

abeyance—all for lack of systematic action based upon the broadest conceptions of duty to ourselves, our families, to society, to religion and to God!

Is it not as feasible, is it not as desirable, is it not as advantageous to build up our own homes, our own village, our own town, and to make them under divine blessing our glory and our pride? And does it not savor more of common sense and manly independence to provide, by general caucus and unity, labor at home, instead of calling upon capital from the four winds, or from the deaf owner of money at home, piling up an indebtedness which will be a drag upon our children's children, and ignoring the grand example of our leaders, who inaugurated the mammoth enterprises and magnificent purposes of the past, when money was a myth, and muscle and faith in legitimate union laid the foundation of an empire—a kingdom in the desert!

TOOELE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Tooele Stake of Zion was held in Tooele city, April 29th and 30th, 1894. Present on the stand Elder H. J. Grant, of the Council of the Apostles, Elder H. S. Gowans and counselors in the Stake presidency, and a number of Bishops and leading officers of the Stake.

Ten a. m., April 29th, President Gowans called the conference to order, and after the opening exercises Bishop Thomas Atkins, of Tooele, and John G. Shields, of the Lakeview wards, reported briefly the favorable condition of their wards, the organizations complete and accomplishing good results; peace and good will prevail. President Gowans said the condition of the Stake in general was very encouraging; the good works of the people denote a steady increase in faith; union prevails with the officers and organizations of the Stake, and a desire on the part of all is manifest to faithfully perform their duties and be exemplary in their lives.

Elder H. J. Grant, by illustration, forcibly brought to the notice of the Saints the importance of our becoming self-sustaining, producers and manufacturing what we wear and consume and to live within our resources and avoid entailing obligations we cannot meet; also not to allow our prejudices to swerve or warp our better judgment.

Two o'clock p. m., Bishops Joseph L. Warhall, of Grantsville, and D. H. Caldwell, of St. John wards, reported the Saints generally responsive to duty, no ill feeling existing and the organizations ably controlled by efficient officers.

Elder H. J. Grant again referred to the importance of the Latter-day Saints becoming self-sustaining and reserving the means that we expend on importations to foster home industries, giving employment to the people and utilizing the vast resources that we are so abundantly blessed with; advised a sacrifice of our appetites wherein it is injurious to our health and decreases longevity; called attention to the words of wisdom revealed, and urged the Saints to adopt them in their lives and receive the blessings promised. Stop the heavy drain upon our means in

importing the articles forbidden that are injurious.

10 o'clock a. m., April 30, Elders O. P. Bates of the Batesville branch of the Tooele ward, Anderson of Clover, and Joseph Yates of E. T. wards made statement of the progress, prosperity and good feeling existing in their localities.

A. G. Johnson, superintendent of the Stake Sabbath schools, applauded the superintendents, officers and teachers of the respective schools for their energy and faithful labors, as manifested by the interest created with the scholars.

A. J. Stookey briefly reported his labors as superintendent of religion classes and home missionary of the Stake, assisted by John S. Lee; took great pleasure in performing their duties.

Elder H. J. Grant spoke for a short time on topics and principles of great interest.

2 o'clock p. m., Elder Gowans presented the general authorities of the Church and the local officers of the Stake, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

Elder G. F. Richards portrayed some of the privileges and blessings enjoyed in the Gospel.

Elder H. J. Grant occupied the remaining portion of conference in his usual interesting and instructive manner, impressing the importance of obedience and good works in observing the revealed word of the Lord.

The meetings during conference were well attended notwithstanding the inclement weather, and a grand treat was enjoyed in the rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord.

Professor Beesley and choir contributed largely to the interest and pleasure of the meetings.

GEORGE ATKIN, Clerk.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake was held today in the Assembly hall, beginning at 11 a. m. Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presided.

After the usual opening exercises the roll was called, showing the following attendance: One High Councilor, five Patriarchs, all the members of the Presidency of the High Priests quorum, ten presidents of Seventies, eleven Home Missionaries.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented except the Thirtieth city ward. The First, Second, Third, Fifth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-third quorums of Elders were represented by their presiding officers.

Richard S. Horne, assistant Stake superintendent, represented the Sabbath schools.

On the representation of their Bishops, twenty-five members of the lesser quorums of Priesthood and one lay member were endorsed for ordination to the office of Elders.

It was decided to organize a new quorum of Elders in the Sandy ward, to be known as the Twenty-fourth quorum.

Instructions were given by Elders Elias Morris, A. H. Raleigh, Charles W. Penrose, Angus M. Cannon and D. B. Brinton.

Their topics were the care of the poor; the necessity for closer heed to proper counsel; the advisability of suggesting to some of the poor people of the city the propriety of moving to the country settlements, where there is practically no want, where living is much cheaper, and where they will be in a better position to help themselves; the necessity of adapting ourselves to all conditions; the need of providing employment for the idle; the proper means of checking the growing tendency toward discontent and lawlessness; the exercise of self-control and charity under the present exciting conditions; the proper use of the authority of the Priesthood toward influencing others for good; the necessity of lessening contention and strife in all directions; the need of exertion to settle all obligations; the danger attending indiscriminate charity; the need of developing all productive resources; the encouragement of home industries; the proper performance of the work for the dead; and the folly of overlooking the necessity of most of the people being producers.

IN WASATCH COUNTY.

CHARLESTON, Wasatch Co., April 26, 1894.—The farmers in this valley are busy planting their crops. The land is very dry and unless rain comes soon irrigation will have to be resorted to to get grain to germinate.

A company has been formed here for carrying on the dairy business. A start was made this week and the results of the first run proved very satisfactory. The machinery is of the latest improved make and the owners are confident of success. The climate and natural grasses in this valley are favorable for the production of good butter. Z. C. M. I. has given the firm an order for a certain amount each week as a starter. George Dayball is president and Joseph R. Murdock secretary of the company.

Today is the closing day of the district schools at Heber. Preparations were made to take the school up the river for final exercises, but the day is stormy and cold, which will mar the expectations of the scholars.

The Stake conference will convene May 5th instead of April 28th, as previously announced.

The roads through Provo canyon are almost impassable on account of loose rocks, mudholes and other obstructions. It would be a comfort to the traveler passing through this gorge if the county commissioners would put on some men to repair the road.

Some improvements are being made through the county despite the "hard times."

Dr. and Mrs. Lindsey have gone to Europe, where the doctor will take up some special study in his profession. They expect to be absent a year, when they will return to Salt Lake City, where the family intend to make their permanent home. D.

By May 1st 500 men will be at work on the extension of the Burlington from Sheridan to Billings. Then contractors will have 110 miles to grade and 135 miles to iron before the line is fully completed. Much of the grading is through the Crow reservation which begins with the south line of Montana