

## CONFERENCES OF THE CHURCH.

### MORGAN STAKE.

The quarterly conference of Morgan Stake convened Sunday and Monday the 11th and 12th of this month, commencing Sunday morning at 10:30, Elder Fry presiding.

After the usual exercises, Elder Samuel Francis reported the condition of the Stake. The report showed the Stake to be in a much better condition than when last reported, and that the Priesthood as well as the Saints had been more energetic during the past three months. There is more unity and less difficulty existing in the Stake than usual.

The following Elders who had been called on missions to preach the Gospel to the world, being called on, stated their feelings in regard to the same: Joseph S. Porter, James Tucker, Lyman O. Porter, Alonzo Francis and William T. Ogden. The Elders all expressed themselves as being pleased to be considered worthy of such an important calling. They felt to respond to the call and would try by the help of the Lord to be faithful workers in the ministry.

The remaining time of the conference was occupied by the Stake presidency, Elders Croft and Ondie, returned missionaries, and others of the local Priesthood.

The counsel given was very timely and instructive. The young, especially, received good counsel, in which they were advised to be more prudent in their course of life, to spend less time in pleasure and amusement and to labor and study more to prepare themselves for future usefulness.

The following Elders for various callings were sustained by the conference: James W. Stewart and Robert Hogg Jr. as High Counselors; Frank L. Little as second counselor to Bishop Giles, of Milton, and Samuel Francis, Thomas R. Condie, Chas. A. Wilcox, Alonzo Francis, Wm. G. Brough, S. R. Brough, Joseph R. Porter, Jesse Haven and Gibson A. Condie to travel and lecture in the interest of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Stake.

All the meetings of the conference were well attended and a good spirit and feeling prevailed.

Conference adjourned for three months. ALONZO FRANCIS, Clerk.

### BANNOCK STAKE.

On Sunday, February 11th, the quarterly conference of the Bannock Stake convened at Louisville. There were present of the Stake presidency, President T. E. Ricks and Counselor James E. Steele, also some of the members of the High Council and most of the Bishops.

In consideration of the severe weather, President Ricks was pleased with the attendance, and trusted all would be fully repaid for attending.

During the forenoon several of the Bishops reported their wards, all of which are in a healthy condition and the people endeavoring to live their religion. Owing to a heavy falling off in the crops last fall, some few families are short of breadstuff, but the most of the people have plenty, and those who have not will be provided for.

During the afternoon Elders Ben E. Rich, C. N. Watkins, Henry Boyce and Jonathan Love addressed the Saints on the duties and calling of the ward Teachers, also on educating our children in the principles of the Gospel.

The afternoon was occupied by Elder J. E. Steele on the subject of the present financial troubles and the introduction of the law of consecration. Patriarchs A. E. Hinckley and John R. Poole occupied the remainder of the time, teaching the people on their every day duties.

In the evening the general Priesthood meeting was held, at which the Stake presidency, instructed the Bishops to discountenance all manner of amusements that had a tendency to lead the youth into evil and temptations; also gave much counsel specially suited to the wants of the people.

On Monday morning Elder Heber J. Grant, of the council of the Apostles, arrived. Owing to a snow blockade on the railroad he had been prevented from being present the day previous. He occupied most of the forenoon, speaking on the general good desires of the Latter-day Saints, and that when mistakes were made they were often of the head and not of the heart; he presented the matter of sustaining home industries and the great saving the people would experience in price and quality; warned the people against being self-righteous because of being able to live up to one law while they neglected others equally important; cited several instances of brethren who, through inherited appetites, were unable to fully live certain laws, yet had the full power and authority of God with them.

During the afternoon he dwelt on the marvelous manner in which the Lord, in answer to prayer and the promises of His servants, had opened up the way for His people to free themselves from their difficulties, and told of his own experiences.

Elder T. E. Ricks spoke on the great labors performed by the fathers of the people in settling these valleys and of the honorable lineage and names they had bequeathed to their posterity.

Conference adjourned for three months.

Benediction by Patriarch A. E. Hinckley.

JAMES GILLESPIE, Stake Clerk.

### SANPETE STAKE.

The Conference of the Sanpete Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in Ephraim on the 10th and 11th of February, 1894, President Canute Peterson presiding. The Stake presidency were present, most of the High Councilors, the Bishops of wards were well represented and the attendance was quite large, the Ephraim tabernacle being well filled the first meeting, the interest visibly increasing as conference proceeded.

Opened at 10 a. m. on the 10th by singing and prayer.

President Peterson reported the condition of the Stake as being good; peace and good health generally prevail.

There have been quite a few deaths of aged people, but he thought it no cause for excessive mourning when the aged pass away after a life of toil, especially those who have been faithful till death. The several quorums of the Priesthood and the societies in the Stake are properly organized.

The Bishops of Manti, south Mayfield, Fountain Green and Fairview wards made reports corroborating the president's report. Elder W. S. Suow, of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum gave a brief report of the same. Elder John F. Allred gave a very good report of the young men's associations; and Elder Newton Noyes, principal of the Sanpete Stake Academy, spoke in behalf of that institution, and of the efficient work being done therein, although not very numerously attended. Recess till 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Elder McAllister, President of the Manti Temple, gave a very interesting and instructive discourse upon the labors developing upon the Saints in relation to the dead, also of the living receiving ordinances for themselves and the young of marriageable age to marry, and the necessity of marrying right according to the law of God; that of marriages performed outside the law of God there is no record kept in heaven.

Eighteen Seventies and seven Elders, whose names were presented, were sustained to be ordained High priests.

Adjourned to 10 a.m. Sunday.

7 p.m.—Priesthood meeting. Elder Henry Beal, President Peterson, Bishop Madsen and Elder C. C. A. Christensen addressed the meeting upon the advisability of providing for our own necessities.

Sunday, 10 a. m.—The Saints met at the appointed time. Having made the appointment to dedicate the Ephraim Tabernacle during the forenoon services it was thought best to proceed with the dedication although it had been expected and announced that some of the First Presidency would be present.

Opened by singing the hymn commencing "The morning breaks, the shadows flee."

President Canute Peterson offered the dedicatory prayer.

Singing.

Elder John B. Maiben, of the Stake Presidency, discoursed upon the blessings the people of this stake enjoy. He had felt some disappointment in not being blessed with the promised visit, but was singularly impressed by the appropriateness of the dedicatory prayer offered by President Peterson. He said this people are blessed of the Lord. The presidency of this Stake, from its first organization until today, remained intact. The Lord has surely blessed Bro. Peterson both as Bishop of the Ephraim ward and as President of the Sanpete Stake.

Elders F. Farnsworth, Peter Madsen, John D. Chase and Henry Beal each gave short and spirited addresses.

Recess to 2 p.m.

2 p. m. Opened by singing and prayer.

Sacrament administered.

Elder J. B. Maiben presented the general and stake authorities. All were sustained unanimously.

President Peterson thanked the con