

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## BOX ELDER.

A most interesting conference of the Box Elder Stake is just closed.

Four of the Twelve—Lorenzo Snow, F. D. Richards, M. W. Merrill and A. H. Cannon were present, besides several visiting Elders, among whom were J. W. Summerhays, C. D. Fjelsted, Orson Smith and Andrew Jenson.

## SUNDAY FORENOON.

Elder Fjelsted testified that the power of the Gospel had not diminished; that those who were baptized received the same testimony to the forgiveness of their sins, and when they received the laying on of hands they received as much of the gift of the Holy Ghost as did the Saints in any age.

Elder C. Dunn spoke of the necessity of being alive to our duties.

Elder Smith spoke of the free gifts of the Gospel. If anyone does not receive them the fault is not with the Lord. He has given us the Word of Wisdom for our protection against the evils of the world and we should observe it.

Counselor A. Madsen spoke on the last subject and also encouraged the Saints to faith in the laying on of hands for the healing of the sick instead of resorting to medicine and the skill of men. Advised the people to keep out of debt, for debt was bondage.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

President Clawson presented the Church authorities, who were unanimously sustained.

Apostle Merrill testified that the Lord had protected His people through the trials of late years as Fatherly as He ever did. We should adhere to the first principles of the Gospel, and cultivate a spirit of forgiveness. Contending parties should try and settle their difficulties among themselves and that would give the best satisfaction. If we seek for aid and arguments to sustain the counsel of the servants of God we will find it.

Elder Jensen spoke of the importance of keeping proper record of our families, wards and Stakes.

## April 27—Forenoon service.

Apostle Richards showed the wonderful way in which the Lord brought the principles of the Gospel before the nations under political auspices. The exodus of the latter-day Israel from the States to these valleys is equal in greatness to the exodus of ancient Israel from the land of Egypt. By our expulsion from the States, the Lord saved us from being mixed up with them in the terrible war which followed soon after.

## AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Apostle Cannon dwelt upon the important duties of mothers; said the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Advised the husbands to be kind to their families. He looked upon his children as his brothers and sisters.

Apostle Snow said we were true to our first estate and enjoyed glory with God. If we are faithful also in this our second estate we may feel like Jesus, the Savior, "Father, glorify Thou me with the glory I had with Thee before the world was." Admonished the daughters of Israel not to marry outside the Church.

The conference was well attended, and the Saints went away rejoicing.

N. P. ANDERSON, Clerk.

## TOOELE.

Sunday morning, ten o'clock. There were present on the stand Apostle John W. Taylor, President H. S. Gowans and Counselor Patriarch George W. Burridge and a number of the Bishops and leading men of the Stake.

The conference was addressed by Elders A. J. Stookey, Peter A. Droutsay, James Kirk and David Powell, testifying to the truth of the Gospel revealed through Joseph Smith, substantiating their proofs by the Bible and Book of Mormon, also gave some reminiscences of their experiences and of the power of God made manifest through faith.

Two o'clock p. m. The general authorities of the Church were presented by President Gowans and unanimously sustained.

Apostle Taylor spoke forcibly and with power, showing the necessity of utilizing our time and talents profitably. The observance of good order and decorum in all our gatherings, whether of a social, political or religious character; observing proper etiquette and gentlemanly deportment; preserving the rights and property of others from injury; the eternal order of God in the marriage relation; advised the youth to marry those of their faith that they be not unequally yoked with unbelievers, etc.

Monday, 28th inst., 10 o'clock a. m. The local officers of the Stake were presented by President Gowans and fully sustained.

The Grantsville, Vernon, Tooele and Clover wards were represented by their Bishops to be in good standing. An increase of faith and corresponding good works was plainly manifest. President Gowans and Counselor C. L. Anderson endorsed the reports made by the Bishops and advised the Saints in their duties. Elders David Bennion and Richard Warburton bore testimony to the establishment of the latter day work and its future destiny.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Batesville branch, as also the St. John and Lakeview wards, were reported by their presiding officers to be in a very satisfactory condition. Counselor George H. Richards offered some encouraging remarks to the Saints. Apostle Taylor gave a brief geographical sketch and outline of the countries located and occupied by the Latter-day Saints, their character and facilities; the accessibility of each locality and the treatment offered by those formerly inhabiting those places towards our people settling amongst them. Invariably the Lord had abundantly blessed His people and increased their possessions and substance. He portrayed some of the advantages enjoyed by residents of this Stake and pronounced the blessing of the Lord on the assembled multitude.

The Tooele choir performed well their part in the exercises of the conference. H. S. Gowans presiding.

GEO. ATKIN, Clerk.

The reason Southern Illinois is called Egypt is simple. In 1835 there was a dearth of cereals in central and northern Illinois, while the south of the State abounded in plenty. The people went south and purchased corn, hence the term Egypt.

## PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall at 11 a. m., on Saturday, May 2nd 1891, President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

There were present on the stand of the Presiding Bishopric, William B. Preston and John R. Winder, the Presidency of the Stake and a number of other prominent brethren including High Counselors.

The presiding authorities of the Fifth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth city wards, and of Sandy, Riverton and Pleasant Green, failed to respond to the roll call.

Bishop John R. Winder was the first speaker. He urged a faithful observance of the fast day, and providing for the poor, and read a number of statistics showing failure to some extent in these particulars.

Bishop William B. Preston dwelt with great force on the necessity of the brethren living exemplary lives, and of living fully up to the requirements of the Gospel. He admonished parents to train their children in the ways of the Lord, and thereby witness the promises made by the Lord through one of the ancient Prophets, which were that they (our offspring) would not depart therefrom when they became old.

He reminded the Bishops that if they had spirited Priests and Teachers there would not be much occasion to publicly call the attention of the Latter-day Saints so often to their duties.

Elder George Goddard addressed the meeting for a short time on the importance of impressing the rising generation regarding the fundamental laws of the Church, notably that of faith.

President Joseph E. Taylor referred to the great faith exercised by the Saints in the early days of the Church, and earnestly desired to see this gift revived and become stronger, if possible, than ever it was. He quoted the Divine injunction: "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy," and asked the Bishops and all present to use whatever influence they possessed, by a spirit of kindness and persuasion, to stimulate the young and any others guilty of violating the sacred day to refrain from it and turn to the Lord and live. He spoke also in relation to the proper management of those recreations and amusements necessary for young people.

President Charles W. Penrose quoted from several revelations on the question of tithes and offerings, and remarked that as the laws of the Lord were lived up to, so would the promised blessings follow; also urged promptness in those duties imposed upon visiting brethren and all citizens as members of the body politic.

Elder William C. Dunbar asked the question if it would not be proper to hold fast meetings on the evening of the days appointed for this purpose, so as to enable the brethren to attend when it was impossible, on account of their employment, to meet with the Saints during the day time.

Elder John T. Caine addressed the meeting on the importance of our duties to the government under which we live, and the protection of which was extended to all law-abiding citizens. God and our country claimed our full allegiance.