

## MONDAY FORENOON.

Singing, classes, from south and west of Salt Lake, conducted by Prof. H. E. Giles, sang:

Arise, O glorious Zion.

Prayer by Elder A. F. McDonald.  
Singing:

My God, the spring of all my joys.

BISHOP O. F. WHITNEY

was the first speaker. He expressed his pleasure at what had been said during the Conference thus far, and the young men who have borne their testimonies have called forth the thought that the work of God has a glorious future before it. It is a hopeful sign to see the young people of Zion throwing off their careless habits and putting on the armor of righteousness.

This was the birthday of President Brigham Young. The speaker regretted that there were no more present to celebrate it. Referring to the work of President Young, the speaker quoted a statement of a federal official to the effect that Brigham Young, if he had been educated, would have "made his mark" and "died many times a millionaire." The speaker had replied that Brigham Young had made his mark anyway, and a pretty deep mark at that. His name and that of Joseph Smith would live when the Goulds, Vanderbilts and Rothschilds would be forgotten. The Gentiles may seek for riches, but it is for us to possess the riches of eternity. The only time it was necessary for God to reveal the fact that something must be done to save the Church was when in Kirtland, in the years 1836 and 1837, the people left the service of God and went groveling after the things of this world. Inspired of God the Prophet Joseph took steps to check this tendency, and the Church prospered again.

The youth of Zion should take pattern from the act of Jesus, who set up the child as an example of Him who should be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. Servants of God in all ages have been His ministers to His people, and this is greatness enough. Jesus illustrated this principle when He washed His disciples feet. It is glorious to serve for the good of others and the Lord thus showed the chief characteristic of a great man in the eyes of God. We cannot all expect to hold high positions, but we can all be noble and good. God is not great merely because He sits above the universe. His intelligence is His glory, and it is within the reach of His humblest child to become like unto Him, by walking in His paths.

Training and education are necessary for the children of God, and such need not lead to apostasy; God will not cast a man off on account of his self-culture, but He will approve those who gain this training and retain His Spirit.

A quartette,

O world, so wondrous fair,  
was rendered by Boshard Bros. and and Pyre Bros. of Provo.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH referred with pleasure and praise to the exercises of the Conference. The work of the Mutual Improvement associations had ever possessed a great interest for him. The more associations of this kind there are between the young people of Zion, the greater will be the good accomplished and the usefulness attained.

Reference was made to the dangers of idleness and the want of an object in life. Education should be of such a character as to fit its possessor for usefulness in his special calling. Practical usefulness should be the keynote of every young man who receives this training, for theory without practice is not of great service. In all this training the thought should be uppermost in the mind that God lives.

Speaking of the thoughts of Professor Proctor, the speaker quoted one of the statements of that great man to the effect that the theory, regarding the heavenly bodies, might or might not develop into truth. Compare this uncertainty with the assurance of the faith of the Latter-day Saints, and it will be seen how that theory pales into insignificance. The sons and daughters of Zion should be trained in these associations in all things that are noble and elevating.

The testimony of one man outside the pale of the Church had been borne to the speaker, that the young people of Zion are free from the galling sins so prevalent in the world. This tendency toward perfection must be eternal, and the education of our fellows will follow ours. Emulate every good example seen and attempt to reach the perfection exemplified in the life of Christ.

SUPT. D. K. BROWN

represented the Y. M. M. I. A. of the Juab Stake of Zion. He spoke of a new organization in the town of Eureka, making a total of four associations. Improvement in the general condition of the young people of this stake is manifest as a result of the labors of this organization.

COUNSELOR J. O. BENTLEY

represented the associations of the St. George Stake. Eighteen associations have been organized in this stake, and a large proportion of the young men have been enrolled. Annual conferences of all the associations are held, and great interest is taken therein. Systematic labor is somewhat lacking, but improvement is manifest in this regard.

COUNSELOR NIELS MADSEN

represented the Box Elder Stake associations. Fifteen organizations have been perfected in this stake and benefits and blessings are received from the work done therein. Testimony and preparation for the duties of life are engendered among the young people as a result of their attendance in these associations.

ELDER G. W. IRVINE

represented the associations of the San Luis Stake of Zion. After the organization of the associations last fall an outbreak of smallpox in the settlements prevented further meetings. Previous to this, the work done was very creditable.

ELDER WM. S. BURTON,

treasurer of the Y. M. M. I. A., spoke of his connection and labor with this organization, and his joy in its success. Cordiality and welcoming are shown the brethren who travel among the associations, and the young people show a great interest in the work. Still, there is a great deal of indifference among the young, but the majority of them are studying their labors more fully. Missionary labors can be profit-

ably performed at home, and great pleasure is afforded by the fact that appointments for this work are being made, for the youth of Zion are among the brightest spirits on earth, and their talents should not be allowed to go unemployed.

The classes sang the anthem,  
Blessed be the Lord God.

Benediction by Counselor Joseph E. Taylor.

## MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Congregational singing, page 166:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet.

Prayer by Elder James A. Little.  
Singing, page 198:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

APOSTLE ABRAHAM H. CANNON

was called to address the congregation. He spoke of the great mission and destiny of the youth of Zion and expressed the thought that few have fully comprehended its extent. He said it was a mistaken idea that the greater part of the work has already been performed. The youth of Zion will be required to bear a much heavier burden than has been placed on the shoulders of their fathers. Every one must have the testimony of Jesus in order to do the work awaiting him. Without this testimony worldly brilliance and power will be of comparatively little avail. It is better for men and women to be destitute of wealth and earthly power than, possessing these, to lose the testimony of the Gospel. Physical culture is necessary in order that our bodies may be strong enough for the work before us. While the average life of man in the world at large is shortened to 33 years, it is possible for the Latter-day Saints to extend this limit to a century. A crying evil is prevalent in the world, and in New England it is very pronounced. This evil is the deterioration of physical culture and the retrogression of the human family. This nation is thus threatened with disintegration, and it is time that the Latter-day Saints were preparing for their great mission of saving this nation and this government.

The field for the exercise of the talents of the young people is unlimited, and the battle before them is a battle of intellectual powers, a conflict of men and women who have received the truth from heaven, combating error and its representatives.

The speaker exhorted the people to gain perfection in their pursuits, and not to be content with mediocrity. "Only those who endure to the end will gain salvation," and only those who gain perfection in their calling will receive the greatest possible reward.

ELDER GEORGE D. PYPER

read the subjoined summary of the statistical report of the Y. M. M. I. A. organization:

Associations reported.....	301
Members.....	12,534
Increase.....	880
Average attendance.....	6732
Young men not members....	2863
Meetings held.....	6244
Missionary and officers' visits.....	186
Members on missions.....	163
Volumes in Libraries.....	10,008
Increase in year.....	789
Value of Libraries.....	\$11,705
Manuscript papers.....	507
M. I. A. Course of Reading, No. of Sets taken.....	677
Members reading same.....	737
Members completed course.....	98