctrine of salvation through the intercession of Christ and the workings of natural law and the laws that govern civilization and man.

He declared that God is not a God of arbitrary power, but a God of justice.

He is not controlled by fate. Something is wrong with the human race, he said. Men are away from the standard of uprightness. Sin is self-destructive, it meets out its own penalty. The nation of Christ to men was to bring them back. In concluding his sermon he said:

"He that would help men must suffer for men. We must lift men up over ourselves if we would help them to nobler selfhood. It was this that caused Christ to die for us. What sorrow, what grief, what agony for us. Hear me, my brother, the most royal blood of all the ages dropped from innocent and blameless lips of every man. A heart broken, the heart of heaven's best gift to earth, the heart of man's Redeemer broke for us.

"O Christ, why hast thou died? The answer is very clear—to save us from our sins that we should live together with Him hereafter!

"Are you giving your life for others even as He gave His life for you?"

**REV. SIMPKIN'S LECTURE.**

The Rev. P. A. Simpkin closed his series of lectures on the Bible yesterday at the Phillips Congregational church with a powerful sermon on "The Bible: What is the Final Test of its Divinity?" He declared that the Bible has an answer for every life question. The Rev. told everyone that His life is not a mere accident. His life and His purpose. The book has brought to men the secret of power, to be what glowed in the heart of the revealing of truth it holds. His conclusion was with this expression or thought: "And as one reviews the centuries, as one marks the transition of character and ideal, as the influence and teaching of the Book are measured in the life which reveals the degree of its acceptance, which becomes glorious.

It becomes possessed of the message of the Bible and the power within it, one is compelled to yield to it not alone reverent submissiveness, but to acknowledge, too, the power that can yield the stream, a low life cannot lift to dreams so high and exaltations so beautiful as have been in the great lives of the great men of the ages. It is the secret of the message of the Bible and the power within it, one is compelled to yield to it not alone reverent submissiveness, but to acknowledge, too, the power that can yield the stream, a low life cannot lift to dreams so high and exaltations so beautiful as have been in the great lives of the great men of the ages. It is the secret of the message of the Bible and the power within it, one is compelled to yield to it not alone reverent submissiveness, but to acknowledge, too, the power that can yield the stream, a low life cannot lift to dreams so high and exaltations so beautiful as have been in the great lives of the great men of the ages. 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