



STAKE CONFERENCE.

Granite Stake Tabernacle Crowded on Occasion of Quarterly Gathering.

The quarterly conference of the Granite Stake of Zion convened at the stake tabernacle on Sunday May 26th 1907, at 10 a. m. President Frank Y. Taylor presiding.

There were present President Joseph F. Smith, John H. Smith, Hyman H. Smith, Orson E. Whitney, Bishop O. P. Miller of the general authorities and a goodly number of stake ward and quorum officers. Elder Joseph Taylor was the first speaker. He referred to the spirit of unrest existing in the world at the present time, also to conditions and events which should be the subject of the special duty devolving upon the Saints to proclaim the word of God unto the inhabitants of the earth as a witness.

Patriarch August M. Cannon referred to the testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sealed by his blood, and urged the saints to live lives worthy of that testimony.

Sister Zina Y. Card addressed the meeting in the interests of the Primary Association. She called upon the people to co-operate with the association in the instilling into the minds of the children the principles of life.

President Joseph F. Smith paid a most beautiful tribute to the Aunt Zina Young Card, referring to her ability to teach her faithfulness and devotion to the cause of truth and her earnestness and sincerity that enters homes and takes therefrom our loved ones, but said that this sorrow was nothing in comparison with the great truth that would come to pass when the children deny the faith which means eternal separation. Precious are the gifts and blessings of God unto his children and carefully they should be guarded. He exhorted all who live faithful lives and magnify the gifts of God that these gifts will remain theirs eternally. Reference was made to the directed of many for the appointed of the Lord, it being explained that all who have received their blessings in the temple are appointed of the Lord and that all who have been baptized for a remission of their sins are the chosen ones of the Lord.

The choir sang "As the dew from heaven distilling."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry B. Skidmore, after which the conference adjourned until 2 p. m.

Upon reconvening, the choir sang the anthem, "Atonement O Ye Mortals," the opening prayer being offered by Bishop Brigham F. Price.

The choir rendered "The Pilgrims Chorus."

President Frank Y. Taylor presented the general authorities of the Church, also the stake officers, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

President Taylor then urged the people to knit in close touch with their bishops and counsel with them on temporal as well as spiritual matters. Elder Henry B. Skidmore spoke of the mission of Christ, showing also the reception he received at the hands of the people. He said that the great obligation resting upon the Saints is to preach the gospel in all the world and more especially to our own children.

Elder Orson F. Whitney took for his theme the mission of the Holy Ghost, showing how the same brings to mind things that are, that have been and will be. Said that it is the duty of a servant of God to seek to be in the ever in condition to voice the mind and will of God unto the people, also that the congregation should pray and prepare themselves to receive the word. The speaker pointed out the need of being earnest and sincere in worship and labor and not to serve God with lips only. The great benefits to be derived from the Holy Spirit, following council were shown, also the loss suffered through disobeying the same.

The choir sang, "In Our Redeemer's Name."

Benediction by Bishop O. P. Miller.

Music during the conference was furnished by the Waterloo and Farmington ward choirs, and was rendered by M. Elmer Christensen, Katherine McLellan, Norma Woodruff and Mrs. F. M. Bishop. An organ solo was played by J. Spence Cornwall.

MILLARD STAKE.

Change in Presidency—New Bishops At Oak Creek and Scipio.

The quarterly conference of the Millard stake of Zion convened in the stake tabernacle on Sunday May 27th 1907, at 10 a. m. President Alonzo A. Hinckley presiding. More than usual interest attached to this gathering of the saints on account of the presence of Elders Francis M. Lyman and Herbert J. Grant, also Sisters Edna Barker and Emma Romney of the general board of the Primary Association.

The report of the stake presidency, bishops and stake officers indicated that the stake wards, quorums and auxiliary organizations were generally in good condition. The speaker instructed the given by the visiting brethren and sisters.

On Sunday afternoon the following changes were made: the new officers were sustained by the unanimous vote of the people: Thomas C. Callister and George C. Seaman, counselors in the stake presidency, having resigned. Elder Callister to Salt Lake City, and Elder Seaman to Ogden, were honorably released.

Bishop Peter Anderson of the Oak Creek ward, having resigned, an opportunity was given to the people to elect a new bishop. Elder Lyman, having been sustained as first, and Orvil L. Thompson as second, counselors in the stake presidency.

This left vacancies in the bishoprics of the Oak Creek and Scipio wards. Elder L. Thompson having been honorably released as bishop of the Scipio ward, Bishop Peter Anderson was sustained as bishop of the Oak Creek ward, with William L. Hatch as his first and Bert L. Robins as second counselors.

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Changes were also made in the high council of the stake. Almon D. Robison and Heber W. Beckstrand of the high council and John E. Hunter, Wilfrid R. Thompson and John E. Lovell, alternate high council members, were honorably released, and John E. Lovell and Frederick Lewis Wadsworth were sustained as regular members, and William T. Stevens and Edwin Leo Lyman, Jr., were sustained as alternate members of the high council.

The visiting sisters had come to recognize the primary made necessary by the removal of Stake President Mrs. Alice Callister to Salt Lake City. Mrs. Callister, with her counselors, Elizabeth Walker and Margaret A. McMahon, with Carrie Robison, secretary and

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treasurers, were honorably released, and Sister Emma E. Wright was sustained as stake president of the Primary with Bertha M. Reeve, secretary and treasurer. On account of Sister Wright being away from home no counselors were sustained at this time.

In the Sunday school of the Scipio ward, William R. Thompson, having been released, his successor, Frederick Lewis Wadsworth, was sustained as superintendent of Sabbath school in the Scipio ward, with Bert L. and Lars Jensen as assistants.

The conference was characterized by a spirit of love and unity throughout and all people returned to their homes refreshed and rejoicing.

WM. A. REEVE, Stake Clerk.

BIG HORN STAKE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Big Horn stake of Zion convened at Lovell in the new and commodious meetinghouse May 13 and 14. There were present the general authorities

President Francis M. Lyman and Elders George F. Richards and Joseph W. McMurrin. Of the local authorities, President Byron Session and counselors, most of the high counselors, bishops and officers of auxiliary organizations.

The report of the stake presidency, bishops, and officers of auxiliary organizations were encouraging, showing that the saints were enjoying the spirit of the gospel and prospering in this goodly land.

The meetings throughout were well attended, being 30 per cent of the stake population at the meetings Sunday. The weather was delightful. The topics treated were unity, loyalty to our state and nation, love in the home and higher education.

There were two general meetings Saturday and a priesthood meeting in the evening. Sunday there were sessions of the stake presidency and a joint session of the young people in the evening. The speakers were inspired and gave the people food meat for the occasion.

The people of Lovell were highly complimented. The new meetinghouse they have erected is a credit to them. The Lovell choir rendered excellent music.

Monday the visiting brethren held a meeting in Cowley at 10 a. m. and at 8 p. m. The Sunday school children and saints on Sunday shook hands with President Lyman, Elders Richards and Jos. W. McMurrin and a blessing was pronounced upon them. The speakers were inspired and gave the people food meat for the occasion.

EMANUEL THOMAS, Stake Clerk.

STAR VALLEY STAKE.

The quarterly conference of the Star Valley stake was held in Afton May 13 and 14. There were present the stake presidency, patriarchs, high counselors, and bishops from every ward in the stake. After the opening exercises, President George Osmond reported the stake in fine condition.

The bishops of the various wards reported favorably the condition of the saints under their charge. Elder George S. Kennington and Peter Peterson (returned missionaries) gave a brief account of their labors and home faithful testimonies to the truth of the gospel.

The general authorities of the Church, and local authorities of Star Valley stake were presented by Counselor Wilfrid A. Hyde and all were unanimously sustained by the saints. Counselor Wm. W. Barton gave some good instructions and timely counsel to the saints.

After the singing of "Joseph Smith's First Prayer" the choir also sang sweet music, which was appreciated. Sunday evening the young men and women held a conference, at which all the visiting brethren spoke.

WILLIAM H. KENNINGTON, Stake Clerk.

NEBO STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Nebo stake was held at Payson in the Nebo stake tabernacle Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26. There were in attendance, Elders George F. Richards, George Albert Smith and Reed Smoot of the twelve apostles; a full quorum of stake presidency members of the high council, bishops and counselors, and an excellent turnout of priesthood and saints.

In the opening address given by President Jonathan S. Page, Jr., he said he felt happy to be able to meet in the new tabernacle and expressed his gratification upon its near completion. He congratulated the people on their willing liberality in responding toward the erection of so beautiful a house. He reported that harmony existed among officers and members in a general way throughout the stake; urged that all of the saints assume some responsibility in the Lord's work.

Elder George Teasdale gave excellent instructions on the necessity of parents teaching their children the principles of the gospel and of having them baptized when eight years of age; on the need of young people taking the right course in marriage; and the duty of the parents in attending to family prayers and the blessing resulting therefrom; and also the necessity and results of the saints observing the law of tithing.

Elder George Albert Smith complimented the choir on the sweet singing, congratulated the saints on the beautiful new tabernacle and spoke on the duty of husbands to wives, grateful to our heavenly Father and to those who labor for our comfort and blessing.

Elder Reed Smoot discoursed most impressively on loyalty to our heavenly Father, to our brethren, and to our country; on the need of observing family and secret prayers; and spoke on the results of the investigation at Washington and the signs of the times, etc.

The statement as given by President Page concerning the tabernacle, showed that the building had been erected since last May; that the workmen had been interested, and had done their best, especially did he compliment the laborer in the building committee, the architect, Otto Erlanson, and also the director of the wood work, Henry Erlanson.

The next day, May 27, and counsel given by the apostles and also the local brethren, the excellent spirit prevailing the sweet singing and the comfortable building, made the occasion one of refreshing to the part of those in attendance.

THOMAS W. LEREWILL, Stake Clerk.

WEST COLO. CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the West Colorado conference of the Western States mission convened at Aspen, Colorado, May 11 and 12. Four public and two priesthood meetings were held. James P. Baxter presiding.

President A. H. Richards of the Western States mission was the principal speaker at the meetings. All the elders of the conference addressed the meetings also, on the first principles of the gospel.

Priesthood meetings were held on Saturday, May 11, at 3 p. m., and Sunday, May 12, at 4:30 p. m. Instructions were given to the elders by President A. H. Richards, regarding the preaching of the gospel and their general conduct. The meetings of the conference were well attended and a good spirit pervaded the entire gathering.

The elders were appointed to their various fields of labor as follows: Elders Geo. N. Larsen and Wellington Wood, Jr., to Montrose; James P. Baxter and Elder F. W. Larsen, after leaving here will take up their work in Grand Junction.

GEO. N. LARSEN, Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The North Texas conference of the Central States mission, convened in Kelsey, Upshur Co., May 11 and 12. On the evening of May 11, all enjoyed a splendid entertainment given by the Kelsey branch.

After visiting the Saints scattered here and there over the country, then coming in contact with the people of this thriving colony, the speakers were much interested in hearing the gospel explained in its fullness and plainness.

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EAST PA. CONFERENCE.

One of the most enjoyable conferences ever held in east Pennsylvania convened here the first week in May. The conference was held at Allentown, attended by all the elders of the conference. Three public and one priesthood meeting were held on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th inst.

The morning session at the public meetings, all the elders and some of the members bearing interesting testimonies. The afternoon session was occupied by President J. A. McQuarrie and C. H. Davis, and Elder George A. Cochran.

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CONFERENCE AT ALBANY, N. Y.

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CONFERENCE AT GOTHENBURG.

Gothenburg, Sweden, April 15.—The spring conference of Gothenburg convened at Gothenburg, this city, Saturday evening, April 13, at 8 p. m. President P. Mazon of the Swedish mission presided. George C. Smith of Gothenburg conference and 10 traveling elders were present.

President Smith delivered the opening address of welcome and bore his testimony to the restoration of the Gospel. Elders John H. Johnson and C. O. Peterson reported the work done in Skofde and Vermanland branches respectively, and spoke briefly in the first principles of the gospel. President Mazon then occupied the remaining time of the meeting. Spoke of the work done by the missionaries, emphasizing the divinity of their call, and the necessity of all religious teachers having authority from God.

Sunday at 10 a. m. the Gothenburg Sunday school convened, Supt. August

Hanson presided. The different classes were represented after which Prest. Mazon delivered an able address on the Sunday school work and eternal progress.

At 3 p. m. the next meeting was held. Elder P. G. Peterson and A. F. Anderson