

Bear Lake Stake conference.

Bright and beautiful were the eighth and ninth days of this August, 1883, in our valley, when the quarterly conference of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion convened pursuant to appointment. On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Elder Wm. Budge, President of the Stake, called the assembly to order. After the opening exercises he made some remarks setting forth the objects and benefits resulting from these quarterly general assemblies of the saints.

Elder Ezra Clark of Farmington, in a kindly way congratulated the people on the changes for the better that have occurred since the last annual conference. He also spoke of the critical situation of the people of the world and exhorted the saints to profit by the experience of others and to keep free from extraneous obligations and to pursue a course of self-sacrifice.

Elder Joseph Morris, of Logan, gave in a few words testimony of the efficacy of the Gospel, to the efficacy of proper paternal training, and the value of the principles of the gospel in maintaining the established for the spiritual education of the youth of Zion.

Elder Ben E. Rich followed, showing the sad results of dissidence to divine law and misusing the gifts of the Spirit, to the efficacy of proper paternal training, and the value of the principles of the gospel in maintaining the established for the spiritual education of the youth of Zion.

The afternoon meeting was addressed by Elder Paul of Logon, who logically and elaborately sustained the authenticity of the four "Gospels," the divinity of Jesus Christ, and the influence of the Holy Ghost in the lives of saints.

On Saturday evening a concert was held in the tabernacle and successfully patronized.

On Sunday, after the opening exercises, reports were received from Bishop Budge, the Presiding Patriarch, and also a general report of the Stake by the president, Elder Wm. Budge. From these reports it appeared that the people are in fair condition. Meetings were fairly well attended, and the result of the work was good; crops of hay were lighted of cereals and vegetables moderate; everybody was busy; there was nothing specifically to complain of, and much to thank for.

President Young made an interesting address, commending the laity to their duty and exhorting upon the revisited prospects; so that every blessing is predicated upon our obedience to God's laws. He exhorted kindly the saints, "Whence came we? Why are we here and what is our ultimate destiny?"

Elder F. M. Lyman, of the council of Apostles, explained the duties of members of the Church in regard to asceticism, mortification, penitence, the sacraments, etc., and exhorted all to forgive such asler as they would forgive themselves.

After the administration of the sacrament at the Sunday afternoon service, Elder Wm. Budge spoke on the condition of the world and the work of God in his extensive travels. Elder F. M. Lyman again spoke in the assembly, advising them to be careful and economical in their financial affairs. In the gathering of the Church discipline, explaining the duties of the various offices in the Priesthood, and the obligations of members of the Church.

JOSIAH IRVINE,
LAKE TOWN, August 7th, 1883.

Home From New Zealand.

The News today received a call from Elder Edward Atkin, of Tooele, who arrived home on Sunday from a mission to New Zealand. He left Utah on August 20th, 1880, to labor in preaching the Gospel to the people in the antipodes, and during the first two years of the period he remained in New Zealand and was engaged in the south part, among the better portion of the Maori people. The last year he labored in the Bay of Islands district, northern New Zealand. The performance of his missionary duties was attended with fair success. He had good health, and greatly enjoyed himself in his calling as a missionary. The work of the Lord is progressing in New Zealand, especially in the southern part.

Elder Atkin and three other missionaries were released in return home, and sailed for San Francisco on July 15, on the steamer "Monowai." They had a very pleasant passage, and Elder Atkin's sensations on the return trip—Elders John M. Hendry and John G. Kiskis, of the Eleventh ward of this city, and Mr. J. Hickson, of Wasatch County, especially in the southern part.

BEES IN WINTER QUARTERS.

How Long Can Honey Live in Bee Boxes
Without Honey?

Following are some of the responses made to this query, asked in the "American Bee Journal" by well known apiculturist G. M. Davis of Salt Lake City—They can't live. James A. Greenman, of Salt Lake City, says, "I am afraid they will die."

J. L. Price replies—"They can't survive in bee boxes."—He says, "I think Elder A. G. Chase is right. Honey is more than as though they had no food. Honey is the food for quiescence, and pollen is not needed. Drowsing and resting suffice for pollen."

C. H. Dakin says—"When the bees are all gone it will be but a question of how long they will live."

C. F. H. Brown replies—"I've had several instances of bees living but 2 or 3 months in boxes. Once I had a colony of bees live 10 months in a box, but I don't know if this was the best after the first month."

J. F. H. Brown replies—"I have an American bee in the box, and I have observed that they can survive only for a short time without honey. The pollen supply produces a sense of the want of food."

G. A. Miller adds—"I have had three cases on record of bees living but 1 or 2 months in boxes. They are strong and healthy when put in boxes, but become weak and emaciated in a short time, and finally perish. This causes loss to beekeepers."

M. J. Adams writes—"Very well live just about long enough to draw to death. I have had colonies survive 10 months with winter pollen honey and pollen. But we must gather honey sometimes that is very sweet or moist with honey, and the bees can live on that a little while. But if you eat without pollen, I don't know."

G. W. Dennis says—"I don't think that bees live over 10 months in bee boxes. In numerous cases I have had bees die from starvation when several boxes were full of good, sweet pollen. When bees consume pollen they have honey and water, too, to suffice and make the bees live longer. I don't know if they can survive longer than 10 months on only pollen food when in a bee box."

A. R. Bracken quotes his old Bee Book to show that bees will live 10 months in boxes.

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