

day said we were married till death did us part. Under the gospel dispensation we are married not only for time, but for all eternity. The gospel is eternal and so are its covenants.

Elder Taylor spoke eloquently and interestingly on the resurrection and bore a powerful testimony to the final success and triumph of the Kingdom of God on the earth. His remarks will be printed in full.

The names of the following Elders were presented to the Conference by Elder George Q. Cannon, as having been called to go on missions. The vote in favor of their going was unanimous:

President Joseph Young,
Horace S. Eldredge,
Wm. C. Staines,
Wm. W. Cluff,
Geo. G. Bywater,
David Brinton,
Robert F. Neslen,
Joseph Parry, of Ogden,
Thomas Howell,
Eleazer Edwards, of Newton,
N. C. Edlefsen,
Oliver Snow,
Peter Madsen, of Brigham City,
Joseph Argyle, Sen.,
Geo. Barber,
Peter Evans,
Ralph Thompson,
Edmund F. Bird,
Hezekiah Thatcher,
Geo. W. Thatcher,
Seymour B. Young,
Soren Christiansen Turd, of Ephraim, San Pete county.

The choir sang the anthem:

"The earth is the Lord's."

Conference adjourned till 2 p. m.

Prayer by Elder Erastus Snow.

FRIDAY, 2 p. m.

The choir sang:

"Let every mortal ear attend."

Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

The choir sang:

"Sweet is the peace the gospel brings."

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Delivered an excellent, instructive discourse on the condition and practices of the Latter-day Saints, and compared them with the condition and practices of the world. In the course of his remarks he alluded to the foolish practice of many of the Saints, in patterning after the world in relation to the absurd styles of fashionable dress. He showed that they who love the things of the world, are more or less destitute of the love of God. It is an imperative necessity for all the Saints to live in accordance with the word of wisdom. A portion of the discourse was devoted to instructing the Saints as to the best course to pursue in order to become more self-sustaining. His remarks were replete with plain, practical facts and instructions; they will shortly be published verbatim.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF.

No dispensation has ever been looked upon with so much interest as that which was ushered in through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith. The Zion of the latter-days has been before the face of God from before the foundations of the world. The hand of God sustained the prophet Joseph, when he was encompassed by his foes. He knew that God lived. This has been the case also with President Young. Notwithstanding the machinations of his enemies, he has had faith in the Lord and the Lord has sustained him. Without the inspiration of the Almighty President Young could not lead the church twenty-four hours. Neither could Joseph Smith have done so; nor any other man. I would say, in the name of the Lord, that no man who will operate against the counsel of Joseph Smith or Brigham Young will ever prosper. No man will ever gain honor or prosperity by fighting against the work of the Lord. If any man undertakes to stand in the way of the Kingdom of God, it will roll over him. Its progress cannot be stayed. If the ancient prophets have seen our day and rejoiced, what manner of men should we be? I rejoice to see manifested the faith that has been and is shown by those appointed to lead Israel. I trust that the Female Relief Societies will institute schools to instruct the young in the art of straw braiding, and other useful employments. It is necessary we should be united in all our temporal labors. In all matters, where the principle of co-operation can be applied, we ought to co-operate.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH.

Soon after the organization of the Church, the Lord gave a command that the beauty of the garments of the Saints should be the workmanship of their hands. Many of the commandments of

God that were given in the early rise of the Church are only now beginning to be fully considered. We have made slow progress, but we understand that it took Enoch three hundred and sixty-five years to prepare a people to dwell in a purer sphere than that of this earth: we therefore rejoice at the progress already made by the Zion of the last days. It is necessary that a people should be prepared to sustain themselves when Babylon shall have fallen; for that prophecy shall be fulfilled. Some years ago, many were called to go and build up settlements and cultivate the land in the southern parts of our Territory. Some had no faith that anything could be accomplished in that direction. Yet much has been done. I feel that those who have been called to go there and have not fulfilled their mission, have lost a blessing. If we co-operate in building factories and introduce all kinds of manufactures we make ourselves independent. This is the only way in which we can become independent of the world. What has already been done in this direction is an evidence of what can still be accomplished. I have been astonished at the patience and perseverance of President Young in teaching the people their every day labors and duties. We are still ignorant in regard to many things, therefore, never let us be too proud to be taught. May the Lord bless us all, Amen.

Conference adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The choir sang "Hail to the Prophet, ascending to Heaven."

Prayer by Elder Franklin D. Richards.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

The choir sang:

"An Angel from on High."

Prayer by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

The choir sang:

"Come ye that Love the Lord."

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON.

The congregation are probably aware, from reading the papers, that the Rev. Doctor Newman lately preached a discourse at Washington, against plural marriage, in reply to a speech made in the House of Representatives by Hon. W. H. Hooper, entitled a plea for religious liberty. Doctor Newman's discourse was delivered in presence of President U. S. Grant, Vice-President S. Colfax, Chief Justice Chase, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and a large number of other distinguished personages. Doubtless Dr. Newman had taken considerable time and great care to prepare his discourse, as he had it announced two weeks before he preached it. Elder Orson Pratt had written a reply to Doctor Newman, which he had had but a short time to prepare. Elder Cannon then read Elder Pratt's reply, to the Conference.

At the close of the reading of Elder Pratt's reply to the Rev. Mr. Newman, President Young arose and made the following remarks:

I feel to bear my testimony to the divine truths of Heaven and the revelations given upon the doctrine of celestial marriage. I wish to say a few words upon this subject. I will not appeal to the scriptures, you can read them for yourselves; but I will appeal to the reasoning of revelation direct from Heaven, saying nothing about the Old Testament or about any man's work.

We find ourselves on this earth, male and female. Whether there are just as many male born as there are females, or just as many females as males, it matters not; here are facts that we should understand. Man is the Lord of the creation, man is the head of the woman. Man is accountable to God; man is the transgressor, and man must be the restorer. The statistics of both past and present will sustain this. Take for instance those of one city in our own Government—I mean the city of New York. Since we came to these mountains I suppose there have perished in the streets and sink-holes of that one city between two hundred and fifty and three hundred thousand females, from sixteen to twenty years of age. This number far exceeds the number of females in these mountains.

Some of the leading men of our own Government, the adjudicators and framers of the law, are more or less guilty; they suffer and permit it and have a share in it. Is this a sin? Yes it is. It is a national and an individual sin; it is a sin that God will reckon with the people for, and for which He will call the nation to account.

Man is the transgressor. Will man repent of his sins? No. Man, the head, the king, the lawgiver and protector on this great earth, or little earth, whichever you have a mind to call it, is the lord of the vineyard, the lord of the earth now. Call upon men, the male portion of the inhabitants of the earth, to repent of their sins, and if they will do so and receive the gospel how many women would be left who would reject it? They would be just about as scarce as white blackbirds: you would not find one, probably, to a million but what would receive the gospel; and if the husband, or father, was faithful to its principles, the wife or wives and daughters would be. But men will transgress the law of God; they have done it all the time, and changed the ordinances and broken the everlasting covenant. Take our own society and see men apostatize; and then women apostatize because the husband or father does so. If the husband and father were to remain faithful, do you think the wife or daughter would apostatize? I reckon not. Man is accountable and man will have to bear this sin; he will have to pay the debt. Women, generally, are inclined to believe and embrace the truth and live according to its dictates a great deal more than men are.

It is no matter with regard to the monogamy of father Adam and mother Eve: they were just enough to start the work of populating the earth; if man had lived as he ought to have lived, the earth would have been peopled quite soon enough, and to its utmost capacity, but there is enough upon it now; and if men will hearken to, obey the truth and will cease their adulterous practices and whoredoms, cease their wickedness with the sex, and repent of their sins, we will fling up at once and will have but one wife; and if there are two or three women left without husbands we will give them to the best man we can find. The reason the Lord requires His people to practice the principle of celestial marriage is to save those who are willing to be saved; to gather up the pure in heart, those who will hearken to and receive the gospel. We have a great many more women than men in this church, because more of them are inclined to believe the gospel. A great many more females than males leave their families and friends to gather with the Saints; for this reason there are more women than men here.

In the world many men will not marry; and I am ashamed to say that in our own midst many young men are not inclined to marry. It is their duty to take to themselves wives. I would be willing, and should rejoice and be thankful, and would praise God if the men would be humble, repent of their sins, turn to God and take to themselves wives and save them without putting us to this great trouble. I should be very willing to part with mine and say "if you can only get better men, take them and give them to them." These are the reasons why God has called upon His people in the latter days to enter into the practice of plural marriage. They do not practice it because Abraham did it, or because Jacob did it, or because anybody else did: but they practice it because it is right, because it is a duty imposed upon them by Heaven, and it will save the souls of the children of men who receive it.

According to the reading of the Bible, Isaac was not a polygamist, that I am aware of. When he was about forty years old Abraham called one of his servants unto him, and said he: "Put your hand under my thigh and swear that you will go unto my country and my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac." And the servant did get a wife for the lad; and though forty years of age, Isaac, in this and other places was called "the lad." He was not old enough to choose for himself, but the servant of Abraham must go to the house of a certain kinsman, and bring him a kinswoman to wife. But what Isaac did in regard to this matter we care nothing about, nor what anybody else did. God has revealed the fact that this is a celestial law, and he who receives this law shall be blessed; and whosoever receives not this law, and rejects it, is damned, no matter who, whether kings, princes, presidents, rulers, governors, legislators, or authorities whether nations or individuals; all who reject this everlasting covenant are damned.

I have received it. I received it on this principle—because it was the commandment of the Lord,—because it was the will of the Lord, and I mean to save all I can. Whether I shall take any more wives or not I do not know. There may be something to be said on

this principle, perhaps, before we get through with our Conference. I do not think anybody will have power to hinder this people going along serving God, and building up His kingdom on the earth. I rather think they will not. They may war, they may legislate, and they may take counsel together and devise mischief against God and His Anointed. But the work is the Lord's, and I rather think He is able to carry it on if we will do our part. If we will not we will be removed out of the way and others called to labor in this great work; and the Kingdom of God will prosper, for it is onward and upward in spite of earth and hell.

The choir sang:

"Though Nations rise and Men Conspire."

Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt.

SATURDAY, 2 p. m.

The choir sang:

"O God! our help in ages past."

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

The choir sang:

"How beautiful upon the mountains."

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH.

We have established in this city a University and also a branch of the same institution at Provo, that our young people may be educated. It is necessary we should be careful in the selection of teachers. We advise our young brethren and sisters to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded, in our University, of qualifying themselves to act as teachers. As we increase in wealth we desire that our facilities for education be proportionately increased. We have heretofore labored under almost unparalleled difficulties with regard to educating our young. We are improving greatly in this direction, inasmuch that none need be destitute of a knowledge of at least the rudiments of education. Parents should take an interest in the education of their children more than by merely sending them to school. The Sunday school is an excellent means of impressing proper sentiments and truths on the minds of the young. I would recommend to the Saints the *Juvenile Instructor* as a suitable periodical to put into the hands of children from which they can gain a great deal of suitable information.

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON presented the Authorities of the Church to the Conference. The votes to sustain them in the following order were unanimous:

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; George A. Smith, his first, and Daniel H. Wells his second counselor.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, jun., Joseph F. Smith, and Albert Carrington, members of the said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church.

John W. Young, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace, and John T. Caine his counselors.

William Eddington, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, Wm. H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thomas E. Jeremy, Joseph L. Barfoot, Samuel W. Richards, Nathaniel H. Felt, John B. Rumell, Miner G. Atwood, Hampton S. Beattie, Wm. Thorn, Dimick B. Huntington, Theodore McKean and Hosea Stout, members of the High Council.

Elias Smith, President of the High Priests' Quorum.

Joseph Young, President of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies, and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates, and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little his counselors, if they will keep the Word of Wisdom.

Benjamin L. Peart, President of the Elders' Quorum, Edward Davis and Abinadi Pratt, his counselors.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; Wm. McLachlan and James Latham, his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Martin Lenzi and Henry I. Doremus, his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacons' Quorum; Peter Johnson and Chas. S. Cram his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Truman O. Angell, Architect for the Church.