

visiting teachers, had been productive of great good.

Elder Andrew S. Gray, of the Fifth quorum of Elders, reported the quorum in good condition. Members are appointed to lecture on the principles of the Gospel and the meetings are thus made profitable.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon, of the Council of the Apostles, urged upon the authorities of wards and quorums the necessity of attending to their duties and being in possession of the spirit of their callings. They should lead out and set good examples, and by so doing could bring the people to a higher standard. Those who are forced to attend to their duties will not receive the benefit to be derived through the voluntary performance of those duties. Referred to the effects of good example abroad as well as among the young people at home, and said we should present before them an incentive to press forward in the performance of their duties. Bishops should direct the labors of those around them and instruct them in their duties that all might gain experience. Testified that the work of the Lord was steadily growing in the earth.

The choir sang:

Hard times come again no more,  
the congregation joining in the chorus.  
Benediction by Elder H. P. Richards.

#### SECOND DAY.

##### MORNING SESSION.

Singing, choir and congregation,  
Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.  
Prayer by Elder Edward Stevenson.  
Choir sang:

Softly beams the sacred dawning.

Elder Thomas H. Waite reported the condition of the Eighteenth quorum of Elders, his report coinciding in essential points with those before given, some personal experiences being added thereto. Similar reports were presented by Elders Samuel L. Holmes, of the Seventh quorum; Horace Eldredge, of the Seventeenth; William Gedge, of the Twentieth; Thomas Sutherland, of the Twenty-first, and George Saville, of the Thirteenth.

The following Bishops represented their wards, the reports covering the same ground as those given yesterday:

J. S. Rawlins, of South Cottonwood; Albert W. Davis, of Center, to which the ward formerly known as North Point has lately been added; E. F. Sheets, of the Eighth; Samuel A. Woolley, of the Ninth, and J. A. Hamilton, of Mill Creek.

The choir sang:

Look up and put your trust in God.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by Elder J. E. Taylor.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir:

Come, dearest Lord.

Prayer by Elder E. B. Tripp.

Singing:

Earth with her ten thousand flowers.

The following Bishops gave reports of their wards:

H. B. Clawson, of the Twelfth; Robert Morris, of the Eleventh; George Romney of the Twentieth; Adam Speirs, of the Tenth, and Nelson A. Empey, of the Thirteenth.

Elder Elias Morris reported the

High Priests' quorum, over which he presides. There are 475 in the quorum, all men of great experience, over whom Elder Morris expressed himself as proud to preside. Meetings are held monthly, lectures being delivered by prominent members on important subjects, testimonies following. Members of all other quorums are invited to attend the meetings.

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke of the value of the Bishop's position in giving to its occupant experience, opportunities of doing good, and reward for self-sacrificing and well-doing. A man in this position must place himself at the disposal of his people and gain the necessary inspiration, firmness and patience for his duties. Love and long-suffering for transgressors are essential, as also a knowledge of the nature of each one under his care, that wisdom may be exercised in dealing with individuals.

Some men rarely make mistakes, while others are continually stumbling; each of these should be treated with due regard to his peculiarities. Humility is essential on the part of those who commit wrong, whether it be of rare or of frequent occurrence.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Light and Truth."

Conference adjourned to 7:30 p. m.  
Benediction was pronounced by Elder William Draper.

##### EVENING SESSION.

The choir sang:

Another day has fled and gone.

Prayer was offered by Elder F. B. Woodbury.

Singing:

Great God indulge my humble claim.

Elder Thomas Giffard, president of the Third quorum of Elders, gave a verbal report of that quorum, stating that it was in a similar condition to most of the quorums reported.

The following Bishops then reported their several wards: Alfred Solomon, Twenty-second; Isaac Barton, Nineteenth; Robert Dansie, Heriman; Alva Butler, Granite; James Jensen, Sandy, and George R. Jones, Twenty-third. Their reports showed that their respective wards were in good condition, and the different organizations were working harmoniously for the education and development of the young. The people were very liberal in donating for the support of the poor, so that none had suffered for anything.

Elder Levi W. Richards, president of the tenth quorum of Elders, reported the quorum in a good condition, the members being alive to their duties.

Elder Heber J. Grant, of the Council of the Apostles, then addressed the conference. He had listened with interest to the reports, and while some of the Saints felt that it was monotonous to hear them because of their sameness, he considered them essential as calculated to encourage us. The Saints had gathered here to serve God and keep His commandments, and they should not lose sight of this fact. If we devote all our time and energy to furthering our own personal interests we will make shipwreck of our faith. There has been a great deal of animosity in the world against the Latter-day Saints, but this is being removed as we are becoming better known. Referred to the great good

accomplished by the visit of the First Presidency to the World's Fair, in connection with the Tabernacle choir. The world have looked upon us as being degraded and ignorant but they are beginning to learn that there is no other community with as much general information as the Latter-day Saints. The time will come when the rich will accept the Gospel as well as the poor. We should get the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit and then follow its precepts.

The choir and congregation sang the Doxology.

Benediction by Elder William L. Binder.

#### THIRD DAY.

##### MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock a. m., Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presiding.

The choir and congregation joined in singing:

Do what is right; the day-dawn is breaking.

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph C. Kingsbury, Patriarch.

The choir sang:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire.

Bishop William C. Allen reported Draper ward. The general condition, he said, is somewhat like that of other wards. The Primary association has not held meetings during the winter, the ward being in a scattered condition, but the Mutual Improvement associations are doing a good work. The various quorums of the Priesthood hold their regular meetings and the Relief Society is doing much good. Some members there are in the ward who are not doing their duty, but we are laboring with them and hope that the efforts to bring them to realize their condition are not in vain.

Bishop Orson F. Whitney gave a concise report of the Eighteenth ward of this city. He had filled the position of Bishop for sixteen years and was called when still young and inexperienced. At that time the numbers of the ward were few and poor, not even having a house for meeting. This is now changed. The ward is stronger numerically and financially. He reported prosperity and a general good feeling. The Bishopric is respected by the people, most of whom are faithful Latter-day Saints, supporting the presiding brethren. They are a good people. Referring to a popular misapprehension regarding some of the Saints in the ward who are blessed with temporal means, he would say that there were many faithful servants of the Lord among the wealthy as well as among the poor. It is not money, but "the love of money" that is "the root of all evil." The various quorums are faithful in the performance of their duties, and the Mutual Improvement association is a decided success. The Sunday school is prosperous and the theology class has been attended with much interest. The so-called Christian science had made some inroad in the ward, and several members had requested to be dropped from the records of the Church. The speaker said he had replied to such requests that it was not customary in the Church of God to drop names from the records except for crimes against the laws of God, nor to give recommends