

STAKE CONFERENCE REPORTS.

San Juan Stake.

The regularly quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held in Mancos, Colorado, August 20, 21 and 22, 1898.

There were present Elders Brigham Young of the Apostles, Elder George Reynolds, Prof. Willard Done, four missionaries from Utah; of the Stake presidency, Elders F. A. Hammond, Wm. S. Lalls and P. D. Lyman; also a good representation of the High Council, officers of the Stake organizations and Bishops of the several wards.

The reports of the Bishops showed a prosperous condition among the people, better crops than ever before except that of Bluff—that on account of failing to control the water. The range is good, stock of all kinds doing well and demand good prices.

The Sabbath school, Relief Society, Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary each held a meeting. From the reports given they were shown to be in a healthy condition, especially that of the Sabbath schools, which is claimed to be the loveliest bee in the hive. At a meeting set apart for the Sabbath schools, Elder George Reynolds of the Sunday school board instructed the officers and teachers on their duties. A portion of his time was given to answering questions.

Prof. Willard Done's remarks were principally directed to the Young Men's Improvement associations. He was pleased to hear of the progress of the Sabbath schools, but wanted it understood that the young men were to run neck and neck in the race of well doing.

Elder Robert White of the Colorado mission and Elders Robinson, Butler and Bingham of the Durango conference, Colo., each spoke of the need of young men preparing themselves for missionary labor, not waiting to qualify themselves and get a testimony after going out in the field to labor.

Elder Brigham Young of the Council of the Apostles spoke on the necessity of the Saints living so that they could ask the Lord for information they needed and get an answer. Said it happened many times in one's life that they would not have recourse to Father or a servant of the Lord. But that the Lord was always ready to answer us if we will put ourselves in order to communicate with Him. Related his experience when on missions when another course was open for him.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Monticello, Utah.

The brethren and sisters from the outlying wards had to travel from 50 to 130 miles to this conference, and all by team. Truly this is a Stake of "magnificent distances."

L. H. REDD, Stake Clerk.

Sevier Stake.

The quarterly conference of Sevier Stake was held in Annabella Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 21, 1898. The opening and closing sessions were held in the grove of Bishop J. W. Fairbank's, the other two meetings, owing to the unfavorable condition of the weather, were held in the new and commodious school house, of which Annabella has reason to be proud. Elders F. M. Lyman and Anthon H. Lund of the Council of Apostles, and Elder James H. Anderson of the "Deseret News" office were in attendance, as were also the Stake presidency, many Bishops and other representative brethren from the various parts of the Stake; there was not a large attendance at the meetings on Saturday, but the meetings on Sunday were well attended.

The time during meetings was mostly occupied by Elders Lyman, Lund and Anderson, all of whom imparted a great

amount of wholesome and valuable instructions and information touching upon topics such as are of interest for the Saints to know and practice.

The General Church and Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained, Elders Emil B. Jensen and August W. Bohman were sustained as regular members of the High Council.

On Sunday afternoon, Elder Lyman proposed to the conference that Joseph S. Horne, counselor to Elder W. H. Seegmiller, be ordained a Patriarch. The vote in favor of his ordination was unanimous, and he was ordained and set apart to this office by Elder Anthon H. Lund.

The Annabella choir furnished the singing at the meetings the first day of conference, and on Sunday the Richfield choir, assisted by members of the choirs of Monroe, Glenwood and Annabella, furnished the singing.

The work on our Stake tabernacle is progressing finely, the work on the towers, cornice and roof, will soon be completed, and it will be a great credit to this Stake when it is completed, which will be according to contract about December 1, this year, and we anticipate a grand and glorious time at its dedication.

According to reports given during conference, the people of this Stake are blessed this year with abundant crops, both of hay and grain, and in some places there are good crops of fruit also.

The people have had a foretaste this season of what reservoirs will do for them, and they are straining every nerve to complete the plants already commenced so as to hold back all the water possible during the fall and winter months in order to have a better supply next season.

SIMON CHRISTENSEN,
Stake Clerk.

Snowflake Stake.

On the 28th and 29th of August, 1898, the people of Snowflake Stake held their quarterly conference in the Stake house in Snowflake ward.

The presidency of the Stake, the majority of the High Council and Bishops were in attendance. There was also a good attendance of the Saints.

Good feelings seemed to prevail and much valuable instruction was given.

The Sacrament was administered, and the authorities, both local and general, were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

The Bishops' reports indicated a very fair condition of fellowship and rather an unusual degree of prosperity, temporarily, especially with regard to the harvest of the present season.

The speakers all earnestly exhorted the Saints to a more strict compliance with the requirements of the Gospel. The young men were strongly urged to observe the Word of Wisdom, and otherwise render themselves worthy to enter the House of God, and in this connection the Bishops were earnestly warned against recommending unworthy persons to the Temples.

Respectfully,

L. M. SAVAGE, Clerk.

Kanab Stake.

Orderville, Sept. 5th, 1898.

The Kanab Stake conference was held in Kanab on the 2nd and 3rd insts. Elders F. M. Lyman, of the Apostles, and James H. Anderson, of the "Deseret News" office, were present with us Friday, the first day of our conference, but owing to a telegram having been sent to Elder Lyman desiring his return on account of the death of our beloved brother, President Wilford Woodruff, they started back

home immediately after the afternoon meeting. Elder Lyman received and announced the news during the afternoon meeting. Notwithstanding the gloom cast over the people our conference was a good one, and many valuable instructions were given by our leading brethren. Elder Thomas Chamberlain having taken Elders Lyman and Anderson as far on their way home as John Searns' at Graham ward, returned with the sad news of the death of Sister R. V. Adams Payne, our Stake Sunday school secretary, which caused further gloom to those who attended our Sunday school conference, which was held on Sunday, the 4th. Notwithstanding we had an enjoyable time throughout our conferences.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

Wayne Stake.

The Wayne Stake quarterly conference convened at Junction, Wayne Co., Utah, Aug. 7th and 28th, 1898, Elder W. E. Robison presiding.

There were present on the stand the Stake presidency, Patriarch Elias H. Blackburn and a fair representation of Bishops and Stake officers.

Elder Willis E. Robison made the opening remarks, in which he referred to the prosperous financial condition of the Saints in Wayne Stake, the abundant harvest and the healthy spiritual condition of the people. He spoke briefly of the great missionary work being carried on the nations of the earth.

The Thurber, Lyman, Loa, Caineville, Giles and Teasdale wards were reported in good condition by the respective presiding officers. Bishop M. W. Mansfield, Elder Michael Hanson, Bishops W. E. Hanks, Levi C. White and George Coleman, all of whom bore testimony to God's work and gave exhortation to the Saints.

Elder Hans M. Hansen addressed the conference referring to the tendency of the human race to forget God, and live for the gratification of the sensual desires and appetites, and also to the mission of the Latter-day Saints to serve God and sacrifice everything for the promotion and benefit of God's work.

Bishop Hiett E. Maxfield was the first speaker of the afternoon session and he reviewed the progress made in building up the waste places of Zion, and his personal experience in the Wayne Stake. He reported the Fremont ward in a thriving and good condition.

Elder Walter H. Jeffery reported the Sunday schools of Wayne Stake in a prosperous state and bore testimony to the divinity of the latter-day work.

Elder Benj. F. Brown spoke upon the gift and power of inspiration and exhorted the Saints to diligence and good works.

Elder W. E. Robison occupied considerable time discouraging upon the noble and useful life of President Brigham Young, dwelling upon his virtues and good works and showing his true worth to the Latter-day Saints. He urged that the Latter-day Saints should esteem it a privilege and honor to donate toward the erection of a monument in memory of so noble a Pioneer. He spoke briefly upon the observance of the Sabbath and fast day meetings.

Elder Joseph Eckersley spoke briefly, contrasting the man made religions of today with the doctrine of Christ's Church. Sunday morning Elder Moroni Lazenby discoursed upon the beauty and perfection of the Church organization, and the power of prayer.

Elder Gearsen S. Bastian said the Latter-day Saints should be an exemplary people, willing to devote their time and energies to the service of God.

Elder Geo. S. Rust said he had been privileged to listen to all the Prophets of the Latter-day Church since its organization, and knew them to be men