

Stake, encouraged and sustained by the outside element. Wednesday, the 15th, the surveying party will commence their work. This canal, about twenty-five feet wide, will cover about fifty thousand acres of land, a large proportion of which is still not taken up. This will increase the home capacity of this valley fully two-thirds, and will make room for thousands more inhabitants. It seems that the non-Mormon element have such confidence in our leading brethren here, knowing that they are sustained by the people generally, that they feel assured this enterprise canal will be a success. The health of the people is good. We have exceptionally good crops this season; it is estimated that the average yield of wheat will be 50 bushels to the acre. Harvesting commenced some three weeks since and all over the valley can be heard the hum of the thresher.

A. J. CURTIS, Stake Clerk.

#### St. George Stake.

The usual quarterly meetings began on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 10 a. m., by the sisters of the Relief societies of the Stake; followed by an afternoon session of the same organizations. The proceedings were spirited and promotive of increased effectiveness in aiding the needy and in comforting the distressed.

Stake Pletishood meeting convened in the main hall of St. George tabernacle at 2 p. m. of Saturday, under direction of the presidency of the Stake.

On Sunday, immediately following the proceedings of the St. George Sunday school, the Stake conference began its sessions. An afternoon session was held the same day; and in the evening a conjoint meeting was held of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' M. I. A., with the Sabbath school Stake superintendency, officers and teachers.

On Monday the general Stake conference continued, with unabated interest, in a morning and an afternoon session.

President Jesse W. Crosby of Pan-guitch Stake was with us and was one of the speakers.

There was a very good attendance of Bishops and counselors and other representatives from the wards of the Stake.

Pointed teachings were given on principle, doctrine, and on the necessity of works which indicate true, living faith.

The general authorities of the Church were sustained by prompt and unanimous vote of the assembly; as were also the authorities of the St. George Stake.

The spirit of testimony rested freely upon a number of the speakers; and a time of general rejoicing was the result of our coming together.

JAMES G. BLEAK,  
Stake Clerk.

#### Kanab Stake.

Kanab Stake conference was held in Orderville, May 28th and 29th, 1898. The stake presidency, several of the High council and bishops and the representative brethren were present on the occasion. The principal subject treated upon by the brethren who spoke during the conference was the uniting of ourselves together in battling against the tide of immorality in its various forms, that is spreading over the land. Elder John Carpenter and Robert E. Robinson gave in very good reports of their labors as Y. M. M. I. A. missionaries during the winter season in Washington, Iron and Beaver counties. The remarks of the brethren during conference were replete with good instructions. The general and local authorities were all unanimously sustained.

The copious rains that have been

given us this spring makes us feel that we have never had any better prospects for a bountiful harvest than this season presents. And with the good prospects before us, together with good prices for stock and wool, we hope to be able to complete our nice little meeting house this season and which is needed very much.

Respectfully,  
F. L. PORTER,  
Stake Clerk.

#### Malad Stake.

A regular quarterly conference of the Malad stake of Zion was held at Portage, Box Elder county Utah, commencing June 11, at 10 a. m. and continuing during that and the following day. There were present on the stand as special visitors President Lorenzo Snow, Brother John Nicholson, and Brother Mitchell.

The stake was well represented, there being present the stake presidency, a goodly number of high councilmen and bishops, and so many other officers and members that the house was crowded.

During the forenoon of the first day the Stake was reported as being almost complete in organization, the wards being in good working order, and the associations and societies being in active operation. Much instruction was given by the stake presidency and others.

During the afternoon Elder Mica Gurns spoke on the continuation of the work of God. Bishop Lewis D. Jones, on the manner of strengthening our weak points; Bishop Moroni Ward, on the paying of our tithing, and the keeping out of debt; Brother Thomas Williams, on the life a Latter-day Saint should live; Elder O. C. Hoskins, on the saving power of the Gospel; and Elder J. M. Ness, on the condition of the Seventies' quorum, giving a good report. During the second day, Bro. John Nicholson spoke on the fulfillment of prophecy, and the coming of the Son of Man; Brother Mitchell, on the obedience of nature to natural laws; and President Lorenzo Snow on the love of God for humanity.

The general Church and stake authorities were sustained by the conference, after which Brother John Nicholson treated on the partaking of the Sacrament, and the use of the name of the Deity in our ordinances, and Brother Mitchell, on the law of tithing and the vicarious ordinances; President Lorenzo Snow congratulated the choir on its singing, and paid a tribute to Brother David P. Jones for his proficiency as a leader. During the evening of June 11th an interesting meeting was held, and during the evening of the 12th a lecture on the subject of man was delivered by Brother John Nicholson.

WM. ANTHONY,  
Secretary.

#### Bingham Stake.

Iona, June 17, 1898.

The quarterly conference of the Bingham Stake of Zion was held at Riverside, Sunday and Monday, June 12 and 13th.

Elder James E. Steele, president of the Stake, and his counselors, R. L. Bybee and Jos. S. Mulliner, presided.

There were also present Elder B. H. Roberts of the First Council of Seventies, and other leading brethren from nearly all parts of the Stake, and a large attendance of brethren and sisters.

The conference opened by the choir singing:

Come all ye sons of Zion.

Prayer was offered Elder Alonzo Dabell.

The choir sang:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire.

A report of the general condition of

the Stake was given by the Stake presidency showing the Stake to be in a prosperous condition.

The remaining time of this session was occupied by Elder B. H. Roberts.

The speaker referred to the organization of this Stake three years ago, and then dwelt at some length upon the settling of this country, especially by the early pioneers of Utah.

The choir sang:

Glorious Zion.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch O. N. Liljquist.

The afternoon services commenced by the choir singing:

Should you feel inclined to censure,  
Prayer by Elder Benjamin Bennett.  
The choir sang another hymn, and the Sacrament was administered.

Elder Roberts occupied the time. He read from the Doctrine and Covenants the blessing of the Sacrament. He spoke at some length upon the commandments and the necessity of keeping them.

The choir sang a hymn, and benediction was pronounced by Elder Heber C. Rich.

Monday.—The conference opened by the choir singing:

Hail to the brightness.

Prayer by Elder A. W. Beach.

The choir sang:

The Gospel standard is reached.

This session was occupied by Elders Geo. B. Winthe, R. H. Fife and Joseph Emphy. The principal topics were the first principles of the Gospel.

The choir sang:

Lift up your heads.

Benediction by Elder Solomon Edwards.

Afternoon Session.—After the usual opening exercises, the general and local authorities were unanimously sustained.

The home missionaries were held over for the next three months except where Bishops recommended changes; others were sustained.

Elder Roberts occupied the larger part of the remaining time. The speaker took for his subject the sustaining of the various officers and why this was done.

Elder James E. Steele made a few closing remarks and thanked all who had contributed to the success of the conference.

The Relief society conference was held on Saturday where an enjoyable time was had.

Conference adjourned for three months. The exercises closed by the choir and congregation singing:

The time is far spent.

Benediction by Elder Thos. W. Lee.

H. L. HANSEN, Stake Clerk.

Harold Leach, a well known journalist, comitted suicide by taking poison on Monday night at San Francisco. His body was found in his room on Mission street on Monday evening. His parents reside at Scranton, Pa.

Sheep herders of the Arkansas valley have organized for the protection of their interests under the corporate name of the Arkansas Sheep Feeders' association. The objects of the concern, the articles state, are to promote and encourage the industry of sheep feeding, to secure fair prices for sheep, to secure better market, shipping and feeding facilities near Kansas City, to purchase such supplies as may be needed by the association, to co-operate with other similar associations, and to secure the best possible prices on sheep bought for feeding by members of the association. Utah is one of the states in which the company is permitted to do business.