

Arnold H. Schulthess; with Henry C. Reiser and Christian Willey as his counselors.

President Angus M. Cannon explained that it had been deemed wise to organize a General Church Board of Education for the Stake, independent of the educational boards already existing in connection with the Latter-day Saints' College, the Central Seminary and the Eighteenth Ward Seminary, all located in the Salt Lake Stake. Accordingly, the names of the following brethren were presented and unanimously sustained as the Salt Lake Stake Board of Education:

Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, David McKenzie, J. M. Sjodahl, Wm. W. Riter, Richard K. Thomas.

Counselor Penrose gave notice that the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion would hold their quarterly conference on Tuesday next, at 2 and 7:30 p. m., in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall.

The choir gave a selection entitled "Light and Truth," after which

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON.

addressed the congregation, and delivered a lengthy and powerful discourse on the mission of Jesus, the restoration of the Gospel, the testimonies which the Lord has given concerning its truth, its excellent effects upon those who have embraced it and the general characteristics of the Latter-day Saints who are living up to its principles. The speaker also explained the manner in which God generally gives testimonies to those who desire to know the truth and obey it. This interesting discourse will be published in full.

"Hallelujah" was then rendered by the choir and benediction was offered by Elder B. H. Roberts.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

The choir sang:

Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell  
By faith and love, in every breast.

Prayer by Patriarch Joseph C. Kingsbury.

Singing:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord,  
And worship Him on earth.

ELDER B. H. ROBERTS

was the first speaker. He stated that one of the chief subjects of interest to him during the conference was the statistical reports. It is a matter of grave concern to some that all the district schools in the city have passed out of the hands of our people, teachers being chosen who are not of our faith. An extra burden is placed upon those who would pay the tuition in Church schools; hence nearly all of the children go to the district schools. This, according to some, leads to a growth of Gentile influence among our people in a social sense, and the introduction of amusements foreign to the spirit of the Gospel. The speaker did not share these gloomy forebodings, as he thought the Gospel had not lost any of its power. The simple preaching of the Gospel had been sufficient to lead many, surrounded by adverse conditions, to lives of righteousness and self-sacrifice, causing them to be willing to brave the evil opinion of others by throwing in their lot with a despised people. If the Gospel of Jesus Christ

in its simple preaching by illiterate Elders had such influence on the minds of our parents under the conditions of their embracing it, would it not also appeal to the youth of Israel, who will receive it under more favorable circumstances. So when the statistical reports of this Stake of Zion were read the speaker felt a conviction that the forebodings of those referred to in the beginning of his remarks were groundless. The eight Apostles and the many Seventies living in this Stake are special messengers of God, and their Priesthood is upon them always, and must be used at home as much as abroad. When there is so great a body of witnesses, if they are doing their duty we ought not to be afraid that infidelity will creep to any great extent into our midst. The High Priests enumerated in the reports have special power in this direction of ministering to the people, and the Elders, over 2000 in number, assisted by the Priests, Teachers and Deacons, may do much toward keeping out evil. The organizations of an auxiliary character, especially the Sabbath schools, do their work in the same direction; and lastly, the home influence, powerful for good, if so used, may perform mighty work among the young.

But no association can relieve the parents of the duty and responsibility of teaching their children, and a proper influence at home will do much to keep the young people from the evil influences surrounding them. The organizations now in existence should be fostered and sustained, and if they will perform their duty we need have no fear for the outside influences; for God has organized His Church with stability to resist all attacks, vindicating its truth and its purity. Hence it is weakness in us to believe it will not save the children of Zion. If the officers of the Church will preach the Gospel effectually to the young people, it will not be long before they will be building upon the foundation of faith.

The children of the Latter-day Saints have not been born here without a special reason for it; for they were among the choicest spirits of God, and they will take naturally to the principles of truth. Their devotion to the principles of the Gospel is seen most clearly in times of danger, as an incident related by the speaker clearly showed.

Some of the youth of Zion may wander from the fold, but the great majority of them will be saved. God in His infinite wisdom and power will not save all His children. Some of them will not be worthy of salvation, even in the least of God's kingdoms; hence it cannot be imagined that parents, with their limited wisdom, will save all their children. But parents and Elders should do their duty towards the youth, and then leave them in the hands of God.

The work of the Lord is sure to prosper; the future is full of brightness and labor; and we will have all we can do to keep pace with the progress of the kingdom of God.

APOSTLE A. H. CANNON

spoke of the comprehensive nature of the Gospel, in temporal as well as spiritual things. The labor of the Elders abroad should be supplemented

by earnest work at home among the converts of missionaries, that they may not wander back into darkness. They should also be given employment, that they may not be in idleness and consequent want. There has been of late a great scarcity of work among this people, but the way will be opened up whereby all may be employed. God has blessed this land in making it suitable for the dwelling-place of so many people. The water supply has increased under His blessing, and this in fulfillment of the predictions of the Prophets of God.

We have not fully utilized the facilities God has bestowed upon us, for the lands of this region can be used as a habitation for millions instead of thousands if all the blessings are shared. There are evidences of thrift on every side among this people, and God desires that His Saints should share these blessings with those who come here from foreign lands.

There is a tendency, especially among the young, to disregard and undervalue the councils of the Priesthood in these and other respects. These councils, if followed, will prove of value to those who receive them, for they will be directed by the Spirit of God. The giving of counsel is a duty devolving particularly upon the Teachers.

There is danger that young people who receive training in theology may feel that those older but less trained than themselves are not fit to counsel them; but the advice of such should be regarded, for the Spirit of God will ever influence those who have proven themselves worthy by their faithfulness and integrity. We should therefore seek counsel from men of wisdom, for thus may troubles and dangers be avoided.

When we get false notions concerning any subject, we are apt to disseminate them among our associates, and thus a great deal of harm is done, especially if our counsel to others is founded upon our erroneous opinions. When an army goes into battle the officer in charge must direct all movements, and so it is in this Church. It is our privilege to know the will of God regarding our duties, both temporal and spiritual, and if we gain this knowledge and observe it, prosperity will attend us.

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spoke in an encouraging manner regarding the Church schools of the Stake. The necessity of training the children in the faith for which parents have suffered so much was emphasized, and all tendencies in the direction of weakening their faith were deplored. Modern text books are infidelic in their character, and there is nothing to counteract this tendency; there is great danger that evil results will follow. He stated the necessity of attendance at the district schools in the case of the smaller children who do not enter one of the Stake academies until they are far enough advanced to attend the Latter-day Saints' College, when special pains should be taken to send them there.

Choir and congregation sang:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

The conference was adjourned for six months, benediction being pronounced by President Joseph F. Smith.