SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Of the Salt Lake Stake, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2, 3 and 4.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The choir sang:

Another day has dawned.

Prayer was offered by Elder F. D. Woolley.

Singing:

Hosanna! Hosanna to Jehovah's name.

Elder Thomas Giffard, president of the Tooele 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; Lewis Barton, Nineteenth; Robert Dennis, Sixteenth; Alva Butler, Granite; James Jensen, Sandy, and George D. Jones, Twenty-third. Their reports showed that their respective wards were in good condition, and the different organizations were working harmoniously for the edification and development of the young. The people were very liberal in assisting 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 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 inconsistent to lose their incomes of their occasions, he considered their essential 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 bettering 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 work accomplished by the visit of the First Presidency to the World's Fair, in connection with the Tabernacle choir. The world have looked upon our people 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 rest will accept the Gospel as well as the poor. We should get the spirit 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:

Praise to the man I invite praise.

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 association 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 conditions 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 members of the ward were few and poor, not even having a house for meeting. This is now changed, the ward is strong, numerically and financially. He reported prosperity and a general good feeling. The Bishopric is serving the people, most of whom are faithful Latter-day Saints, supporting the presiding brethren. They are a good people. Referring to a supposed misapprehending regarding some of the Saints in the ward who are absent with temporal means, he would say that there are as many faithful servants of the Lord among the wealthy Saints as among the poor. It is not money, but "the love of money" that is a root of all evil. The various quorums are faithful in the performance of their duties, and the Mutual Improvement association is a thorough success. The Sunday school is prosperous and the theology class has been attended with much interest. The so-called Christian science has made some inroads 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 necessary for the Church of God to drop names from the records except for crimes against the laws of God, but to give testimonials to apostates. The majority of the baptisms were not good people to be dropped by the fact that such ones are leaving the children of prominent Church members. They are evidently ignorant of the principles of the Church.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor reviewed briefly the reports so far given at this conference by the Bishops and representatives of the various organizations and also spoke in high terms of the Tabernacle choir.

Elder David McKenzie presented the report of the Grant Stake of Zion, which he labored in as an apostle. He referred to a conference held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of a very late date, a thing not the rule of the Church synods. It is now suggested, he said, that the Bishops take the market in hand. The result of that was a concert was needed for account of the time and enterprise in connection with our religious educational institutions. He strongly urged the necessity of something to be added concerning of the young and instilled in the ancient spirit prevailing in the Latter-day Saints College and other Church schools.

Bishop Orson F. Whitney said he had been asked to impart to the news the Eighteenth ward contrary to the rule that year, but the rule stands, and no one should say longer than absolutely necessary.

Elder Angus M. Cannon responded the representative from the Lehi ward to respond to the call of their president, saying, Nearly every ward in the stake was represented.

Elder Charles W. Penrose said he hoped that all the Bishops and representatives of the Wards and Missions had not the pleasure of the annual jubilee would be spoken of. He was glad of the work which is carried on successfully and requiring valiant servants in the welfare of the Church and lead the report of the Sunday school of the stake.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SALT LAKE STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1893.

Number of schools 22, one organization being South 20, a total of 22.

Average attendance of officers and teachers 226.

Number of male officers and teachers 1,117, 11,935, an increase of 1,117.

The number of pupils in the primary department was 4,145, the intermediate department 2,223, adult intermediate department 1,819, adult department 1,007.

Average attendance of pupils 8,543, and total number of officers and pupils 12,164.

There were schools were established during the year.

In the schools are 4,000 volumes and the cash collected during the year amounted to $2,873.21, of which $763.14 was on hand at the close of the year.

The choir sang the anthem:

From your sins I pray.

Prayer by Elder Henry Tanner.

Adjourned for 2 p.m. p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir and congregation sang:

We meet this, O God, in a Prayer,
To receive a blessing we pray.

Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas E. Ricks, of the Bishopric (Idaho) Stake.

The choir sang:

O my Father, Thou that dwellest,
In the high and holy place,
With that happy throng of spirits,
Clad in robes of white and grace.

FAST MISSIONARIES.

Elder Chas. W. Penrose presented a statement showing the receipts for the support of the poor at the 8 conferences for the six months ending December 31, 1893. The amounts from the offerings amounted to $6,262.71, and from the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, $15,544.99.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

A statistical report for the six months ending Feb. 28, 1894, was read showing a United membership in the stake as follows:

Members of the First Presidency 4, Apostles 8, Patriarchs 12, Seventies 1,337, High Priests 405, Elders 2,512, Priests 841, Teachers 631, Deacons 1,101, members 19,380, total officers and members 25,031, children under eight years of age 8,195, total number of souls 33,226.

The number of baptisms is 2,325.

During the period covered by the report there were 9 marriages.

The number of cities in male children is given as 315 and of females 297.

There were 659 children blessed.

There were 1,109 officers and members received, 99 officers and members removed, 21 new members, and 154 children were baptized.

Four persons were excommunicated.

The number of deaths of males was 104 and of females 101.

The tithes and drawing support aggregate 1,557.

The report shows a total increase in membership of 1,893, a total decrease of 1,132, and a net increase of 761.

STAKE AUTHORITIES.

The general authorities of the Church as presented at the last Conference were then unanimously sustained, as were also the following Stake authorities:

Stake Presidency—Angus M. Cannon, president; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Budington, Theodore M. Kesler, George J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Andrew W. Winberg, John C. Cairns, John W. Fox, James C. Foster, Milando Pratt, Henry P. Rolleston, Elias A. Smith, Joseph E. C. Young.

Alternate High Councilors—John Nicholson, John Corl, David L. Dana, Orson A. Woolley, William W. Riter, Edward Sorensen, John Kirkham, Frank H. Dyke, Spencer Clawson.

Presiding of High Priests' quorum—John Harris, president; George H. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar, counselors.

Patriarchs—Lorenzo D. Young, Wm. J. Smith, Wm. G. Young, Wm. Hogan, Joseph E. Kingsbury, Abner H. Hayden, Washington Lemon, Joseph Horne, Joseph Harker, Archibald N. Hill, Samuel Tenney, William H. Walker and Easton Hilliard.

HIGH PRIESTS ORDAINED.

Anderson, James H.
Anderson, Henry G.
Bowen, Joseph W.
Bowen, Henry G.
Bowen, Thomas
Bowen, William A.
Bowen, Thomas
Bowen, William A.
Cannon, Angus M.
Cannon, Abraham H.
Cannon, Hyrum M.
Cannon, Lorenzo
Cannon, Angus M., Jr.
Cannon, Abraham O.
Cannon, Angus M., Jr.
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