

## PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held in the Parowan Meeting House on Sunday and Monday, June 19th and 20th. Present of the General Authorities, President Geo. Q. Cannon; B. H. Roberts of the presidency of the Seventies; President Uriah T. Jones and counselors, High Counselors and Bishops of the various wards in the Stake, Elder David H. Cannon of St. George Stake and Bishop George Mumford of Beaver Stake.

Conference opened at 10 a.m. on the 19th, President Uriah T. Jones presiding.

After the usual opening exercises, the following Bishops made reports of their respective wards: Bishop Wm. E. Jones, Panguitch Ward; Bishop Charles Adams, Parowan Ward; Bishop Wm. H. Carry, Cedar City Ward; Bishop Joseph B. Dalley, Summit Ward; Myron S. Rundy, Kanara Ward.

President B. H. Roberts occupied the remainder of the time, speaking upon the subject of Church government, the completeness of various organizations of the Church by the operation of which the Saints may be watched over from the cradle to the grave, and advised the young to shun the follies and vices of the world.

In the afternoon President George Q. Cannon spoke. He referred to the great responsibilities resting upon those who are called to important positions in the Priesthood, and desired to impress upon Bishops, Teachers and parents the necessity of their teachings being accompanied by good examples. He gave very pointed instructions with regard to profanity, Sabbath breaking, etc.

The remaining time was occupied by President Uriah T. Jones, Morgan Richards, Jr., and Francis Webster, whose remarks were replete with instructions and encouragement.

In the evening the usual Priesthood meeting was held and the business pertaining to the Stake presented.

On Monday at 10 a. m. Elder David H. Cannon, of St. George Stake, and Elder George Mumford, of Beaver Stake, occupied a portion of the time, their subjects being the erection of temples and the ordinances therein performed, the first principles of the Gospel, and signs of the times.

President B. H. Roberts occupied the remaining time, giving an outline of the business usually transacted at these quarterly conferences and the importance that should attach thereto. He also referred to the success, advancement and blessings that had attended those who had rendered obedience to the counsels of God's Priesthood upon the earth, and the disaster and dissatisfaction that had seemingly overtaken those who had rejected and disregarded their counsels.

The time of the afternoon meeting was occupied by President George Q. Cannon in giving much counsel and general instructions to the Saints upon a variety of subjects. He explained some points of doctrine, and advised all the Saints to be very careful not to get into contention over points of doctrine that are not generally understood. His instructions were an important feature of the conference and listened to with much attention.

Conference adjourned for three months to meet in Cedar City.

WILLIAM H. HOLYOAK,  
Stake Clerk.

## IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

After a weary but interesting ride of five days, I find myself among relatives and friends in one of the loveliest spots in far northern Illinois. Gray's Lake is situated about forty-five miles north of Chicago on the line of the Wisconsin Central railroad, and about ten miles from the Wisconsin State line.

Lake county, as its name indicates, has within its borders fully thirty-four lakes, many of them being of fairly large dimensions; several of them are in close proximity to the little village of Gray's Lake. On the banks of some of these are located huge ice-houses, the property of Chicago meat packing companies, who thus store thousands of tons of ice each winter in readiness to ship as needed for their summer trade.

A Chicago schemer, realizing the inability of the World's Fair city hotels to accommodate the traveling public next year, has projected a plan which has good evidence of proving successful. Land has been purchased here on which he proposes to erect a large hotel with accommodations for the hundreds of visitors who will be anxious to leave the dust and din of the large city for a night or a few days, and enjoy the quiet and the scenery, boating, bathing and fishing which this locality affords.

Owing to incessant rains in May and June, a good portion of the crops have not yet been sown here, but those that are, look in excellent condition. The same may be said of the crops in Kansas and Missouri along the line of the Missouri Pacific railway. In Kansas, especially, the outlook should be bright and promising to the farmers who suffered so much from last year's drought.

The sad effects of the recent rise and overflow of the Mississippi river are startlingly visible after crossing the river from St. Louis. An entire village, very appropriately named Venice, is submerged and as far as the eye can readily distinguish are dwellings, churches and trees submerged in the waters. In some of the higher places, residents were able to stay in their dwellings by removing to the upper story, but with the exception of an occasional row boat and its occupant playing among the houses in search of household goods which may be rescued, the village has the appearance of being deserted.

Almost everyone whom I have met in this State and had conversation with makes inquiries in relation to the people in Utah. With those who have read or heard of the manifesto the general impression is decidedly favorable toward the "Mormons." Only yesterday, one aged farmer here who can remember well the troubles of the Saints in Illinois, declared very emphatically to me, that with "polygamy discontinued" and the "Mormons upholding the laws of the United States" they had as much right to practice their religion as any other sect has.

J. FRANK PICKERING.

## RETURNED ELDERS.

Elder John R. Bonth, who has been laboring in the Manchester Conference, England, returned home today, having left Liverpool on the steamer "Alaska" two weeks ago. He made the News office a call, and was looking and feeling well.

On Saturday last we received a call from Elder Robert Duke, of Heber City, who had just returned from a mission to the States. He labored in the Northern States mission, first in Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois, where the Elders were well treated, but in Ohio, his next field, but little interest is taken in the Gospel by the people. Elder Duke enjoyed his ministry, but is glad to get home.

This afternoon we received a call from Elder James Smith, of Kaysville, and Elder L. L. Nelson, of Provo, both of whom had just arrived from missions to Europe. The former left home on the 4th of June, 1890, and during his entire absence labored in London (England) conference, with the exception of the last six weeks of his mission, which he spent in Birmingham.

Elder Nelson left Utah on the 9th of April, 1890, and labored in the Swedish portion of the Scandinavian mission. In the northern part of that country, the work of the Lord is spreading, numbers of people embracing the Gospel as preached by the Elders. Both these brethren are in good health and enjoyed their ministry abroad.

Elder T. P. Coleman, of St. Johns, Arizona, who left his home for a mission to Great Britain on the 24th of May 1890, called at our office last evening having just returned from the Old World. The first fourteen months of Elder Coleman's mission were spent in the Norwich conference. He was then transferred to the London conference, where he remained until return home. He met his mother in this city who is at the Holy Cross Hospital attending one of her sons who recently had the misfortune to badly fracture one of his legs.

Elder B. Heertjes, of the Twentieth ward of this city, called at the News office this a. m., having just returned from a mission to Holland, to which part of the world he went as a missionary in October, 1889. The first eight months of his mission were spent in the City of Rotterdam, where, with Elder Lewis Simons, also of the Twentieth ward, this city, he performed an excellent work. Next he labored in Arnhem for ten months, where he also met with good success. At the expiration of that term he was appointed as traveling Elder for the northern provinces of the Netherlands, in which capacity he labored until he was released to return home.

His homeward voyage across the ocean was extremely stormy, and occupied ten days. He returns in fair health and good spirits.

A solid gold brick, weighing 500 pounds and worth \$150,000, will be exhibited in the Mines and Mining building at the World's Fair by a Helena, Montana, mine owner.