QUARTERLY CONFERENCE Of the Weber Stake of Zion, held in the Ogden Tabernaele

SATURDAY, JULY, 17, 10 A.M. Singing, "The Morning Breaks, etc." Prayer was offered by Elder Samuel Eggleston. After singing Prest. Feery made a few remarks stating that Prost. Taylor and Apostle Cannon will attend conference this afternoon. Bro. D. H. Wells was present on the shand. The Bishops of the several wards would give their reports, so that the progress reported on the condition of the Y. of the people might be known to those present, in order that each might profit by the other's experience.

prevailed in all the wards, and it was the duty of the saints to culti vate a spirit of compromise so that bers are on missions in different parts unity could exist among them. Un less this be the case, we could not expect to progress as rapidly as it was the Jesire of God, that Latter day Saints should. Not only were the Bishops and their counselors doing well, but the different societics were doing a work that was pleasing to the presidency, and, he knew, acceptable in the sight of the Lord. Counselor L. J. Herrick agreed with Prest. Peery that the people of the county were doing well, but he felt that there was abundant room for improvement. Take them as whole, the Saints are doing well, but he feared that, taking them one by one, many would be found lacking. It is stated that he who breaks one commandment, is guilty of the meetings, both Sabbath and Fast day his blessings. It was not so wit : us, we were in many cases in too great a hurry, when we come to meeting: our hay, our corn and all our cares were brought with us and were so uppermost in our minds that the impor-God could not accept us, and the conbetter than any other sectarian worthe cares of the world and nogligent in the duties of the gospel. remarks of Elder Herrick. should respect the teachers and set tle our difficulties with them, hon ring them as much as others of a higher calling are respected. The virtue of our young men and daughters should be carefully guarded, strangers shou d not be taken into the confidence of the homes of the. most bitter character may come to by virtuous some and daughters. We should take the counsels of Elder Herrick and rely on the efficiences and promues of God to heal our 125 firmities and lead us to health and ore. happiness. Were we to do this, pros-

There was a lively interest manifested not only by the children, but by are improving in manners and knowledge. The schools are on the increase, 3,159 scholars being at present curolled in the various words. It must be a great pleasure to all the parents to know that their children are taught in the principles and doctrines of the church, and the speaker prayed that all might be blessed.

FLDER JOS. A. WEST

M. M. I. Associations. They numbered about 900 members. The central board has held five quarterly conferences in different wards, during the As far as he knew & good feeling last three months. It is very desiraible that all the societies continue their work all season. Fifteen memmen are doing well and many are endeavoring to keep the Word of Wisdom and are receiving the blessings incidental thereto.

ALDER E. H. ANDERSON

then read the historical report of the Weber Stake of Zion, from which it is learned that the county contains one Apostle, two Patriarchs, 160 High Priests, 360 Seventies, 774 Elders, 93 Priests, 52 Deacons, 162 Teacher≈, 4149 Members, 2,629 children under eight years, or a total of officers and members of 5853, and a total of souls of 8,482.

PREFT. JOHN TAYLOR

whole; were we to be judged then addressed the congregation. He phere that the times were critical. seconding to this, many of us was pleased to have an opportunity Our enomies had been very active would stand on critical ground. of meeting with the Saints this more in pushing measures against us in He thought we would be re- ning. He wished to make a few such a way as should compel action warded for all the good we performed, remarks on a subject on which he from congress and it appeared as if but there was a possibility of sinning had inquired. There appeared to so that all the good we had ever done | exist a difficulty somewhere between would be counted as naught. He a Bishop and some parties. Presihoped that the people would live as dent Peery then had asked for inforclosely to the requirements of the mation from the speaker, whether a ling our extirpation. Thousands of pride, with self justification, with Gospel as was the case some tachty | High Council had authority to try a or twenty-five years ago. Lave as Bishop. This could not be answered States poured into congress, docurighteously before fiel, do as much without some explanatory remarks. good for the welfare of their breth- There are questions pertaining to ren, take as much interest in the the priesthood which required some elucidation and this is just an opporas the old pioneers did who prayed to | tunity for this purpose. The speak-God and bore testimony till their er then read a passage, 3d verse of Heavenly Father could not withhold the 22d section of the Doctrine and Covenants, which says that a Bishop must be tried before the First Presidency of the Church. He also referred to the passage: "For the firstborn liberal descendant of Aaron holds the legal right of presidency." lance of worship was not realized, The Doctrine and Covenants refer to the Bishopiic, and declare that this sequence was, our assemblies were no priesthood is either held by lineage or being conferred under the hands ship. The promises God had given of the First Presidency. (Dectrine us were not fulfilled, because we did | and Covenants, Sec. 3, 8.) The Melnot believe them, being drowned in chisedek and Aaronic priesthood were then explained in their various functions and authorities, as laid Counselor C. F. Middleten next down in the Doctrine and Covenants. spoke, bearing his testimony to the The Melchisedek priesthood has the We [especial prerogative to administer in spiritual things and to have the miserable clique, not succeeding in right of presidency. The Aaronic priesthood is an appendage to the ed to that despicable stratagem but Melchisedek priesthood and stands under its direction. High Priests have a right to administer in all lower offices they are appointed to. The High Priesthood has held the right Latter-day Saints, or sorrow of the of pre-idency in all ages of the world, The pre-idency of the Church are the homes that were now gladdened High Priests, the Twelve are High courtesy, despite the low and vile Priests, the High Council in all the Stakes are High Priests, so are their Counselors, the Bishops, the presidents of Stakes and their Counsel- which, if passed, would have, pent also. A man is not an Apostle, because penty and joy would dwell in our he is a High Priest, nor is he a Bishop, or counselor, simply for that rea-Bishop Robert McQuarrie reported son, but the High Priesthood holds the authority to administer in all the offices they are appointed to. High Priests have & right to administer years, but the people were being spiritual things under the direction taught their duty and a reformation of the First Presidency. It is not would be accomplished by the help because a man holds a certain class of priesthood that he is entitled to Choir sang and meeting adjourned assume all the offices embraced thereby, but only on due call. In the last session of congress was the quiet-Prayer by Eishop I. N. Spalding. 107th section of the Doctrine and Covenants the instructions concerning this matter are found and they are plain to every intelligent Elder. Aaronic Priesthood has the authorily to administer outward ordinances. Its presidency is held by the bishop ric, which is first occupied by lines! descendants of Aaron, and if such are not to be found, lligh Priests may be called and set apart for this of tice. The speaker then read also the sections defining the different authorities and functions of the vari ous offices in the church. Bishop Edward Patridge was the first Bishop in the Church, called at an early day to go to the land Zion, purchase land, divide the inheritances and sit as a common judge over the people. Bishop Whitney was also chosen to manago the affairs in Kirtland Geauga Co., Ohio and preside over that part of the Kingdom. But these acre not the same kind of offices as what we call presiding Bish- | phant. opric. The appointment of such we find on the 141 paragraph of the Doctrine and Covenanie. There have been men appointed under Bishopric to act in different offices. [will stand, and never be overthrown, The general Bishops have a right to but go on victoriously. It is the be tried before the Presidency of the little stone that was cut out of the Super stand plooper, where the number of the server and plooper, where the server and plooper, where the server and plooper, where the server and plooper is the server and plooper to use the server and plooper to use the presidence of the server and plooper to the server and server and the server and server and the server and s Church, but it is different with other | mountain without hand, to roll down all who turn from the folly of then make excuses and wish to be reliev- hand of God in this and he is con-way. The folly of then make excuses and wish to be reliev- hand of God in this and he is conways. The caints were not obliged ed, so that the work of the Seventies tent that these allurements and to partake of the were not obliged ed, so that the work of the Seventies tent that these allurements and to partake of the sins of the world, has got to be done by Elders and temptations shall continue, as there because it of the sins of the world, has got to be done by Elders and temptations shall continue, as there because it was necessary they should others. It is not one, two, or a dozen must be some means by which to mingle with the church there. It is not one, two, or a dozen must be some means by which to men who are to bear off this King cleanse and putify the church. There hers of the same wicked. The busi men who are to bear on this range croanes and when mobs afflicted the Riszdom efforts was to build up the dom. It behooves all the Elders in wes a time when mobs afflicted the Risgdom of God, religiously politial- Israel to realize the necessity of people of God and when they did s and in every other way, and when awaking up to their duty and mag- the cleansing of the kingdom, testing a man contain the cleansing of the kingdom, testing he was in dute in bis cause by voting, nifying their callings. The sisters are the integrity and uprightness of the he was in duty bound to do so. The doing a good work in their rel of Saints. But there have got to be the coming of take a deep interest in societics and it is their basiness to other tests, trials and probations by the coming election, showing to the keep on the good and right course, which to parify the church and sepworld that their predominating des as also the various other organizations arate the faithful from the faithless We is to labor for the welfare of the of the Church. We need o operate One time it was necessary that we say Mingdom of God. The choir sangan together in all our affairs, be united a people were kept from the world, in the Church under the priesthood until we should grow firmly on our till Sunday July 18 at 10 a. m. We must lay aside our worldliness, feet. We look back with regret on nediction. our covetousness and fraud, carry on those peaceful times of isolation, phalany. Let us sustain all our in- God could be executed. God, how-After the usual opening exercises stitutions and come obediently ever, designed not to let us be hid Amon, Presented the report of the forenoon meeting, which had a very vertised all over the world. . We are Behools of this county. large attendance came to an end.

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E. H. ANDERSON,

assistant clerk of the Weber Stake of Zion, presented the church authorities who were unanimously sustained.

APOSTLEGEO. Q. CANNON

then addressed the congregation. He rejoiced in meeting with the Saints at this occasion, and he trusted that the meetings which were held, would prove profitable to all present. The instructions given in the forenoon concerning the powers of the United States. The young of the priesthood were exceedingly interesting and will prove beneficial to all who received them. He, the speaker, had been absent for some months from the society of the heart-aching and trouble, many will Saints. He now returned into the midst of his friends with gratitude to the Lord for his kind protection. We ought to be specially thankful to the Lord for His protection and care to us. From early boyhood the speaker had been familiar with the deliverances of the Latter-day Saints. For these we ought to be very thankful. So marvelous are the deliverances of this people from the power of the evil one, that they fill the speaker with amazement. When Why should Latter-day Saints have he, last fall, went to Washington, there was a feeling in the atmossteps were going to be taken. The clergy of the United States were aroused and the religious papers of the country were clamorous in urgpetitions from all parts of the United | vanity; but union exists where self, ments prepared and concocted in this territory and they were piled up on the tables of the committee on position, has not the Spirit of God. judiciary. Even R. B. Hayes, presi dent had expressed himself in his in all things: we must not puff ourannual message against the "Mory mon" people and he also used his personal influence to induce Senators and members to legislate in an inimical sense against "Mormonism." The so-called "anti-polygamy" society had also been very busy; they sent circulars to every momber of congress, complaining that Utab's hearts, the Spirit of God flies and delegate was a man 100 much married, of whose presence the halls of the capitol should be cleansed. This scheme not succeeding, they issued another paniphlet, teeming with the most abominable abuse and falsebood, accusing this people of using women very cruelly. This last pamphlet was not sent to members of congress, but to the daughters, wives and sisters of members. This influencing congressmen had resort they only created almost universal disgust and made the speaker more popular than before. The Lord had blessed him with favor in the eyes of many prominent men in Washington and ho was happy to state that he was ever treated with kindness and efforts of the mean opposition clique. Some five bills have, the las. & years, presented been tocongress deprive us of what free men prize the dearest and would have disfranchised given to this people by revelation us and prostrated us, bound hand and feet fo our enemies. But , otwithstanding the president's message, the proposed bills and all the petitions and pamphlets, nothing was achieved in congress. He, the speaker, had been compelled to be very active and use all his powers to stay the hostile proceedings. There was, fortunately, a mightier hand stretched out, tak. principle of co-operation, for that is ing a hold of our interests and the est, as far as our affairs word concerned, of any he had ever witnessed. We finally. Everyworky wants to take cannot conceive of any power, except the power of God that would have been capable to a hieve the marvelous | Amen. deliverance of our people from the hands of our enemies. Therefore we should bow down in the depth of humility and thank God from our heart's inmost for his kindness. The speaker would not like to see us goalong, sails set and nothing impending. When the clouds are dark and lowering over us, the speaker feels satisfied that we are creating apprehensions in the mind of the adversary, When we are surrounded by difficulties, when the adversary is making manifest his hatred, we have abundant cause to rejoice, for it is an evidence to us that we will not be allowed to sleep. It was the promise of the angel to Joseph, that we would have to contend whith this opposition to the end, until we come out trium-There is one thing we ought to be careful of, as individuals. No doubt ever crossed his mind concerning the the final event of the work of God; it God's work, arrayed as a mighty when the policy of the kingdom of under the direction of the Almighty. always. He has destined us to take a foremost position among the na-With an anthem by the choir the tions of the world, to have Zion ad-I now the cynosure of every eye. 311

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the world reads and talks about us; The congregation, which was a we are the topic of conversation in the whole people and the authorities, very large one, was called to order many circles. Now it is our time. especially the bishops. The schools by Councelor L. J. Herrick and the We have an opportunity to show our are well attended and the children hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts strength and power to resist the at-Inspire," was sung. Elder Samuel tacks and assaults of our enemies, Parkinson offered up the prayer and without fear and apprehension. By contact with the world we have beauty rise." While sacrament was learned to withstand all those temptations. And this will continue until the nations of the earth will learn to honor Zion and come to be instructed at the feet of this people. The world indulge a belief that in a little while we will be overwhelmed by all the surrounding influences; that all the presses, the churches, schools, telegraphs and railroads will work a process of attrition and disintegration; that after the old men are gone away, the young will do away with the extra wives and assimilate with the rest of the world. But we will prove to them that this work will still grow and flourish with all the opposition brought to bear upon it.) We will make a deep and indelible imressions on the nations of the earth. There will, certainly, be much fall away and relapso in their bad old babits, but the work will still ge on. Our chief consideration ought to be: to take care of ourselves and our own motal account and be under the influence of the spirit of the Lord. Are there any wearing the priesthood who cherish in their hearts influences of evil? When the speaker hears of division in Ogden, he feels aggrieved and he wishes that there were no strile, opposition, faction. feelings? When Latter-day Saints have a dissension, there is some power at work, evil and destructive. The gospel fruits are love, union, forbearance. God has said to this people: In ancient days they brought sacrifices of bullocks, rams and sheep. But now the sacrifice required by God is the sacrifice of a broken heart, the sacrifice of a contrite spirit. Disunion exists with denial, self-sacrifice reigns. The origin of disunion is in hell. A man manifesting such a disuniting dis The spirit of union must pervade us selves up in censorious self righteous ness, but realize that God has as much to do with everyone class as with ourselves. God loves us all and he hears the prayers of all. When the spirit of disunion is in our hearts, it is not of God. Whenever we let feelings of hatred enter our departs. If we have a broken heart and a contrite spirit, we realize the enormity of our own faults. We are not Latter-day Saints, if we feel like retorting and retaliating for insults and injuries received. Ye Elders in Israel, yo men of wisdom, stop your divisions, your strives and animosities! Let there by no parties no contentions in J-rael! In the name of the Lord Jesus, let us stop this bad feeling and not have a party here with a candidate, and another there! The souls of the children of men are in a measure placed within our responsibility. Let the Elders of Israel be spiritual-minded, dispensing the word of God, in truth and love, full of charity, so that the hearts of the people may be knit to gether in union. There is not that harmony here that ought to be prevailing amongst Latter day Saints. Leading men there are who ought to repent and cause the people to re-The principle of cooperation was from on high. True, there have been some wrongs committed in cooperation which cannot be justified; still the speaker can bear testimony that co-operation is of the Lord and His Saints ought to embrace and sustain it. It is the duty of the leading men to go to work and correct the pul excrescences, but not fight the of the Lord. With a union of the brethren and sisters co operation can be carried on successfully and benea hold of it and then the blessings of the Lord will rest upon all fsriel.

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the condition of the Second Ward. More difficulties were on hand in this ward than had been for many of God.

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July 17, 1880, 2 r. M.

The afternoon meeting was a pened by singing and prayer by Eider Jobiah M. Ferrin after singing "How beautcous are their feet," etc., the reports of the bishops were contuned. The following bishops spoke: Bishop Winslow Farr, Third Wards Ira N. Spaulding, Uintah; Josiah M. Forrin, Eden; David Moore, Mound Fort; Amos Maycock, North Ogden; Counselor Stratford, Fourth Ward, Ogden: John I Hait, West Weberg P. G. Taylor, Harrisville, John A. Al red, Slaterville; James Ritchie, Marriotte: Counselor John Thompson, Riverdale: Gilbert Belnap, Hooper ville: Lewis W. Shurtliff, Playn City Counselor James Burch, First Ward, Ogden; F. 1. Hammond, Huntsville, Counselor Hasmus Christoffersen, Lynne,

The reports taken together show a decided improvement with a majority of the people while with a number this was not the case, they being aegligent in thoir duties. The ditkreat societies were doing pluch good, the schools were favorably spoken of, though some were not in exsion on account of the hot weather or a lack of teachers. The Sunday schools were in excellent condition and a number of very inter-

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PRE IDENT D. H. PEERY

was exceedingly pleased with the large attendance of the people, and felt to endorse vigorously the remarks of Elder Cannon. 'The feelings of bitterness and strife ought to be blended in love and union Prest. Peery gave also special notice of the grand jubiles to be held on the 24th in Salt Lake, and invited all people, especially the young bretbren, to foin in it, to make it a grand and glorious demonstration.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

heartily endorsed the remarks made. by Elder Cannon with regard to union. Thereshould be no division. no contention among Latter-day Saints, but they should co operate with united hearts and undisturbed feeling of union.

With an anthem by the choir and benediction by Elder L. Farr, the conference came to an end.

mingle with the wicked. The busi athen and the conference adjourn endiction by Bp. David Moore.

NOYDAY, July 18, 1880, 10, J. M. * stand was taken by

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