

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## Alberta Stake.

Cardston, Alberta, Canada, Dec. 4.—The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta Stake of Zion was held in the Cardston assembly hall, Sunday and Monday, December 1st and 2nd.

Charles O. Card, president of the Stake, presided. Present on the stand were the presidency of the Stake, Patriarchs, High Council, Bishops of wards and leading Elders of the Stake. Sunday, December 1, 11:15 a. m. The opening exercises and introductory remarks by Elder C. O. Card, the congregation were given the privilege of bearing testimony to the truths of the Gospel. At 2 p. m. Elder O. A. Woolley addressed the congregation. Favorable reports of the temporal and spiritual conditions of the Saints, living in Stirling, Raymond and Cardston wards were given by their representatives. Dues spoke upon the duties of every-day life. Elder C. O. Card then gave some necessary instructions to the officers of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. in their duties for the coming year. December 1st at 7 p. m. the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. of the Stake met in session and were addressed by Elder Burton of Star Valley Stake, and Elder King of Cassia Stake, missionaries, and Elder D. H. Elton of Cardston, Interpreter with music and other exercises. December 2nd at 10 a. m., Elder C. O. Card gave some pointed and timely instructions in regard to general duties of the Saints in assembling together from time to time.

A letter from the First Presidency in regard to statistical reports was read, also a list of questions sent to the different bishops. Elder C. O. Card referred to a letter received from the general presidency of the Primary associations, requiring financial aid and requested the Saints to respond to said requirements. He counseled the Bishops who had not completed the religious class organizations in their wards to do so, and report to the general instructor of the Stake.

At 2 p. m., the General Authorities of the Church, (as sustained at the recent special conference) and the local authorities of the Stake were presented and sustained unanimously.

Elder John A. Wood then addressed the conference, speaking forcibly of the evils caused by the use of intoxicants.

Caldwell and Beezer wards were then reported, after which Elder H. L. Hinman addressed the conference, speaking of the importance of the Saints having their homes consecrated and dedicated unto the Lord. He also spoke impressively upon the importance of the Saints not allowing themselves with unbelievers in the marriage covenant.

The weather was remarkably fine, the congregations were unusually large and all seemed to enjoy the Spirit and teachings of the conference.

SYLVESTER LOW, Stake Clerk.

## Bear Lake Stake.

The regular quarterly conference of the Bear Lake Stake convened Saturday, Nov. 30th, and Sunday, Dec. 1st. On the stand were Apostle John Henry Smith, Elder Rulon S. Wells, of the first Council of Seventies; the presidency of the Stake and members of the High Council.

Saturday, Dec. 1st, after the opening exercises Elder William Budge made the opening remarks.

Bishop R. Price spoke of his early association with the Church and represented his ward in excellent condition.

Elder John A. Sutton, Jr., John A. Sutton, Sr., and George Perrett were the financial representatives, the latter reporting the First quorum of Elders.

Apostle John Henry Smith spoke of the organization of the Church as a perfect system, and other timely topics.

In the afternoon Elder William L. Rich spoke on the great religious liberty we enjoy and was followed by Elders Edward Calder and Samuel Humphreys (returned missionaries) who reported their labors in Illinois and east Pennsylvania conferences.

Elder Rulon S. Wells spoke of the organization of the Church on Christ in contrast with man-made systems.

Elder J. U. Stucki made the concluding remarks.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Elder James H. Hart referred to his long life in the Church of sixty-four years, and his early labors in the ministry. Elder J. R. Shepherd spoke on the cultivation of music and its great advantage among this people during the last decade.

Bishop E. N. Austin spoke of the responsibility of parents in training their children in the fear of the Lord.

In the afternoon Elder William Budge addressed the congregation some matters of business, among which were the necessity existing for correct statistical reports. The functions of the office of Elder and High Council were also made plain and the following releases and appointments were made: Hezekiah Duffin and Anders Beck were honorably released as high councilors and Joseph A. Hulme and Wilford Rich were voted to fill the vacancies.

Elder J. R. Shepherd presented the General Authorities of the Church and of the Stake all of whom were unanimously sustained by vote.

Elder Rulon S. Wells and John Henry Smith occupied the remaining time on the curse of cigarette smoking and profanity; the duty to sustain the Priesthood; confiding with a pure and earnest spirit up to the youth of Zion to lay their teachings well to heart and practice them.

THOMAS MINSON, Stake Clerk.

## Benson Stake.

Leviston, Utah, Nov. 27, 1901.—The second quarterly conference of the Benson Stake of Zion was held at Richmond Sunday and Monday, Nov. 24th and 25th, at which time the presidency of the Stake, Patriarchs, Bishops and leading Elders were present.

Elder Wm. H. Leurs presided during the conference. The weather was favorable and the attendance quite large. The reports of the president of the Stake and Bishops showed our Stake to be in a good condition financially, and a decrease in the number of non-tithe payers. The General and Stake authorities were unanimously sustained.

The principal subjects treated upon by the Apostles and other speakers were the faithful observance of the law of tithing; duties and obligations resting upon ward teachers and upon those holding the Holy Priesthood; the necessity of greater interest being taken in the management of the quorums of the Lesser Priesthood; the responsibility resting upon parents in properly educating their children for the practical duties of life; and the importance of keeping accurate ward and family records.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the entire conference, and the excellent music and singing furnished by the Richmond choir were highly appreciated.

CHRISTIAN JACOBSEN, Clerk.

## St. George Stake.

St. George, Utah, Dec. 3rd.—The quarterly conference of the St. George Stake convened Nov. 30th and continued in

session Dec. 1st. Apostles A. O. Woodruff and Hyrum N. Smith and a large number of visiting brethren were present.

Priesthood meeting was held Friday afternoon, at which a very large attendance was registered, there being 19 Bishops and counselors representing wards out of the 22 wards of the stake.

Apostles Woodruff and Smith gave some very timely instructions especially on matters pertaining to the stock interest of this section, and the cattle growers were urged to get some good blooded animals on their ranges. The matter of the grain industry also received considerable attention. Special praise was given Bishop Bunker Judd for their work along these lines.

Saturday's session of the conference was noteworthy for its large attendance, some 600 people being present, while Sunday there were between 900 and 1,000, the cause being the thorough awakening of the people by the Presidency of the Stake to the benefits of these conferences and the fact of the presence of two Apostles.

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