

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

*Of the Ladies' Relief Societies of the
Weber Stake of Zion.*

Thursday, June 9.—Afternoon session. Meeting opened by singing "Do what is right," etc. Prayer by Bishop Robert McQuarrie; singing, "O my Father," etc. Sister Richards greeted the congregation kindly, and announced that, by request of Sister E. R. Snow Smith, Elder Richards would read an article, which she thought all would like to hear.

Brother Richards read from the *Millennial Star*, Vol. 19, concerning the first organization of the Relief Society in Nauvoo, by Prest. Joseph Smith. These extracts treated on the nature of this organization and the object of the society, as well as giving special instruction to the sisters concerning their duties, from the Prophet himself.

Bro. Samuel Eggleston made a few well-timed remarks, referring to his acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph, in former days, and Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith whom he had often seen with the Prophet. Expressed great pleasure in the latter-day work with which he had been connected 40 years.

The following Presidents of branches gave verbal reports of their respective societies. Martha Critchlow, First Ward, Ogden City; Mary Jane Maycock, Hot Springs District; Eliza Tracy, Huntville; Adeline Belnap, Hooper; Sister Douglas, West Weber. Each of these Sisters spoke very favorably of the work they were engaged in and reported a prosperous condition of the affairs generally.

Sister E. R. Snow Smith expressed her pleasure in listening to the Sisters who had spoken, etc., and renewed the subject of the morning, the education and spiritual training of the children of Zion. She gave much good counsel to mothers, earnestly exhorting them to be loving and tender, and guard carefully the precious souls of their little ones, and throw around them every possible safeguard to protect them from evil influences; thought we should be as indefatigable in our labors in this respect as our enemies. After speaking for some time and giving much good instruction, she entreated the Sisters to "hold fast to the iron rod," and by faithfulness to every duty seek to obtain the salvation and exaltation they were aiming for.

Elder Richards made a few remarks, referring to the words of Joseph which he had been reading, as easy to be understood, carrying conviction with them and needing no explanation. Spoke of the spiritual influences which had been brought to bear upon our young men and boys through the organization of Mutual Improvement Associations; he thought through these spiritual channels all the improprieties of the youth might be corrected in time, and that they should apply themselves to obtaining knowledge and intelligence; felt there had been a great general im-

provement since the organizations had been established.

Sister E. B. Wells addressed the audience a short time; in the course of her remarks spoke of the importance of selecting good reading matter to put into the hands of the young people; urged the sisters to devote at least some little time to reading and gaining general information on the topics of the day.

Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith made a few remarks upon sericulture; thought it would be well to know what proportion of mulberry leaves were utilized; said the Silk Association had all along been paying cash for cocoons. In some localities the sisters had been sufficiently persevering to receive considerable benefit from the sale of their cocoons. Those engaged in the manufacture of silk had labored under many difficulties, but at present there was considerable silk on hand, which was being put upon the market.

Sister Jane S. Richards made closing remarks, and the Relief Society Conference was adjourned for three months. Singing, "There's a feast of fat things," etc. Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards.

The Stake Conference of the Y. L. M. I. A. commenced to-day, and that of the Primary Associations will begin to-morrow, when it is expected that Prest. Joseph F. Smith will be present.