

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## TAYLOR STAKE.

The largest conference ever held in the Taylor Stake of Zion was held Sunday and Monday, May 20 and 21, at Lay and Raymond.

It was a treat to have President Anthony H. Lund and Elder John Henry Smith of the Apostles in attendance. They dealt with topics of vital importance to the people of this locality, and enjoyed a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit in their utterances. They each made strong and impressive pleas for morality and personal purity, and all who heard them seemed to sense the grave necessity of living honorable, pure and noble lives.

The reports of the Bishops were encouraging, and showed signs of improvement along general lines during the past three months.

The stake reports made by President Hobart S. Allen and Counselor Theodore Bowler regarding the severe trials the people had passed through during the dry, failures through drouth, and their integrity for truth and devotion to the Gospel were gratifying.

The resignation of Counselor J. William Knight of the stake presidency was presented and accepted. President Knight during his labors as Bishop of Raymond and as a member of the stake presidency, has gained the love and esteem of the entire church and has lost nearly the loss of himself and wife in the departure to other fields of labor.

The vacancy was filled by the selection of Elder John T. Smittle, who was set apart by President Anthony H. Lund. In Counselor John T. Smittle the people have a man of integrity, the worth and constant in season and out of season. He will be a son to his people.

The resignation of President Jennie P. Knight of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association of the stake having been accepted, made a new organization necessary, which was filed as follows: Amelia Alfred, president; Edith F. Budd and Margaret E. P. Gordon, counselors; Mary J. Duke, secretary and treasurer; Alice Rogers, theological class leader.

The organization of the Fourth quorum of Elders was completed in the section of Elders John P. Johnson and Walter Dinsmore, as counselors to President S. F. Wilcox.

Elders Wilson McArtur and Charles Dudley, Jr., having lately returned from the mission field, were sustained as home missionaries.

A special High Council and special Presidencies were held and the visiting brethren gave some valuable instructions to the priesthood.

The people met with the Religious Fairs workers and encouraged them to continue their good work among the children and be thankful for the liberal payment accorded them by law.

The Young Ladies' stake board will long remember the counsel and advice given them by Apostle John Henry Smith in the stake board meeting, at which they were set apart.

GEO. H. BUDD,  
Stake Clerk.

## SNOWFLAKE STAKE.

The recent conference of Snowflake stake was held May 19 and 20, at St. Joseph, the oldest thriving ward in Arizona. The meetings were held in the newly finished schoolhouse, which cost nearly \$6,000, and is a monument to the thrift, taste and public enterprise of the few people who live there.

President Jesse N. Smith was unable to attend the conference on account of illness, thus leaving Presidents Smith D. Rogers and Joseph H. Richards in charge.

We were favored with the presence of Elder Rudger Clawson of the council of Apostles, whose instructions were much appreciated.

The leading quorums and organizations were pretty well represented, and the general attendance was good considering the distance from the center of population.

Reports show that the stake and ward are quite completely organized and general prosperity and good feeling of fellowship prevails.

The general and stake authorities were voted upon and all were unanimously sustained.

SAMUEL F. SMITH,  
Stake Clerk.

## ST. JOHNS STAKE.

St. Johns, Ariz., May 29.—The regular quarterly conference of the St. Johns stake convened at St. Johns, Arizona, on the 26th, 27th and 27th of May. A good representation from the surrounding wards was in attendance. All visiting brethren from Salt Lake City.

Friday afternoon's services, in the interest of the Relief Societies of the stake were conducted under the direction of Sister M. E. Patterson, at which there was a good attendance and many encouraging and instructive remarks given.

Saturday morning's services were in the interest of the Sunday school work, Ward Superintendent Marinus Christensen presiding. The principal speakers were Sister Teekale, Stake Superintendent William D. Fletcher, Stake Superintendent Chas. E. Anderson, and Elder Roger Clawson, who spoke with great impressiveness to the children. The attendance of Sunday school children and officers excelled in the St. Johns ward was 125.

The afternoon meeting on Sunday, after the unanimous sustaining of all the general and stake officers, was given in general instructions by the visiting brethren. The total attendance was 24.

The conference concluded by the usual interesting and instructive program rendered by the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations Sunday evening under the superintendence of James W. Lescure.

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O. E. OVERSON,  
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TETON STAKE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Teton stake of Zion convened at Idaho Falls, Idaho, Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27.

The sessions were well attended by

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## THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

By Charles Scanlon.

Does it pay to license a traffic which lessens the demand for the helpful things of life, which increases their cost and diminishes the ability to pay for them?

Does it pay to license a traffic which makes men less skillful, less steady, less reliable; which lessens endurance, lessens confidence, lessened credit, lessens the demand for food, clothing, shelter and tools, with which to work?

Does it pay to license a traffic which breeds idiots, paupers, criminals, lunatics, and epileptics, and casts them upon society to be supported by decent, honest, industrious people?

Does it pay to license a traffic which increases taxes by creating a demand for jails, penitentiaries, asylums, hospitals, almshouses, orphanages, reformatories, police and criminal courts?

Does it pay to license a thing which decreases a man's industrial efficiency so that the government reports show that 72 per cent of agricultural dis-

criminates him for using it, and that 79 per cent of manufacturers, 88 per cent of tradesmen and 90 per cent of medical officials do the same thing?

Does it pay to maintain a national quarantine against criminal and dependent classes from abroad and increase 250,000 saloon-keepers to manufacture such products at home?

Does it pay to support the families of saloon keepers and bar tenders and pay their rent, taxes, insurance, and buy luxuries for them in order to get a few pennies of our many dollars back in revenue and license?

Does it pay to employ teachers to teach children the evil effects of alcohol upon the human system and license men to sell a thing which inflames the stomach, hardens the brain tissue, softens and weakens the blood vessels, impoverishes the blood, overworks the heart, retards the functions of the digestive organs, dries the eye, kills the hearing, damages the throat, lungs, kidneys, liver, nerves and muscles, the demand for which is wholly artificial and when supplied serves no good purpose?

Does it pay to call ministers to preach the gospel of love, charity, honesty, purity, forgiveness and redemption and free will offerings? President Lyman expressed his pleasure with the plan and appearance of the newly built stake house, in which the meetings were held.

Elder Richards also commended the showing of the people's liberality in the erection of the stake building, and exhorted the continuance of liberal contributions until it is fully paid for and dedicated. He also spoke highly of the advantages and resources were known, it would be flockled with home seekers.

Among the local brethren who spoke were the stake presidency and Pastors John Letham, who spoke of our local conditions and exhorted the Saints to faithfulness and diligence. A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference.

M. M. NORMAN,  
Stake Clerk.

## ALBERTA STAKE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Alberta stake was held Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, in the Cardston ward Assembly Hall, presented by Stake Edward J. Wood, president.

There were present of the First Presidency, Anton H. Lund, of the Twelve Apostles, John Henry Smith, also the stake presidency, High Councilors, Patriarchs, Bishops of wards and leading Elders of the stake.

President Wood reported the spiritual condition of the stake favorably, generally speaking; much good having been done the past three months by an efficient body of home missionaries, as evidenced by the increase of faith and good works by many of the Saints, especially in sustaining the law of local option, which is of such vital importance to the Saints in restraining intemperance.

Reports were given by the Bishops of wards and leaders of auxiliary organizations giving in detail the work done in different parts of the stake.

President Anton H. Lund spoke of the importance of home missionary labor, as especially assisting the children in gaining a knowledge of the Gospel, and strengthening those who are weak in the faith, and for the benefit of non-believers in our midst. He exhorted the Saints to so live that their example should be at all times worthy of imitation; to be truly religious, is to be honest, upright and to know the will of God and carry it out, as the mission of the Saints is to save souls.

Addressed were given by Sisters Anna W. Cannon and Hardy, from Salt Lake City who were representing the interests of the Relief societies.

Elder John Henry Smith delivered an impressive discourse upon the power of a mother's love in guiding the youth in paths of rectitude and duty, and spoke of the lamentable condition of the youth of Zion place themselves in being unqually yoked in marriage with unbelievers.

On Sunday the general and local authorities of the Church were present and sustained unanimously by the congregation.

President Hobart S. Allen of the Taylor stake bore testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and was followed by President Anton H. Lund who impressed upon the Saints the necessity of knowing for themselves the voice of the true Prophet, that they might not be led astray by false prophets. He detailed many of the doctrines taught to the Prophet Joseph Smith by Heavenly messengers, spoke especially of the principle of gathering, baptism for the dead, and also of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, all of which were new to this generation. Referred to the testimony of twelve men that the Book of Mormon was brought forth by the power of God; the fact that some of these witnesses subsequently became recrueant to the cause, does not impeach their testimony, as all were true to the day of their death in testifying of the truth of their cause.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder William A. Judy of Salem, Oregon, Co., Idaho, passed through this city June 7, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he was set apart Dec. 15, 1905. The Florida conference was his field of labor.

Elder Judy returns on account of ill health, but enjoyed his labors and reports finding many interested investigators.

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