

ministered to our comfort, and drove us from place to place, will long live in our memories with deep gratitude.
GEORGE GODDARD.

NEW STAKE IN IDAHO.

REXBURG, Idaho, June 11, 1895—The quarterly conference of the Bannock Stake convened at Iona Saturday, June 8th, at 10 a. m. Usual sessions were held at the regular times on Saturday and Sunday. The weather was fine and the large attendance of people necessitated holding conference in the open air to accommodate all.

There were present Elders John Henry Smith, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and B. H. Roberts, of the first council of Seventies, the Stake presidency, and most of the other officers of the Stake.

Saturday, 10 a. m., President T. E. Ricks called meeting to order and invoked the Spirit of God to attend us in all the doings throughout the conference. He reported the condition of the Stake as prosperous.

Bishops reported their wards as all being in satisfactory condition temporally and spiritually.

Elder J. H. Smith, dealing with temporalities, directed his remarks for sometime upon the subject of irrigation. He wanted to see a more systematic order introduced among us that we might receive from the soil the fulness thereof. He encouraged young men to secure homes, and very much deprecated the growing tendency to mortgage our inheritances. The speaker also spoke upon the order of the Priesthood, exhorting to faithfulness in magnifying the same that we might gain the reward in store for the righteous.

Saturday, 2 p. m.—Elders Wm. F. Rigby, L. Farr, of Ogden, and B. H. Roberts each occupied part of the time, edifying the Saints upon interesting topics pertaining to their duties and welfare.

Sunday was an unusually busy conference day on account of its special feature—the creating of a new Stake. Priesthood and general meetings were held almost without intermission from early morning till evening.

At 10 a. m., after the usual opening exercises, some of the brethren, nominated at a previous Priesthood meeting for officers of the new Stake, were called upon to address conference. Each responded briefly, bearing testimony to their knowledge of the truth of the Gospel.

Elder B. H. Roberts then occupied a portion of the session in a very perceptive discourse upon the evidences of the divinity of what is called Mormonism. He clearly outlined the organization of the Priesthood in all its details, which government the speaker said was a marvel among thick-limbed men not of us. To the Saints the contemplation of the government of God exhibited in the system of His Priesthood alone is ample testimony of the truth of the work introduced through the instrumentality of the boy Joseph Smith.

Elder John H. Smith, who had been sent by the First Presidency to divide the Stake, now submitted the question to the conference, whereupon a unanimous vote was given in favor

of the division. Brother Smith explained the necessity of this action. Since the organization of Bannock Stake it had grown to such large proportions that it was now impracticable for the Stake presidency and officers to attend to all the necessities thereof. Speaking further of the division, he said every member had the privilege of interposing a negative vote against any one who may be presented as an officer of the new Stake, provided such nominees were guilty of any conduct disqualifying them for such office.

12, noon—A meeting of the Saints from the wards situated between south fork of Snake river and north line of Bingham county, viz: La Belle, Menan, Rudy, Rigby, Louisville and Grant, was held. Seventy votes favored union with the new Stake and thirty votes were given to remain in Bannock. It was thereupon agreed to make the vote unanimous to become part of the new Stake.

2:30 p. m. Usual opening exercises over, the Sacrament was administered by Bishops Winter and Simmons.

General and Bannock Stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Elder John Henry Smith then presented the following, pertaining to the new Stake:

By unanimous vote it was elected to call the new organization Bingham Stake.

The officers were presented individually and each one unanimously sustained. They are:

Stake Presidency: James E. Steele, Robert L. Bybee, Joseph S. Muldner, all of Iona.

High Council: Alex. N. Stephens of Menan; William F. Owen and James Southwick, of Ammon; Thomas A. Nixon and Benjamin Bennett, of Eagle Rock; Nathan Child, of Taylor; Henry Bryce and Don C. Walker, of Louisville; Geo. W. Godfrey, of Willow Creek; Julius O. Johannessen, of Eagle Rock; Josiah Richardson, of Ammon; and James H. Denning, of Iona.

Alternate High Councilors: Squire G. Crowley, of Iona; Abiah Wadsworth, of Taylor; Charles Poole, of Menan; and Isaac Gudmunson, of Iona.

High Priests' Quorum: Alex. N. Stephens, of Menan; and Oliver N. Harmon, of Shelton.

Sunday School Superintendency: John M. Mills, of Louisville; John Evans, of Eagle Creek; and Edwin A. Brown, of Shelton.

Y. M. M. I. A. Presidency: Heber Andrus, of Willow Creek; Wm. Rawson, of Ammon; and E. H. Egan, of Shelton.

Stake titling clerk and recorder and clerk of High Council: John C. Rushon, of Iona.

Presidency of the Relief Society: Emma J. H. Bennett, of Eagle Rock; Emma C. Rushton and Alvera C. Hale, of Iona.

Y. L. M. I. A. presidency: Emma Molen, of Iona; Josephine Thompson, of Willow Creek; and Emma L. Beach, of Iona.

Presidency of Primary association: Mary Fite, Sarah Barlow and Naomi Rietzke, of Iona.

Elder Smith then thanked all for

their unanimity in sustaining the officers. In fitting language he exhorted the brethren and sisters called to be leaders in the new Stake to be exemplary in all their conduct, and counseled the Saints generally in the start of their new organization, to see that they keep patriotically in the path of righteousness. He set the example of Jesus Christ as their high standard and desired them to struggle towards the perfection the Redeemer accomplished.

President Thomas E. Ricks said as this would be the last time he would preside in this part he desired to say that he had been sustained by the people here in all his labors, and had humbly tried to do as much for this section as the remaining part of Bannock Stake. He thanked the people for the good relations which always have existed between him and the Saints of this locality; endorsed all the counsel given by the brethren in organizing the new Stake, and left with the people here his blessing and best wishes for their future progress in all things they desired to accomplish in righteousness.

Elder B. H. Roberts replied to the remarks of President Ricks and moved that this meeting give a vote of confidence and appreciation to President Ricks and his counselor William F. Rigby, praying for their continued success in the remaining portion of the vineyard over which they preside. Responded to unanimously.

Counselor Wm. F. Rigby accepted the token of thanks given. He appreciated that he had made many friends in this country and be blessed the people that their ways may be as pleasant in the future with their new officers as it had been with President Ricks and himself.

Elder John H. Smith intimated that the headquarters of the new Stake would be at Iona until further arrangements.

Singing, "Let Zion in her beauty rise."

Benediction by Elder John H. Smith.
JAS. GILLESPIE,
Stake Clerk.

A SABBATH YEAR.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 8, 1895.

Will you allow me to quote the following, found on page 412 of the Life of Heber C. Kimball. In the course of some remarks at a special conference in Provo, July 13, 1855, President Kimball said:

"Perhaps many feel a little sober because our bread is cut off, but I am glad of it, because it will be a warning to us, and teach us to lay it up in future, as we have been told. How many times have you been told to store up your wheat against the hard times that are coming upon the nations of the earth? When we first came into these valleys, our President told us to lay up stores of all kinds of grain that the earth might rest once in seven years. The earth is determined to rest, and it is right that it should. It only requires a few grasshoppers to make the earth rest; they can soon clear it. This is the seventh year; did you ever think of it?"

I read the above for the first time in the spring of 1889, when all nature was looking promising, but I told a neighbor (I was then living in Idaho) according to Brother Heber's remark,