STAKE CONFERENCE.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

The choir and congregation sang:

How sweet is heavenly love.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Taylor.

The choir sang:

Oh the summer day is coming, etc.

ELDER ELIAS MORRIS,

President of the High Priests' quorum, reported that that body of the Priesthood were holding interesting meetings which were well attended; instructive lectures were given occasionally. The subject treated upon were the ties which unite the old and feeble for active service in missionary fields, to identify themselves with the High Priests' quorum, when they would be made welcome.

The Saints should patronize the Church schools, the only institutions of education where the children of the Latter-day Saints could get a thorough training in the doctrines of the Church. The good results of the last term in these schools are testified to by those who have tried them; and since many of the people are the sons of Zion in the country, the Latter-day Saints College, for which buildings and grounds costing twenty-five thousand dollars have just been purchased, should receive the support of all such in particular and of the Saints generally.

BISHOP BARNEY HARRIS,

of Herriman, referred to the great change which had taken place in the appearance of the country on the west side of the Jordan, in this valley, owing the last four years, through the blessings of the Lord. The Saints should be wise in the manipulation of their temporal affairs and avoid the contracting of unnecessary debts, by which they would bring themselves to bondage.

BISHOP WM. A. RIGGS,

of South Jordan, referred to his long experience in the Church, during which he had learned to prize the principles of the Gospel above everything else; and he bore his testimony to their truth.

ELDER ROBERT HOMER

spoke about the promises of the Lord concerning the great Latter-day work and their fulfillment, and also gave a good report of the condition of the Saints in the Eleventh Ward, where he resided.

BISHOP DAVID H. BRINTON,

of Big Cottonwood, said that the majority of the people in his ward were striving to live their religion, and attend to their temporal and other duties.

BISHOP WM. C. ALLEN,

of Draper, referred to his arrival in this valley where four years ago since which he had been identified with the Saints here, and rejoiced in his knowledge of the truth of the Gospel. The time had now come which as long ago had been alluded to by the veteran of the Church, that the tithes of the nations of the kingdom should rest upon the shoulders of the younger Elders. The responsible positions now filled by young men in the Church proves this fact.

BISHOP WM. L. S. ALLEN

of the Twenty-first ward, Salt Lake City, gave a good report of his ward. There were a large number of poor in that part of the city, including many widows, but they were not allowed to suffer for the want of the necessaries of life. The different organizations in the ward were in good working order, and were a great help to the Bishop and his counselors.

BISHOP JOSEPH S. RAWLINS,

of South Cottonwood, reported every thing healthy and healthy in his ward, who were keeping pace with the surrounding wards. A good and commodious Church school building had been erected within the limits of the ward for the accommodation of the Saints residing in the more central part of Salt Lake valley, and there were good prospects for having a good school kept there this coming winter.

BISHOP WILLIAM THORNE

of the Seventh ward, Salt Lake City, related some of his experience from the time when he as a little boy was thrown out into a cold and unfeeling world, and he felt thankful for the comfort which the Gospel of Christ subsequently afforded him. Him, he having spent the last forty years of his life in the Church and presided as Bishop of the Seventh ward twenty years of that time, good results had followed his work were being a good work.

COUNSELOR JOS. E. TAYLOR

propounded the question "What shall we do with our boys?" and proceeded to show the condition of the sons of Zion at the present time. The Salt Lake Stake is a very large Stake of Zion, and should the Presidency of the same do justice to their calling, it would be necessary for them to spend all their time for the public good. In attending the different ward conferences through out the Stake, the speaker had found union and harmony existing between presiding officers and the people generally.

The Relief Societies, and other organizations instituted for the benefit of both young and old, should be allotted a proper degree of freedom and independence in their respective associations, that they might have a chance to progress upon their own judgment and wisdom.

The Sabbath schools throughout the Stake were as a rule in fair condition, but there was still a lack of good and efficient teachers in several places.

The Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association should discourage extravagance in dress, and the women here not pattern after the fashion of the world.

The Primary Associations should be encouraged in their work, which is important helps to the Priesthood in the work of moulding the minds of the young and leading them in the path of duty, and the fear of the Lord.

The examples of the Bishops and leading men of the respective wards has a very good deal to do with the general conditions of affairs in such wards, as the people are very apt to copy largely after their leaders, for "as with the priest, so with the people."

The choir, joined by the congregation, sang:

Praise to the man who commanded this day to rise.

Benediction by Bishop Joseph Phillips.

The conference then adjourned till 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 6.

The conference convened again in the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock a.m. President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

By and by, by the day dawn is breaking,
Hosanna shouted from every land.

Prayer by Elder Elias Morris.

The choir sang:

Carry the news from mount to mount let each
Hill be a herald and every valley a voice.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

of North Jordan was the first speaker. He said he hoped to be assisted by the Spirit of the Lord while attempting to make a statement relative to the condition of the North Jordan Ward. The ward has all the organizations that have been formed in order to carry on the work of the Church of Christ, and they are all in good working order. The Mutual Improvement Associations are doing much good; the people are learning a little every year. There may be a tendency to regard the meetings with less interest now than formerly, but on the whole the associations are successful in uniting the young.

The Sunday school is very active and it has been our endeavor to grade the classes somewhat similar to the Church schools, an arrangement which has proved very satisfactory.

The Relief Society is doing a good work among the poor, although there, fortunately, are very few that need any pecuniary assistance in our ward. The brethren are doing their best in looking after the people and attending their meetings.

The speaker referred to the many temptations that now surrounded the people of God on every hand, and said that the Lord no doubt wants to try a tried people. He knows how much each one can bear of temptation and will not suffer anybody to be tried beyond his strength. But we must not push into temptation and then blame somebody else for our fall. We must pray that we fall not and avoid evil society. If we do this, God will do His part.

BISHOP GEORGE D. WHITNEY

was the next speaker. He could not say that great changes had taken place in his ward since the last stake conference, unless it was the fulfillment of some, in spiritual duties that seems to be a characteristic feature during the last season. We ought to be ashamed as Latter-day Saints that we cannot serve God as faithfully in the minutiae as in the wider. He did not think, however, that the majority of the people in the ward, nor in the church at large, neglect their religion in this manner. There is in the Eighteenth ward a good Sunday school with faithful men in charge of it. The Mutual Improvement Association have not yet commenced their meetings this season. The Relief Society is doing well. We also have a good Primary association. The ward has a Church school with an enrolment of a little less than 200 pupils and the school gives good satisfaction.

Religious training, the speaker thought, was particularly necessary at this time, when a great temporal wave seems to be passing over the people. Many seem to have forgotten the main object for which we came on earth. They delude themselves with the idea that they came here to make money. There is certainly no evil in wealth, in itself, for evil is only good perverted, but money, but the love of money is the root of all evil. And for those who set their hearts on riches, it is hard to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Others will devote themselves to art and science. No one ought to depreciate the benefits of the arts (including much learning) for knowledge is power and none can be saved in ignorance, since intelligence is the glory of God, but this intelligence is not merely a knowledge of sculpture, painting, poetry or languages. These are not the principal part of the education we come here to acquire. That faith which can accomplish mighty works, even to the creating of worlds and saving and glorifying humanities, that is a fundamental principle of the intelligence which is the glory of God, and more depends upon this than upon any other subject we can study. Education is patience, forbearance, long-suffering and all the virtues which are necessary for us to learn while upon this earth; for those virtues will follow us into eternity. They are the true riches, which, unlike temporal wealth, we can take with us when we go. Myriads of spirits in the pre-existent life have obtained the privilege given into some here and pass through this mortal experience. What a spectacle we must present to them and to the heavens, if we waste our precious time and neglect the opportunities afforded us for spiritual development here below. We cannot have too much faith, too much righteousness. We cannot become too Godlike. It is our duty to seek first the kingdom of God, and all other things, less important but still useful, will be added unto us.

The speaker felt anxious for himself as well as for his fellow-men, and desired to do what he could to warn the people against neglecting the opportunities they have of perfecting themselves in all things, and especially in the things of the kingdom of God.

ELDER GEORGE GODDARD

felt it a great privilege to attend the meetings of this conference. He had always endeavored to act upon the principle, "Duty first, pleasure last," and tried to identify himself, particularly with the youth of Zion, which amount to about one-fourth of the entire population. He would feel happy if every young man and woman would join the Sunday schools, for the work connected with those institutions is of the utmost importance, and the principles inculcated there might be a safe guard against the snares, temptations and difficulties that everyone is sure to meet.

The speaker dwelt upon the importance of being faithful to the Word of Wisdom and the fulfillment of the promises that have been made to those who do so. The brethren have been entrusted with the authority they have obtained in order that they might be adapted to positions very efficient in the training of the children.

COUNSELOR CHARLES W. PENROSE

read the statistical report of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, for the quarter ending July 31st, 1891, and stated that all the officers and other quorums in this Stake of Zion, for the quarter ending July 31st, 1891, and statistically speaking, were in good standing.

The General Authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained at the last conference of the Church.

The following general officers of the Church were presented and sustained:

Angus M. Cannon, President; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, Counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Budge, Theodore McKean, George A. Smith, Henry Dinwoodey, Angus W. Wallace, John T. Caine, Jesse W. Fox, James H. Fowler, Milando Pratt, Henry P. Richards, Elias A. Smith, Joseph D. C. Young.

Alternates—John Nicholson, John Clark, David L. Davis, Orson A. Woolley, Wm. W. Riter, Edward Stevenson, John Coltman, Frank H. Hyde, Spencer Clawson.

President of the High Priests' Quorum—Elias Morris, with George H. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar to be Counselors.

Patriarchs—Charles W. Hyde, Lorenzo D. Young, Wm. J. Smith, Wm. Draper, Joseph Kingsbury, Alonzo H. Raleigh, Washington Lemon, Henry Norman, Joseph Home and Job Harker.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

Agna M. Cannon, Wilford Woodruff, President of Missions.

Antonio Sala, S.	Wilkinson, James L.
Adams, Wm. H.	Wilkinson, Joseph
Adams, Wilford	Wilkins, R.
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