

Sixth and Seventh quorums of Elders as being in a similar condition to those reported in the morning.

President Joseph H. Grant dwelt on the duties and obligations of those holding the Priesthood. Spoke on the course that should be pursued in regard to those members that have become careless and indifferent. President Grant advised all to help those that are called or may be called on missions. Said in the last four weeks some forty or fifty Elders from this Stake had been called to go on missions. He was glad to see so many going on missions where they could gain an experience that they could not obtain at home.

Bishop Petr Barton, Bishop Lewis M. Grant and Elder Nathan T. Porter addressed the congregation. They spoke on the labors and duties of the Priesthood and the covenants and obligations we are under to honor the same.

President Hess gave some instructions as to the proper way to ordain a person an Elder. Said he was pleased at the way the Priesthood had turned out to attend the conference, and that it was the intention to hold an Elders' conference at least once a year. He also thanked the members of the Farmington choir for their services during the forenoon and afternoon meetings. After the choir sang an anthem benediction by Elder Nathan T. Porter, the conference adjourned for one year.

JOHN J. SMITH, Clerk.

THE WATER PROBLEM.

REDMOND, Sevier Co., Oct. 21.—The irrigation problem is being faster solved in Sevier county than in any other region in Utah. Besides the reservoir system of the Marysvale Reservoir company, there is a project on foot to establish a reservoir in Graze valley at the junction of Otter creek and the east fork of Sevier river, Piute county, where there is almost a natural reservoir. The construction of a short dam would cover a vast area with water, holding enough in reserve to irrigate all the land that could be reached from this point in Piute and Sevier counties, bringing in some of the best land in the districts, and making homes for thousands.

The Sevier Valley Canal company who have now constructed a canal from the south end of the county to beyond Richfield, have now under construction a reservoir upon one fork of Clear creek, where they are in hopes of securing water sufficient to prevent the stockholders from suffering and losing their crops. The extension of this canal for ten to fifteen miles would bring in a vast lot of good land that is unclaimed today; but I hear that parties are entering upon it quite rapidly, and would warn the people of Sevier county who have no land not to lay idly by and let the stranger take what should rightly belong to them by reason of occupancy. The young men of this country should secure this land, for they may wander far to find as good an opportunity to secure them homes and competency as exists right here at home.

On the east side of the Sevier valley the people have not been idle. The new canal taking the water out above

Monroe has been put through the heaviest part of the work, and reached that town. It is contemplated to carry it north to Anabella where it will cover some valuable land. There is a nice lot of good land under this canal, some of which has been cultivated this year. The people of Anabella are constructing a reservoir in the mountains on the creek that comes into that place from the east.

At Glenwood they could easily construct a reservoir that would hold back the water that supplies that town. The water rises on the hills above the town and forms a pretty little lake which is surrounded with high hills, while the water escapes through a narrow rock-bound channel that could easily be stopped with a rock wall at but a small cost and greatly increase their irrigation facilities.

These contemplated improvements will give an abundance of water to these localities, while Salina has a reservoir under construction up the canyon that will increase the water supply for that place, and parties interested have taken up the land over the hills to the south of that town where the high water and a supply from this reservoir will be used. The success of the reservoir at Gunnison has greatly encouraged this part of the country, and in my next I will give a description of it and a history of its construction.

The people of Utah are interested in the construction of canals and reservoirs, as their future growth largely depends on the success in this line.

Business is dull here, money very scarce; yet average good crops have been raised.

R. G. LAMBERT.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MISSION.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.,
October 21, 1895.

It affords me much pleasure, as the clerk of the Southern California conference, to report to you the proceedings of our meeting held in this city.

Friday afternoon Elder Henry S. Tanner, president of the California mission, arrived from San Francisco, being accompanied by his cousin, N. A. Tanner, and arrangements were made for a Sunday school, a branch and a conference organization.

This morning (Sunday) at 10 a. m. we met and organized a Sunday school with about twenty pupils. Elder Wm. N. Woodland was appointed superintendent of the Los Angeles Sunday school, and Miss Winifred Woollacott as secretary and treasurer, and Oscar Berg assistant.

At 2 p. m. meeting was called to order. After devotional exercises Elder Parley T. Wright was chosen president of the Southern California conference, and Moroni H. Thomas as clerk. A branch of the Church was also organized with H. Jacobsen president and Emil Berg clerk. There were about forty at our afternoon services, and they received very interesting instructions from Elders Parley T. Wright, N. A. Tanner, William N. Woodland, W. H. Wright and John R. Smith. The brethren treated briefly several subjects contained in the redemption wrought out by the Savior. Mrs. P. T. Wright and Miss Ethel Graham did themselves

credit in rendering the famous hymn, "O, My Father."

There were eighty at our evening services who listened very attentively to Elder Tanner depicting the rise and progress of the Church.

Elders John R. Smith and N. A. Tanner will labor in San Bernardino; Wm. N. Woodland and Moroni H. Thomas in Los Angeles; Parley T. Wright and W. D. Wright in San Diego.

Sister E. Woollacott will give an entertainment for the Saints in this city next Thursday evening. She deserves special mention for her extensive hospitality. She has done everything in her power to make this part of the mission a success. Her son H. J. Woollacott, has also been very kind to us, and showed his faith by furnishing a hall for us to hold services in, not for this special meeting, but for the entire time since our arrival.

During the last year there have been twenty-eight baptisms, and in Los Angeles alone Brothers John R. Smith and M. H. Thomas have been blessed with the privilege of baptizing eleven. The Elders and Saints are very much elated with the past success and future prospects. After the entertainment above referred to the Elders in the Southern Conference will depart to their fields of labor.

M. H. THOMAS, Clerk.

AN INVITATION FROM CAINESVILLE.

CAINESVILLE, October 19, 1895.—Thinking a few lines from this part would be of interest to your many readers, I will send a brief sketch.

We have had a prosperous year for crops this season. Our first frost was September 23rd, which in some parts of our valley killed most all the crops, but in other spots did not kill all the tomato vines and they and the grape vines and squashes have again rallied and are growing yet. The health of the people generally is good. We are and have been very busy making adobe and brick for a meeting house which at the present time is so useful. We are making very good headway thus far. We wish we had more inhabitants to assist in our frontier labors. We have two towns laid off and are laying the foundations for good and comfortable homes. We have made a test of the brick soil and find it excellent; there are two brick kilns in course of erection.

We are getting the water question very well under control; have had comparatively no trouble this season with our ditches. However, we expect to improve them the coming season. We have an excellent climate; peach trees have grown this season from the pit, as high as three feet ten inches; apple trees have grown five feet from the last year's root; onions, from seed, weighed two pounds, grain ripens by June 20th; we have very open winters, can work all winter. Land can be got cheap for cash, with plenty of water. There are splendid prospects for good homes in this part; and if a man will work he can get good returns for his labors. We would like to have some more good, industrious Latter-day Saints to assist in developing and subduing the country. Respectfully,

BISHOP W. E. HANKS.