

gregation for their vote; called on those present who had been sustained to manifest their willingness to serve the people by rising and raising their right hands; cheerfully responded to.

Elder Maiben expressed his appreciation of the labors of President McAllister in the Temple; urged the Saints to show their appreciation by putting in an appearance there as often as possible.

Bishop Peterson made remarks, appreciative of the blessings enjoyed.

Elder Henry Beal was pleased to meet with the Saints in conference and to speak to them; thought the influence prevailing most heavenly.

Elder Peterson made closing remarks. He had enjoyed the conference the Spirit of the Lord had been abundantly poured out upon the people, though none of the general authorities had been present, he hoped we would be amply rewarded for the disappointment at our next conference; exhorted the Saints to take the spirit of the conference home with them and endeavor to live according to it, and for all, young, middle-aged and those more advanced, to preserve their bodies that they may live long on the earth. Our bodies are of great worth to us. The Lord prepared this earth so we might come here and receive bodies; hence we may rightly infer He considers our bodies of great consequence to us. Advised the Saints not to cry hard times too much, but live near to the Lord and all will be well.

After singing on page 268, benediction was pronounced by Elder McAllister.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet in Mantl.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

BEAR LAKE STAKE.

Bear Lake Stake conference convened as per appointment at Paris, Idaho, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3, and 4, 1894; Elder Wm. Budge, Stake president, presiding.

SATURDAY, AT 10 A. M.

Meeting opened with the customary devotional exercises, Elder Budge expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints and elaborated upon the objects of and benefits accruing from these conferences. He spoke of the autonomy and independence within themselves of the organizations of the Church.

Elder Wm. Hyman, of Liberty, remarked in substance that as the Saints had been so imbued with God's Spirit, it was very necessary that the Elders instructing them should speak under its influence. Rejoiced at being here. True, it was a sacrifice to come quite a distance through the cold, but he expected to be more than rewarded before the close of the conference. Knew that God had blessed these assemblies. The influence of His Spirit he had, for himself, enjoyed. God had always justified the confidence and reliance reposed in Him by His people.

Bishop Elder McKimmins of Randolph said he felt that God's Spirit had dictated the previous speakers' remarks and that the hearts of the people had been lighted thereby. Thanked God for living in the day of the restoration of the Gospel and its gifts, blessings and Priesthood. God's servants were never more deeply im-

pressed with their high and holy calling than now. Thanked God for being gathered to Zion. Could not recount their manifold goodness to him. Felt that his every effort should be exerted to repay, in his weak way, the loving kindness of the Author of our being.

While all men desire to worship some greater power, we know that God lives and has revealed His plan for the salvation and exaltation of mankind—those who now live, have lived, or may live to the end of time and worlds without end. Prayed God to bless all and cause all to be thankful for their attendance at this conference.

A hymn, "O, Jesus the Giver, etc.," was rendered by the Stake choir.

Bishop Robert Price, of Paris Second ward, said the Saints do not meet to be taught of man except so far as they act by the authority imposed upon them by God. By this authority only should those who essay to teach the people operate. But for this divine authority we would have no gospel, no priesthood, no ordinances. God has prospered us, he said, in these mountains, changed our climate and helped us in the reclamation of the soil from its sterility. Many of us have brought with us the follies and traditions of Babylon, and, like the ancient Israelites, we long for the fleshpots of Egypt. We cherish too much the things which lead to death. Our youth, and, alas! some of our older people, fall into various pitfalls and snares. The clear duty of the Elder of Israel is to labor for the dignity and righteousness of Zion.

Elder Jos. R. Shepherd, of Paris, observed that the absentees of this morning had missed much valuable instruction. Regretted that some of the local brethren were negligent of their opportunity.

After Elder Budge had given a few suitable remarks regarding order in public associations, the choir sang:

O ye mountains high.

Elder Wm. Greenhalgh, of Bountiful, pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

The choir and congregation sang:

Come let us anew.

Then the divine blessings were supplicated for by Bishop Wm. West, of Paris.

Following a choral exercise Elder Samuel Weston, of Lake Town, related some of his experiences gained during his labors recently performed in the British mission.

Elder John U. Stuckie reported the quorum of High Priests in good working order. Meetings are held monthly at headquarters and also in the districts. Nearly all are in active service as High Councilors, Bishops, Councilors and missionaries in the Stake.

The First quorum of Elders was reported by their President, Elder Geo. Perret.

Elder Wm. L. Rich, of the Stake presidency, said we should appreciate the spirit prevailing in this conference. He reminded the Saints that, in answer to their fasting and prayers, God had softened men's hearts, and their rights and property had to a very great extent been restored. If we continue to be faithful He will help us to bear the burdens of life and to maintain our honor and dignity unsullied before all men.

Elder George Osmond, president of the Star Valley Stake, then addressed the conference.

Elder James H. Hart, of the Stake presidency, followed with a brief address.

The choir sang "Watch and Pray" and Elder Andrew Galloway pronounced the benediction.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

The choir sang:

Thou earth wast once a glorious sphere.

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Irwin.

The choir sang:

Come, come ye Saints.

Elder William Budge addressed the Saints. He remarked that we are not so much in the habit now as formerly of preaching doctrinal discourses. Especially is this the case with those who are directly connected with the local government of the Saints. Our older people are tolerably well informed as a rule and the young people have very many opportunities in the several organizations to acquire knowledge regarding the fundamental principles of the Gospel. Our teaching tends now to inform us how to live as individuals, families and neighbors, and how to remove any obstacles that may impede that excellent progress and fellowship that should characterize communities of Saints. There is an ideal life prescribed in the Gospel to which we should all aspire.

Speaking of the political situation, he said he had favored the proper education of the people in the political principles of the several parties. Had told the Bishops in the several wards to accord for the benefit of the political parties, without asking whether they be Democrats or Republicans, the free use of their meeting house whenever they would desire an evening meeting. But as a father of the people he must insist that all engaged in such labors cease from talking against their brethren and creating strife. So long as these meetings are carried on decently and in order, he advised the people to attend. But if this is not the case, they had better not go. So far as his influence goes, he desired no repetition of the troubles that have ensued from political dissensions elsewhere to find place in any of the wards of this Stake. We must keep in mind that we are Latter-day Saints, and required to be such, in political controversy as in other things.

Our religion teaches us to be loyal to the government under which we live. Our loyalty is stronger for the government because of our religion.

The choir sang the anthem:

Praise ye the Father.

Elder Wm. L. Rich pronounced the benediction.

AT 2 P. M.,

After the choir and congregation had sang,

O God, our help in ages past,

Counselor James H. Hart offered prayer.

The choir sang,

Stars of morning, shout for joy.

The sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of Paris First and Second wards.

Elder M. D. Wells, of Montpelier, made a brief address, treating upon the benefits and privileges enjoyed by our young people in the several organiza-