

STAKE CONFERENCE.

Bear Lake Stake.

To the Editor:

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held at Paris on the 19th and 20th last.

Present on the stand were: Elder M. F. Cowley of the Apostles; and Elder B. H. Roberts of the First Council of Seventies, as visitors; the presidency of the Stake, the Bishops and other leading Elders. The services on Saturday consisted of reports by the Bishops of the condition of their wards, which were interspersed with remarks by Elder William L. Rich of the Stake presidency and Elder M. F. Cowley of the Apostles.

The Eleventh, Sixth and One Hundred and Fourteenth quorums of Seventy were reported by their respective presidents.

Counselor James H. Hart and Elder B. H. Roberts also spoke. The former reporting the condition of the Bear Lake Stake, which was represented as progressive; and the latter setting forth the gradual development of the organization of the Church of Christ.

On Sunday Elder James E. Hart reported his labors connected with the Mutual Improvement cause. He spoke the efficient help accorded him and the gratifying results—a large increase of members and a happy and hearty cooperation of all the officers and members.

Elder George Humphreys reported his two years' labor as a missionary in England. He testified that the power and blessing of God had attended him. The Elders with whom he labored were faithful in observing the Word of Wisdom, which had its influence for good. He had distributed between 11,000 and 12,000 tracts, held many conversations on the Gospel. He heartily enjoyed his labors as a missionary.

Elder M. F. Cowley read from the Doctrine and Covenants: "He that is slothful and does not learn his duty shall not be accounted worthy to stand," dwelling for some length upon that subject. He referred to the appearance of John the Baptist to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and the conferring of the Aaronic Priesthood. The simplicity, yet potency, of the language, contrasted with that of some of the Elders who often lengthen out an ordination to a patriarchal blessing.

At the afternoon session, Elder J. R. Shepard presented the general authorities of the Church and State authorities, all whom were sustained by vote.

Elder Heber C. Kaetch, superintendent of religion classes, said the superintendent and instructors were devoted to the work, and much good was being done.

Elder Andrew Johnson (returned missionary) reported his labors and testified that the blessing of God had been with him, and he rejoiced greatly in His service.

Elder William Budge said he took great pleasure in his labors in the midst of the people. There are a number of young men who are not tithing. It is their duty to give this important subject their earnest consideration. Every one who controls their own means should pay their tithing.

Elder B. H. Roberts occupied the remainder of the time, speaking upon the advantages of a true education, and encouraged all to heartily support the building committee of the Stake Academy.

Elder Budge asked God's blessing to rest upon His servants who had administered to us during the conference, and upon all the Latter-day Saints.

This, closed one of the best conferences ever held in this Stake. The attendance was good throughout, notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads.

T. MINSON, Clerk.

St. Johns Stake.

The quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake of Zion was held at St. Johns, with a larger attendance than heretofore, from Feb. 24th to the 29th inclusive. Elders J. H. Smith and J. W. Taylor of the Apostles were present and gave much instruction to the Saints in relation to their duties and expounded the principles of the Gospel to young and old. Reports showed the Stake to be in a prosperous condition. Especial mention was made that the missionaries who have been traveling among the people were doing good.

A Sunday school conference was held on the 7th of March at the same place with an excellent attendance. Assistant General Superintendent Karl G. Maeser was present and instructed Sunday school laborers of the wishes of the general Sunday school superintendency, and in methods of instructing classes.

Sister Cornelia Horne Clayton was here during these conferences in the interest of the Y. L. M. I. A. and her labors were highly appreciated.

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Maricopa Stake.

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To the Editor:

The regular quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake was held Sunday and Monday, March 20 and 21. Present on the stand were the presidency and local authorities of the Stake. The reports from the watchmen on the walls of Zion show that all is well.

We had very interesting and profitable conference with a large attendance through the entire conference.

Sister Cornelia Horne Clayton from Provo City, has been visiting the various wards of this Stake during the past week in behalf of the Young Ladies' Journal. She gave an interesting and instructive lecture to the young men and young ladies on Sunday evening of the conference, which was largely attended.

J. M. COSBY,
Stake-Clerk.

St. George Stake.

To the Editor:

Saturday morning, March 12, the Relief societies of the Stake began their conference under their Stake president, Ann C. Woodbury, and her counselors.

Elder Abraham O. Woodruff of the Council of the Apostles, Elder Seymour B. Young of the first council of Seventies, Pres. Daniel D. McArthur of the St. George Stake, and his second counselor, Erastus B. Snow, and other brethren met with the sisters, and on invitation, addressed those assembled, encouraging and blessing them in their labor of love. The sisters continued their conference in the afternoon, without the presence of any of the brethren, because the latter were engaged in the Priesthood meeting of the Stake, under the presidency of Elder D. D. McArthur and his counselors. The usual interests of the Stake were reported and treated upon; and a circular letter from the presidency and High Council to the Bishops and officers and members of the wards composing the wards of the Stake was read and approved.

Because of the infirmity of our venerable and faithful brother, Elder William Fawcett, president of the High Priests of St. George Stake of thirty-six years, he was honorably released. His first counselor, Elder Charles Smith, was elected to preside over the quorum and Elders George Woodward and George F. Jarvis as his counselors.

After this and other business was disposed of, Elder Seymour B. Young spoke highly complimentary of the reports and proceedings of the meeting and concluded by delivering an instructive address on sanitary measures to be observed in this naturally healthy climate.

Elder Woodruff followed on the order of the quorums of the Priesthood, and on the duty of the presidency of the Stake and other officers, to see that the various quorums were kept in an organized condition and in active exercise.

Sunday morning, following a short session of the Sunday school, which was addressed by Elders Woodruff and Seymour B. Young, the regular quarterly Stake conference began its sessions with an unusually large attendance. After preliminary remarks by Elder McArthur, together with a brief report of the Stake, Elder Young discoursed on the faith and doctrines of the Church of Christ, as entertained by Latter-day Saints. Morning meeting concluded by Elder John R. Terry's report of his twenty-seven months' recent labors in the missionary field.

Sunday afternoon—The Sacrament was administered and the general and Stake authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder Woodruff, after making a few remarks, called upon Elder Samuel Knight to relate some of his experience and observation when in Nauvoo, Ill., in August, 1844. Brother Knight said he was at the meeting where Sidney Rigdon set up his claim to be "Guardian" of the Church, after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph and Patriarch Hyrum. Brother Knight testified that on that occasion he was an ear and an eye witness that the mantle of Joseph as leader of the Church fell upon Brigham Young.

Elder Woodruff resumed his address but when it was reported to him that there were others in the congregation who could testify to the same transformation of voice and features of Brigham Young into those of the then recently martyred Prophet Joseph, he called upon such as could testify to the same fact to manifest it. Twenty-two men and women stood up till they were counted. The speaker then continued his address by reading President Wilford Woodruff's testimony to the same manifestation—as set forth in Roberts's "Succession to the Priesthood."

Meeting concluded by Elder Bryant Heber Jolley Jr. reporting in an interesting manner his missionary labors.

Monday morning.—Elder David H. Cannon, president of St. George Temple, spoke on the temporal condition and duties of the people composing the Stake.

Elder Erastus B. Snow followed on the same subjects.

Bishop Jeter Snow, of Pine Valley, gave a direct and comprehensive report of his ward. He was followed by Bishop James Andrus of St. George ward, Bishop John G. Hafen of Santa Clara ward and Bishop James M. Ballard of Grafton ward.

Elder Woodruff concluded, by remarks on the benefits resulting from sustaining home industries, and on the advantages of young men devoting their labors to agriculture, horticulture and manufacturing pursuits, instead of their going to mining camps to work.

Monday afternoon meeting was addressed by Elder T. R. Reeves, returned missionary, of Virgin City; and Elder John T. Stout, of Rockville, also returned missionary. These were followed by Elder Seymour B. Young, advocating the careful training of our children and young people.

Elder Woodruff resumed the subject of home industries by speaking on the