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Jenson, Andrew Wells, Joseph S.
Johnson, James A. Woolley, Orson A.
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Kelson, William Wilcken, Ohas. H.
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addressed the congregation. He said, we number in this Stake almost 30,000 souls, including children born and blessed in the Church, who, though not yet baptized, are counted as members in making our report. The necessity for a complete organization of every ward ought to be apparent to everyone. There would be fewer difficulties for Bishops to settle if there were an efficient corps of teachers in every ward to search out iniquity and nip it in the bud, and many a wayward son and daughter might have been saved from going astray and their parents spared the sorrow entailed upon them as a consequence, if the teachers and priests had done their duty. In many instances parents, on finding their children turning to waywardness, feel delicate about calling for the assistance of the Priesthood to help control them, but if the members of the lesser Priesthood were alive to their duties they would discover the need of their services without being asked. If the quorums of the Priesthood were fully organized and performed their duties as they were designed to, there would be no need of such helps to the government of the Church as now exist in the shape of certain associations and organizations, however worthy their object and beneficial their efforts.

PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON.

It is to be regretted that so many quorums of the Elders have failed to make their reports; also that four of the wards have failed to report the amount of the fast offerings they received. I know of one ward at least in which no fast offerings have been collected of late, the reason for abandoning the custom being that there are no poor therein. The requirement to fast and pray and make offerings is made by the Almighty, and should not be abolished by man. If the Saints in any ward are so well provided for that none of them require assistance they have abundant cause for gratitude to God and to make offerings of their substance for the benefit of those less fortunate in other wards, and in such case their offerings should be sent to the Presiding Bishop. It is a reproach to us that so large a sum for the support of the poor has to be drawn from the tithing in the hands of the Presiding Bishop. If the Saints generally were faithful in paying their fast offerings this need not be the case. It will be noticed that the names of the Bishops and their Counselors have not been placed before this conference. The reason for this is that the wards in which they preside are the proper places for them to be voted upon, and the Presidency of the Stake will visit the various wards and place the names of these and other ward officers before the people for them to sustain or reject. This is a large Stake, there being forty-four wards in it and we therefore require a large corps of home missionaries, which we have. The organization of the wards should be complete and kept in thorough working order, the Priests and Teachers doing their duty to see that the Saints are instructed and that no iniquity exists. I do not remember when I was last visited by a teacher, it is so long since. I wish Bishops who are short of help in that line would call to their assistance some of the young men who are growing up in their midst and who are able if not called into service in the Church to fall into evil habits. I wish also the Bishops to see that the transgressors in their wards are dealt with, and that those who are found unworthy of a standing are severed from the Church. I regret to see a disposition on the part of many of the Saints to barter away their possessions. Think of the scenes through which the people have passed before being led to this land, and of the marvelous manner in which the Lord has blessed this country for the sake of his people, and then ask yourselves if they are justified in selling their heritages. When I think of the tendency in this direction which is being manifested I am reminded of the prodigal son who plead with his father to give him his portion and, having obtained it, squandered it in riotous living, and then returned to his father, famished and naked and humbled. Some might feel to ask now, as did the faithful son mentioned in the parable, why it is that those who have sold their posses-

sions, engaged in riotous living, and disobeyed counsel, are still fellow-shipped and sustained, as if their acts had always been worthy; but they might be answered as was the prodigal's brother, "All that I have is thine." The leniency shown the prodigals would not detract from the glorious reward in store for the faithful. Let us repress the scandals which are being circulated in our midst and purge out iniquity from our midst. Bishops, trim up your Wards. Presidents of quorums, labor with your members who are slack in regard to their duties, that they may be led to reform, and the blessing of God will attend you.

It was announced that conference would adjourn till the first Sunday in September to meet at the same place.

The choir sang:

Captain of Israel's host, and Guide
Of all who seek the land above;
Beneath the shadow we abide,
The cloud of thy protecting love.

Benediction was pronounced by President Wilford Woodruff.

ISLAM.

In a time like ours when everything in the Orient attracts the attention of the world, the following attempt at a true and impartial representation of the religion of the East, Islam, may not prove unwelcome to the readers of the News. The data that will be used in this paper are as given by Luttkie in his *Der Islam und seine Volker*, supplied with such personal observations as I have had an opportunity to make.

THE NAME.

The official or authoritative name of the Mohammedan religion is, as well known, "Islam." This word springs from a root which means to be healthy, well, safe, sound, or without blemish. In some of its forms it also means to submit and to make peace. The form "Islam" would signify submission, resignation to the will of God, namely, the professors of this religion. The Mohammedans are called "Moslems," a word derived from the same root. A Moslem is, therefore, when the name only is considered, one who has perfectly submitted to the will of God and who is, on that ground, enjoying peace and tranquility. The name itself, as well as its signification, is really beautiful, and might be envied by our Christian sects with their ugly "isms" and "ists" appended to the name of a frail mortal or to a doctrine of doubtful origin.

It deserves a passing notice, that Islam is one of the three great monotheistic religions of the world which claim to be founded by God himself through inspiration, and also that the professors of Islam are now estimated at 200,000,000 of souls, covering a larger area in Asia, Africa and Europe than the Christians.

THE FOUNDER OF ISLAM.

Mohammed, the founder of Islam and the author of the holy book, *Al Koran*, was born in Mecca in April, 571 A. D. He belonged to