

for many years, even when the necessity was much less than it is now, when these tens of thousands of newcomers had not made their advent in this probation. They do not—cannot, realize the situation; nor are they to blame for their presence here at this juncture, when the outlook is serious and every family is affected by it.

Father-, business men, Bishops, politicians, capitalists, leaders of men, and speculators, what is your idea of the prospects of the situation? Can you divine the future, or point out the locality where this or that can flourish? Can you aid or hit upon any plan which will give labor and remuneration to the unemployed, so that industry and morality, the twin sisters of healthy progress, may have scope enough in these broad valleys for their grandest triumphs?

Unless measures prompt and decisive are inaugurated for home industry, large numbers of our young men will have to go beyond the boundaries of Utah for the opportunities denied at home. Still, again, this may be the program, the handwriting on the wall, or the finger of destiny indicating that the influence of Utah shall be felt until boundaries are no more, that her conceptions of liberty, righteousness and truth shall modify the thought and action of this nation and eventually that of others.

"The little leaven" placed in their measures of meal, operated until the whole lump was leavened; "the little stone" cut out from the mountain without hands, was eventually to fill the whole earth. It may be that stone already has begun to roll; may be that leaven already has begun to work; and long after its origin is forgotten by those affected, the historian, tracing effect to cause, the stream to its fountain, the revolution to its source, may give to the people of destiny, of Utah, that credit which they will willingly refer to the Architect of nations and King of all the earth.

MARICOPA STAKE CONFERENCE.

MESA, Arizona.

March 21, 1895.

The forty-ninth quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake of Zion convened in the Social Hall at Mesa, Sunday and Monday, March 17 and 18, 1895. Although none of the Apostles or higher authorities of the Church were present, yet that necessary influence, the divine Spirit, was, and it was admitted as being one of the best conferences we have ever held. The large hall was filled with a quiet and attentive audience.

During the conference reports were received from the Bishops and Stake officers of all the quorums and organizations in the Stake. The reports showed an increase in attendance at Sunday meetings and schools, fast meetings, in offerings, a renewed interest in quorum, and a spirit of zeal never before equalled among the organizations, all evincing a renewal of determination on the part of, both old and young, especially the latter, to round to and serve the Lord, and to prepare themselves for usefulness in his work, laboring for the upbuilding of His kingdom and the spread of truth upon the earth.

A variety of subjects was treated

upon by the speakers, the apostasy and restoration, necessity of living pure lives, paying tithes and offerings, assisting in all measures for the advancement of the cause of God, the Word of Wisdom, temples and salvation for the dead, missionary work of today, and the spirit of union necessary in order to fulfil the injunction of our Savior, "Unless ye are one ye are not mine."

Brother Carl Johnson, lately returned from the Kentucky missionary field, gave us some very interesting accounts of his labors and experiences. He said there was no comparison between the feeling in which the Elders are received now and when he arrived in Kentucky shortly after the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. He had seen the fulfillment of President Woodruff's prophecy in that respect. Where one would receive them then, ten were just as anxious to receive them now. The richer classes are opening their doors and investigating the Gospel. The speaker admonished the young men especially to take hold of the Gospel and qualify themselves for their calling.

The two Elders, Chas. Peterson and Frank T. Pomeroy, who are about to start on missions, the former to England and latter to the Southern States, were also heard from, each asking for and receiving the assurance of the faith and prayers of the Saints in the Stake.

The statistical report showed an increase over last quarter of thirty souls.

The general officers of the Church and of the Stake were sustained by unanimous vote.

In all we had a time of feasting and of great rejoicing over the establishment of the true Gospel upon earth, and over the fact that we, through the mercy of our Father, have been made partakers in its great and glorious blessings.

GEO. PASSEY, Clerk.

By FRANK T. POMEROY,
Assistant Clerk.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

BLOOMFIELD, Greene County, Indiana, March 25, 1895.

An event long to be cherished in the minds of the Elders of this, the Indiana conference, lives to us impressively and sweetly, only in memory.

The usual semi-annual conference of this division of the Northern States Mission was appointed to be held at Pulleys Mills, Williamson county, Ill., on March 17th and 18th, in consequence of which, on the eve of the 16th there were present at the home of Sister Martha Adams, Elder Joshua R. Clark, president of the mission; Elder Wm. O. Bentley, president of the conference, and travelling Elders Wm. A. Garrett, Ira E. Bradshaw, Thomas I. Allen, Brigham H. Telford, Nephi H. Rogers, Cornelius S. Green, Samuel G. Spencer, your humble correspondent and Elder Germon Buchanan, who had just arrived from Zion. Several of the neighbors and Saints also gathered and a very enjoyable evening was spent, which consisted of songs, speeches, social chat, and the Elders, in turn, answering the question, "How I became a Mormon?" giving short, impressive, interesting and varied experiences and bearing testimonies to the truth of the cause espoused.

Sunday morning, March 17th, dawned beautifully upon us and at 10 a. m. quite a large audience gathered at the commodious little meeting house (which had been erected for the purpose by kind hands) and listened with undivided interest to the servants of the Lord in defending the truth against error. In the afternoon at 2 p. m. and in the evening at 7 p. m. meetings were resumed and the day following was similarly spent, the fundamental laws and principles of truth and salvation—the Gospel—being explained in a plain, powerful manner, the speakers being accompanied by the Holy Spirit of promise. Monday evening Elders Levi B. Reynolds and Allen M. Archibald arrived, having left their homes in the mountains to assist in the hunting of scattered Israel from among the hills and holes of the rocks. Tuesday morning the heavens were veiled with clouds and we assembled in Priesthood meeting which began at 9 a. m. We received much valuable council and instruction from Elder Clark regarding our labors and the great responsibility of this latter-day work was brought forcibly to our minds. The Elders reported their respective fields in prosperous conditions, and that the feeling of prejudice on the part of the majority of the people is "dying away" and is being repaired by the spirit of kindness and in some cases inquiry. The general authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained in their several positions, as was also Elder Joshua R. Clark as president of mission; Elder Samuel G. Spencer as president of conference and Elder David R. Roberts as secretary of conference. We had the privilege and pleasure of partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together, which was much appreciated by all.

Tuesday evening at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. respectively we held two well attended meetings considering the rain and mud and the blessings of the Lord were poured out upon us freely. Wednesday was spent in conversing, singing and preparing for our departure. In the afternoon we were joined by Elder Sterling D. Colton, who had left his home a few days previous to preach righteousness to a benighted people. After supper we had a farewell gathering, and a program was rendered, consisting of songs, farewell speeches and testimonies. The testimonies were accompanied by that power by which they were given, and were strong and convincing. The desires of the flesh were overcome and the spirit of promise had free access and testified with the spirit of its servants the free "I will," nothing doubting, but to press on to do Thy will, our Father—our duty. It flowed from heart to heart as oil from vessel to vessel, and so strong was the spirit manifest that it gave vent in prophecy through Pres. Clark.

Thursday morning was one of unusual beauty and pleasantness, and with it came the hour of parting, which was necessary and free by all on account of duty, yet tender chords were touched—we would have liked to enjoy each other's company longer. We regretted that brother A. J. Rynearson could not be present with us. Elder Clark departed for the Pennsylvania conference.