

story of his connection with this butchery, needs no disproof. If those who are not his friends refuse to admit that he was too righteous, they must agree that he was too politic.

Respectfully,

R. W. YOUNG,
U. S. Army,
New York, May 17, 1884.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

Was held at Centerville on the 7th and 8th of June. The people of Centerville had built a bowery 90x90 feet in which the people were able to gather in comfort.

Apostles A. Carrington and George Teasdale were in attendance both days and on Sunday George Q. Cannon and Jos. F. Smith of the first Presidency, Apostle F. D. Richards and Presiding Bishop W. B. Preston and counselor L. W. Hardy were present.

On Saturday the statistical report was presented and verbal reports were made by the Bishops.

Brother Jas. S. Clark, just returned from a mission to Mississippi was the first speaker on Saturday.

Brother Clark said he felt unable to express his feelings on once more beholding the faces of his friends and of the Saints of God. It had caused peculiar feelings in his breast to see how little interest was manifested by the world in the important message which he was trying to get them to receive. Is convinced that many will have to receive the Gospel hereafter as it seems impossible to get all to hear it in this life. Spoke of the way the ministers work on the feelings of the people instead of teaching them correct doctrine, and said he could not have fully realized the glory and blessings of the Gospel had he not seen the opposite as exhibited among the jarring sects, also that the two years which he spent on a mission have been more fruitful in experience than any other part of his life.

Apostle Teasdale compared the people to the children in a school—some anxious to gain the prize, others careless and indifferent. To make a success of anything we must start in with a determination to succeed and then labor for it, and if we make a success of religious matters we must follow in the steps of those who have made their salvation sure. To-day is the time to make good resolutions and to live well. Be meek, pure and obedient for these things are essential, and if we desire to gain the celestial kingdom we must keep the whole law, not relying upon the practice of any one principle to save us. Desired the people to adapt themselves to their circumstances and keep out of debt; pay their tithes and offerings and contribute of their means to the support of the poor. All that we obtain we shall get through our goodness through obeying the commandments of God.

In the afternoon President Smith spoke for a few moments. Said he believes the people are trying to the best of their ability to keep the commandments of the Lord. If our dispositions hinder us from doing good we should overcome them. We should be contented with what we have, for if we are selfish and covetous we exclude ourselves from the spirit of God.

Brother Carrington spoke of God's being the source of all light and intelligence, and whatever He wants us to do will bring us the greatest joy and satisfaction. The majority of mankind, strange as it may seem, have been prone to do evil from the very first. Could mankind but realize that of all that is on the earth they own nothing, it ought certainly to rid them of the selfish and covetous feelings that are so prevalent. Was pleased to see his brethren enjoy the blessings of the earth when they have obtained them justly. Prayed that he may have no more of this world's goods than he can have wisdom to use properly.

On Sunday Brother F. D. Richards referred to the fact that nearly every sect expects to enjoy the blessings of Abraham. He was much wiser than the world look on him as being. He was favored with no less than five visits of the Lord, had access to the Urim and Thummim, and it was he who taught astronomy to the Egyptians. He was a model of honesty, honor, and goodness, and was very careful to teach his children to abhor idolatry, and as a result his descendants are the only people who have not bowed down to idols. If Abraham is sitting upon his throne his wives must be with him. We should accept all the laws which God has given as being for our good.

Brother Joseph F. Smith said if we expect to attain to the blessings pronounced upon Abraham we must get to see and understand and act as he did. Feels that he has been highly favored of God, and though his feelings have been tried many times, his faith in the principles of the gospel has never been tried. Is determined by the help of God to stand firm to the covenants he has made, and if he fails it will not be through lack of determination to do the will of God; wants to instill the same feeling into the hearts of his children, and all the young, both male and female.

Bishop Preston: The principles of the gospel will bring joy, peace and happiness. While the world is full of professions of religion, the religion of Jesus will save us from the evils of the world. The Lord says it is His business to provide for His faithful Saints, but we must be faithful to merit His care. The completed temple is evidence of the fulfillment of the promises made to this people. If we

desire to prosper we must pay our tithes and offerings and relieve the distressed.

In the afternoon the authorities were presented by the clerk.

The sacrament was administered, and remarks were made by Brother L. W. Hardy and President Cannon. Brother Hardy said: one of our greatest faults is the slackness with which we pay our debts. Instead of being slack, we should be the promptest people in the world. Never made a promise to any man that he did not fulfill. Told the people to be saving and economical, and where farmers have machinery, to take care of it, not leaving it where the weather will harm more than a season's wear.

Brother Cannon called the religion which we profess a religion of works. It is calculated to make parents kinder, children more loving and obedient, and to give us in all the affairs of life better methods and understanding than we could possibly have without it. We are not true Latter-day Saints unless we are honest, truthful, virtuous in thought as well as in action, cleanly in person, and free from taking advantage of our neighbor or bearing false witness against him. Fathers should teach their sons the laws of life, and our daughters should be taught that their purity is of more value than their life. The second Elder in this Church was cut off because he became unchaste, and half of the first Twelve were cut off for the same cause. Parents are sure to transmit their qualities to their children, and by carrying out the laws of God our children will show a moral supremacy as well as being superior in mental and physical powers.

J. H. WILCOX, Clerk.

LITTLE COLORADO STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Little Colorado Stake of Zion was held at St. Joseph, Arizona, commencing on Saturday, May 31st, at 10 a.m.

At the morning session there were present President Lot Smith and his counselors, Bishops J. H. Richards and Jos. James, and other leading Elders. Apostles Brigham Young and F. M. Lyman, and Elder M. P. Romney arrived soon after the opening exercises were concluded.

After singing prayer was offered by Brother J. Adams, Sr.

President Lot Smith made some appropriate opening remarks.

The Bishop's and Statistical reports were called for.

Bishop James reported the Wilford ward in good condition. The Saints were generally trying to do right. The Word of Wisdom was kept almost universally.

Counselor C. L. Christianson represented the Moen Kapi ward, and said the feelings of the Saints there were not so good as desirable. They have not sufficient strength numerically to perform all their work properly. The interests of the Lamanite mission lie close to their hearts.

Counselor Martin Mortenson said a good spirit prevailed in the Sunset Ward, but some did not observe to keep the known laws of life and health.

The St. Joseph Ward was reported by Bishop J. U. Richards. The Saints realized their responsibilities in connection with the Lamanite Mission, and were trying to perform their duties acceptably. All of the Ward organizations were fully sustained.

The Ward and Sunday School statistical reports were read.

Pres. Lot Smith was gratified to hear of the general good condition of the Stake, and spoke with fervor concerning the Lamanite mission.

Apostle Brigham Young then addressed the congregation. His topic was unity. He related some personal and interesting experience, and closed by insisting on the proper improvement of time and opportunity.

The choir sang: "How beauteous are their feet." Elder Sanford Porter pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon session, 2 p.m.

Singing. Counselor John Bushman offered prayer. Singing.

Brother M. P. Romney said: God requires us now, not only to understand the principles of truth, but also to practice them. We strengthen the kingdom of God by reforming ourselves. He made many good remarks concerning the proper education of the youth of Zion.

Apostle F. M. Lyman said our religion does not consist in promises, but in practice. God rewards the latter only. Every principle of the gospel is like a round in a ladder; our feet must be planted upon all of them before reaching the top. No one can secure a celestial glory but by obedience to the celestial law; but a compliance with it and a neglect of minor points will not give us a claim to a fulness of glory. No one shall go out to meet the Lord at His coming who has not subdued himself. He also spoke of the law of forgiveness, and of the Word of Wisdom. Our children should be made as familiar with gospel principles before they attain the age of eight years as they are with nursery stories.

Singing. Benediction by Brother Jacob Bigler: "O Lord God of Israel, dismiss us with thy blessing, in the name of Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen."

A priesthood meeting assembled at 7 p.m., when important business matters were considered.

Morning session, June 1st, 1884, 10 a.m.

Singing. L. W. Brookbank offered prayer. Singing.

Elder West spoke of his early experience, and bore his testimony.

Elder D. Seegmiller bore his testimony, related some incidents in his history showing God's providence, and exhorted to unity.

Apostle Brigham Young said from the feeling manifested in the Conference the Saints were entitled to the presence of the Spirit. There is no perfection on earth. We must not measure others with our own yardstick. In ninety-nine cases out of every hundred God's judgment would differ in some degree from ours. Honesty forms but one part of Christian principle. He discoursed at some length upon the subject of the United Order and the Word of Wisdom.

Singing. Bishop J. H. James pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon session, 2 p. m.

The choir sang. Counselor W. C. Allen offered prayer.

Singing. The sacrament was administered by Elders J. Adams, Sr., and C. L. Christianson.

The general and local Church authorities were presented and sustained.

Brother Christianson gave some very interesting information concerning the Lamanite mission.

Apostle F. M. Lyman spoke of our duty to the Lamanites; contrasted very favorably the present spiritual condition of the Saints with that possessed in earlier days. A lack of wisdom is a fruitful source of trouble in church government and domestic matters.

Apostle Brigham Young insisted that the Elders specially teach the Lamanites to restrain themselves from the shedding of blood. Preach peace to them. Singing. Benediction by President Lot Smith.

The Conference adjourned to meet at Moen Kapi, on the 30th and 31st day of August prox.

A Lamanite missionary meeting was held immediately after adjournment. The burden of the Apostles' instructions was to teach the Lamanites nothing which the Elders would not be pleased to have the whole world know.

THOMAS W. BROOKBANK, Clerk.

BANNOCK STAKE.

REXBURG, Oneida Co., Idaho, June 7th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

Thinking that a few lines from this section of the country might not be uninteresting to your readers, especially to those among them having friends here, I embrace the present opportunity to write something of the country and of the labors of President Woodruff and myself.

Leaving home on the morning of the 29th ult., we traveled via the U. C. and U. & N. Railroads to Market Lake, a distance of 260 miles, arriving at 11.30 p. m. we were met by President Thos. E. Ricks. The people of Salt Lake County are not the only ones that are suffering from the high waters. We found the Weber, Ogden, Logan, Portneuf, Snake and other rivers all booming and in many places doing quite an amount of damage to farms and roads by overflowing their banks.

Although the distance from Market Lake to this place is a little over twenty miles, we were nevertheless quite tired upon our arrival here as we had to travel a considerable portion of the distance over rocks, mostly lava, and sage brush, the road being under water, caused by an overflow from Snake River. In traveling from Market Lake to this place the north fork of Snake River has to be ferried, and to give you some idea of the high waters in this section, I will state that the river where the ferry is located is from 15 to 20 feet deep and about 250 feet wide, and that as a usual thing the water is several feet below the banks; but in addition to crossing the river we were obliged to detach the ferry boat from the wire rope by which it is run, and ferry a swamp fully a quarter of a mile wide and averaging from two to four feet in depth.

Rexburg is only a little over one year old, and we were greatly surprised upon our arrival here to find that such a large amount of work had been accomplished in such a short space of time, considering, of course, the limited number of persons engaged therein. The town plot covers 1,120 acres, divided into blocks of 10 acres, each block being divided into four lots. The main street is eight rods wide, and the others six. There are about 400 inhabitants and something like seventy houses; fully one half of the lots are fenced and nearly all of them have been taken up; two water ditches, three or four miles long respectively, and ten feet on the bottom are expected to be fully completed within two or three days. There will be at the end of next week, if not before, a field of 1,200 acres enclosed, over 500 of which is in crops.

Saturday the 31st ult. we attended the regular monthly priesthood meeting of the Stake. All of the reports given were of a satisfactory character, and plainly showed that the people generally were progressing spiritually and temporally.

Sunday, June 1st.—We held three meetings in this place, all of which were well attended, and we were blessed with good liberty in talking to the Saints. Speaking of meetings reminds me of the building in which they were held, which certainly is a credit to this young place. It is a frame and log structure, 22 x 44 ft. and has cost something like \$300.

Sunday afternoon more than enough people attended meeting to fill the building.

The are over 1500 inhabitants in this Stake and some ten or twelve settlements, all of which are rapidly increasing in numbers. Judging from the reports given us the climate in this section is about the same as that of Cache Valley. Last Thursday we visited the town of Lyman, held a meeting with the people and set apart Sidney Weekes as Bishop over that Ward. Lyman is situated about eight or nine miles a little west of south from this place. South of the town is a large body of timber, from one to three miles wide and about thirteen miles in length. This body of timber is the main source of supply for Rexburg and other places in that vicinity, and we were informed that during the winter, it is almost alive with deer, antelope and other game.

Part of this week has been occupied by us in visiting the surrounding country, and never have I seen any better stock range than can be found for many miles in all directions, there are many thousand acres of choice land in this section and any amount of water that can be made available for irrigation purposes, there are several rivers considerably larger than the Logan, and judging from what we have seen and heard I am of the opinion that there is about twice as much water in this country as there is in Cache Valley. I am surprised that a country possessing as many natural facilities as this should have remained comparatively speaking, unoccupied for so many years.

To-morrow we hold meetings here again, and Monday we cross the Teton river on a raft and continue our visiting of the settlements. We have indulged in some little fishing and hunting; had no success in hunting and but limited success in fishing. We saw quite a number of deer and antelope, but they were out of range. Our want of success in fishing we attributed to the very high waters and not to lack of fish or the absence of fishing ability on our part. With kind regards in which President Woodruff joins, I remain,

Your Brother in the Gospel,
HEBER J. GRANT.

The House public lands committee have agreed to report favorably the bill requiring the general government to pay to the State of California for school purposes, five per cent. of the net proceeds of all the public lands sold within her boundaries since the State's admission. The amount of the proposed payment is estimated at \$1,000,000.

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