A MESSAGE OF PEACE.

Expression of Good Will From Indian Tribes.

An Incident of the World's Fair Dedication at Chicago in October Last.

It was an interesting incident at the World's Fair on Thursday when the Princess Eulalia, representative of the royal house that provided Columbus with the means of discovering the New World, witnessed, at the dedication services of the Nebraska state buildings, descendants of the race which greeted on America's shores the illustrious voyageur mingling in the joyous festivities with civilized man from the Old World. A number of Indian chiefs, principally Sioux, were present on the occasion and attracted equally as much attention, though less of homage, than did the Spanish princess. Yet their presence there under such circumstances indicated the peaceful relations, so frequently severed, which may exist between the aborigine and the race that now bears rule.

The situation is suggestive of an occurrence at the time of the dedication services at the Fair grounds in October last. It was on the 22nd of the month, while the hallelujah chorus was pouring forth its strains of joy, that a man of strongly marked Indian features, clad in the attire of civilization, approached Hon. T. W. Palmer, who was presiding over the ceremonies, and presented a number of documents. One, prepared by himself, stated that he was the bearer of a message from Indian tribes of far North America; another contained instructions to him from the chief of the Indian federation which he represented, and still another was the message from the Indians to the white race. This message read as follows:

Brothers of the White Race: In memory of our fathers, who 400 years ago gave welcome to yours, the Metis and their allied Indian tribes renew to you that greeting and offer of friendship.

This we do neither as subjects nor as supplicants, but as a race which has done its work for men, while you have done yours, and for which there is yet a work to do.

Today you are rejoicing in your numbers, in your inventions, in your possessions.

Your numbers have often meant oppression to us. Your inventions have often destroyed us. Your taking possession has often left no room for us.

Yet even you are as unhappy in spirit as we are distressed in body.

Why then should we either hate you or submit ourselves entirely to you?

Are we not all brothers? And may we not learn from each other the things which we lack? Surely each of us was made for a purpose, and each of us has some truth and good for men.

You and your fathers have chosen to live at ease in settled dwellings. Therefore you have looked more closely into the bosom of our mother, the Earth, and have found out her hidden secrets. You have increased the power of men, and through your knowledge many men can live on small tracts of land.

We and our fathers have chosen to roam and face the dangers of unknown lands. Therefore we have studied the face of our mother and have learned the wisdom of forest and stream and sky. We have made ready the earth for settled peoples, and by our knowledge men can live in wild and barren lands.

Where your fathers found none of ours, there they perished.

Where your arts have come, there more of us can live.

You and your fathers, through your knowledge of the substance of the earth, have made for yourselves many things which are now considered necessities by you, but which for their making require the skill and labor of many men in many different arts. Thus each of you depends upon many others, and so you have invented rules by which the freedom of each is lessened for the sake of greater liberty to all.

We and our fathers, through our wanderings, have kept the simple habits and natural ways of life by which each of us is able to live without the labor of others. Thus none of us can be enslaved by others, and so we have remembered that all men are brothers, and that the gifts of nature are for all.

Where our principles are, there none are slaves.

Where your order is, there many can have comfort.

We acknowledge the usefulness of your inventions, and we admit that order is necessary to your mode of life.

We ask you to remember our good deeds to men, and to recognize the justice of our principles.

The coming days are bright before us. Let us enjoy them in peace together; you as the givers of new powers to man, we as the aboriginal people to whom all climes are home, and who, as a common bond, link your peoples together; both as lovers of justice and of our fellow men.

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Mexican Mission Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Mexican mission was held at Colonia Diaz on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28, 1893, President George Teasdale presiding.

On the morning of the first day the fine addition to the school house, that has been erected by the patient labors of the Saints of the Diaz ward, was dedicated, the dedicatory prayer being offered by Elder George Teasdale. This school house, which is also used for meeting purposes, is a monument of the steady growth of the Diaz colony. The first building erected was 17x30. In course of time, it being too small, an addition of a room 18x20 was added, and now a fine addition 30x30 and a front with upper room 18x30 has been completed and dedicated, much to the joy and satisfaction of all who have contributed of their means and labor to its erection. It reflects great credit upon the Bishop, W. Derby Johnson Jr. and his people, and is a great source of comfort to over two hundred children who attend school.

The conference was well attended, the weather delightful. The reports from the Bishops of their wards were satisfactory, showing a steady growth, spiritually and temporally. The speakers who addressed the conference were Elders George Teasdale and Alexander F. Macdonald, Patriarch William R. R. Stowell, Bishops W. Derby Johnson Jr., of Diaz, George W. Sevey, of Juarez, Jesse N. Smith Jr., of Pacheco, Elder Charles A. Foster, who represented Dublan ward, and Elder Helaman Pratt, all speaking in much freedom of the Holy Spirit. The subjects spoken upon were the Temple dedication, good effect of general fast meetings, the law of tithes and offerings, naturalization, necessity of being exemplary and practicing what we preach, becoming self-sustaining and living in harmony with the laws of the nation, living our religion that we may increase in faith, hope and charity, and enjoy the promised blessings for faithfulness. An excellent spirit was enjoyed.

The Diaz ward choir gave much satisfaction by their sweet singing, demonstrating an improvement under the faithful labors of their leader Brother S. E. Wilson.

There are in the mission one Apostle, two Patriarchs, fifty-nine Seventies, ninety-four High Priests, eighty-one Elders, thirty-three Priests, nine Teachers, one hundred and seventeen Deacons, nine hundred and ten members, one thousand three hundred and four total officers and members, seven hundred and three children under eight years of age—2009 souls, in 281 families. We have five settlements.

On Sunday morning the Sabbath schools of the Mexican mission held their conference, Superintendent Geo. Teasdale, presiding. It was a lovely sight to see so many happy children in their white dresses and smiling faces, gathered together, and to listen to the sweet singing of the choir. The Sabbath schools were all presented in good condition.

All the societies and associations of the mission held their conferences. The Primary associations of the mission on Friday morning, May 26th, President M. L. Teasdale presided; The Young Men's Mutual Improvement association on Friday afternoon, Superintendent Dennison E. Harris presided, and in the evening an excellent conjoint meeting of the associations of the mission was held, and a most creditable program presented. On Monday morning, May 29th, the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations held their conference, President Dora Pratt presiding, and in the afternoon the Relief Societies of the mission held their conference, President Mary R. Eyring presiding. In the evening a social party was held, gotten up by the Deacons of the Diaz ward, all being invited of the visitors from the various wards, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Thus ended our ninth quarterly conference of this Mexican mission. These conferences have steadily increased in interest and enjoyment.

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St. Johns Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake, Arizona, was held in the Assembly room, St. Johns. The High Council met at the usual time on Friday, June 2nd, and on Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations held their conferences.

The Stake quarterly conference convened at 10 a.m. Sunday, the 4th inst. There were present on the stand: Of the Presidency of the Stake, David K. Udall and E. N. Freeman (W. H. Gibbons being bed-fast with a heavy cold and rheumatism); Patriarch H. J. Platt, members of the High Council and Bishops of the wards.

Two meetings were held on Sunday and two on Monday, and a Priesthood meeting was held on Sunday evening.

The principal speakers during the conference were Elders David K. Udall, E. N. Freeman, H. H. Platt and J. N. Skousen.

Of the seven wards in the Stake, six were reported verbally. There was no representative from the Ramah ward. All the brethren who spoke expressed themselves as having no feelings towards their fellows, and were desirous of keeping the commandments of God. The brethren and sisters enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord, and much good instruction was imparted during the conference.

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