

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the large Tabernacle on Sunday, April 6th, 1879, at 10 o'clock a.m., as per previous adjournment.

Present on the stand: Of the Apostles, President John Taylor presiding. Chas. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Joseph F. Smith, and Albert Carrington. Counselor to the Twelve Apostles, D. H. Wells, presiding Patriarch John Smith; First Presidents of the Seventies, Joseph Young, A. P. Rockwood, H. S. Eldredge, and John Van Cott. Of the Bishopric, Presiding Bishop Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy and R. T. Burton, Counselors.

Conference was called to order by President Taylor.

Choir sang hymn on page 197,

My soul is full of peace and love,
I soon shall see Christ from above.

Prayer by Elder Erastus Snow.
The choir sang hymn on page 377:

Sweet is the peace the Gospel brings
To seeking minds and true.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said we have met together at this conference to transact such business as may be brought before us, that our heart may be drawn out towards God our Heavenly father, and that things temporal and spiritual may be reflected upon as the Lord may see fit to impart unto us. He trusted that both speakers and hearers would be filled with the Holy Ghost that all might be edified and blessed together. He hoped the utmost quiet would prevail during the exercises, and that if children were restless, mothers would better quiet them or take them out. He then blest the vast congregation, and called on

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW,

who delivered an interesting discourse on the rise and progress of the work of God in these last days. Since the sacred record, the Book of Mormon was revealed, which contains the fulness of the Everlasting Gospel, (in September, 1827,) fifty-two years have passed away. He then referred to the 6th of April, 1830, the day on which the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints took place, explaining that six members were necessary for its incorporation under the laws of the State, and traced the gradual growth of the Church since that time, pertaining to the order and classification of the two grand priesthoods, the Aaronic and Melchisedek, as the Lord revealed it to his servant, the Prophet Joseph Smith, giving him line upon line, and precept upon precept, until all the different orders and grades of the priesthood were organized as they now exist.

He then reviewed the various callings and authorities that attach to the several quorums of the Church, and the duties of the Saints towards these different authorities and towards God and each other.

ELDER CHAS. C. RICH

Said we have come together to learn correct principles pertaining to life and exaltation; we want to know, not guess, what the mind and will of the Lord is concerning us, and the more we learn in principle, and carry out in practice, the greater will be our happiness here and hereafter. This is a great privilege to meet together in Conference, and be instructed in the way of life and salvation. When we leave this world, we cannot take with us anything pertaining to this earth, but we can take everything that we have learned in relation to the things of God. We live in a dispensation of gathering; we also live in a time when the salvation of the dead is a portion of the responsibilities resting upon the servants of God. But we must put away from us everything of an evil character, or our negligence and sin will mar our peace and rob us of our happiness and salvation. He then spoke of the testimony which the Saints of God obtained in every nation wherever they received and obeyed the first principles of the gospel, and that testimony was the cause of the Saints leaving their native country and gathering together in these valleys of the mountains. The promises that God has made to his

children are all based on certain conditions, and so long as we observe these on our parts, he will certainly fulfil his promises to us.

Conference was adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The choir sang an anthem—

Praise the Lord.

Benediction by Elder Daniel H. Wells.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Large Tabernacle was densely crowded, and many hundreds were unable to gain admittance.

The choir sang hymn on page 124—

With all my powers of heart and tongue
I'll praise my Maker in my song.

Prayer by Elder Brigham Young.
The choir sang hymn on page 399—

Again we meet around the board
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord.

While the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was being administered,

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON

Addressed the congregation. Spoke of the peaceful and reflective spirit that pervades the minds while listening to the remarks of the servants of God, and looking upon such a vast assembly of worshippers. This people have bright and glorious prospects before them. Their influence is being more widely felt in the world at large than at any previous time. We have not labored in vain, we have not preached in vain, we have not lived lives of sobriety, of industry, of temperance and perseverance in vain.

The zeal and earnestness of any person or community cannot move for the good of any great cause without being exposed to the charge of fanaticism. It was truly refreshing to contemplate the heroic deeds and sacrifices of either an individual or a community, who, for the good of others, has been willing to undergo the scourgings and drivings, and endurance of hardships that thousands of these Latter-day Saints have experienced. The future of such was bright and glorious and their mission was of the most important character. He then spoke of the importance of educating the youth of Zion, not only in the sciences of the world, but also in theology. Is there an evil in the world or a false principle existing, or oppression or misgovernment, the duty of correcting these things devolves upon the Latter-day Saints. The first thing, however, is for us to correct evils in our own midst, and the work of educating a community in these matters is necessarily a slow process, but the work has got to be accomplished.

He then traced the baneful consequences of false traditions in relation to monogamy, and made reasonable comparisons with a law that permits plural marriage, taking up the subject not as a "Mormon" or a Congressman, but as a member of the great family of mankind. He denounced the corruptions of the ancient Greeks and Romans and their abominable and lustful practices, and alluded to the fearful spread of prostitution that has resulted from the laws that have emanated from those people. He believed that God would in his own wisdom bring about a correction of these fearful evils that exist between the sexes. It devolves upon us to defend constitutional principles, against the corruptions and fraud that so unblushingly exists in high places and through all the ramifications of political parties.

He then touched on the improper uses that wealth is often prostituted to. He strongly advocated the constitutional right of all people being protected in their religious creed, for, so long as their acts do not infringe upon the happiness and peace of others, they ought to have the fullest freedom and protection afforded them, and he was determined to lift up his voice, and as far as his influence extended, he would contend for this constitutional right, and would also instruct and educate his children to defend that principle of universal right.

After expatiating upon the broad and liberal principles of civil and religious liberty, contained in the constitution of our country, he called upon the Latter-day Saints to throw aside all narrow minded notions and traditions, and, accord to all people from whatever country they may come or whatever faith they may hold, the same protection

and liberty that they claim for themselves.

The choir sang the anthem,

"Inflamatus."

Conference was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by President Joseph Young.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, April 7th, 1879,

10 o'clock a.m.

The choir sang on page 5:

The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Lo! Zion's standard is unfurled.

Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow.
The choir sang:

Mortals awake, with angels join,
And chant the solemn lay.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then read the statistical report of the Church, but as it was not perfect, some of the returns not being made in full, it is thought best not to publish.

The following report of donations received for the Manti Temple, from several of the adjoining Stakes, was then read, to March 31, 1879:

Total in 50 cent monthly cash donations,	\$ 4,889.74
Do. in Sunday donations,	117,406.29
	\$122,296.03
Amounts donated by Trustee-in-Trust,	\$15,427.76
Total amount,	\$137,723.79

The report of the free-will offerings to the Logan Temple from Cache Valley and surrounding Stakes, from May 28th, 1877, to March 1st, 1879:

In cash, stock, produce, lumber, etc.,	\$119,984.51
In stock and produce per Trustee-in-Trust,	2,036.50
Total,	\$122,021.01

ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS

Spoke of the many blessings that we had been the happy recipients of from our Heavenly Father. He felt pleased to note that a very praiseworthy improvement had been made in the Tithes and Temple offerings of the Saints during the past year. Also in the co-operative movement throughout the Territory, in establishing home industries, etc. He also made some remarks on the tendency in some, to turn away from the worship of the true and living God, into skepticism and idolatry. He then spoke of the efforts being made to draw away our children, by every species of inducements, and warned the Saints against allowing their increased wealth to lead them away from God and his ways, and giving way to an idolatrous devotion to their cattle, their farms, etc., and other worldly property, but when God blesses us with the good things of this world, we should not forget the obligations that such blessings impose upon us, but be willing to use them for the establishment of His purposes on the earth, and be always zealous of good works. He prayed that the blessings of peace and fellowship might abound with the Saints.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON

then called over the following names as missionaries:

Great Britain.

Orson Pratt, senr., Salt Lake City.	
Brigham S. Young,	"
Joseph R. Matthews,	"
Geo. H. Taylor,	"
John F. Miller,	"
Hugh Watson,	"
Peter Reid,	"
Edward E. Brain,	"
Archibald M. Buchanan,	"
John South,	"
Thomas P. Jack,	"
Francis Cope,	"
John Rider, Kanab.	"
Isaac J. Wardle, South Jordan.	"
George Crane, Kanosh.	"
Hyrum Bennion, Taylorsville.	"
Wm. C. Haigh,	"
Henry Rampton, Bountiful.	"
Edwin M. Curtis, Logan.	"
Oscar G. Hunter, American Fork.	"
Erastus B. Snow,	St. George.
Moroni Snow,	"
John M. Moody, Junr.,	"
Wm. Barnes,	"
Edward Cliff, Sanpete Co.	"
Jonathan Midgeley,	"
John Boyden, Coalville.	"
W. B. Parkinson, Morgan.	"
Chas. Monk, Spanish Fork.	"
Wm. Wilkes, St. Charles.	"
Chas. Westover, Junr., Leeds.	"
Evan Wride, Provo.	"
Joseph Goddard, Logan.	"
Wm. Robertson, Spanish Fork.	"

Andrew Ferguson, " Lyman Martineau, Logan.
Robert Dansie, Fort Herriman.
C. H. French, Salt Lake City.
Wm. McFadden, Salina.
William Driver, Ogden.
Henry Margetts, Paris.

Scandinavia.

Nils Wilhelmsen, St. Charles.
C. C. Asmussen, Salt Lake City.
Andrew Jensen, Pleasant Grove.

Swiss and German Mission.

Serge L. Baliff, Logan.
Andrew Heppler, Glendale.
Ferdinand Oberhaensli, Payson.

Canada.

Andrew Coray, Cedar.
W. H. Seegmiller, Richfield.

Manitoba and Iceland.

Jacob B. Johnson, Spanish Fork.
John Evindson, "

United States—Southern States.

Orange Warner, Fillmore.
John H. Hougaard, Manti.
Martin Garn, Sugar House.
Henry C. Longmore, Moroni.
C. H. Bliss, Salt Lake City.
Hyrum S. Young, "
Leonard G. Hardy, "
Rudgar Clawson, "
El Nathan Eldredge, Sugar House, to Indiana.
R. T. Barrett, North Ogden, to Pennsylvania.
Matthew Ivory, Beaver, to Pennsylvania.
C. H. Lund, Mount Pleasant, to Minnesota.
W. S. Seeley, Mount Pleasant, to Minnesota.
The choir sang the anthem,
Thine O Lord, is the greatness.

Conference was adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder C. C. Rich.

STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Salt Lake of Zion, convened in the Large Tabernacle, April 5th, 1879, at 10 a.m.

There were present:

The Presidency of the Stake, Angus M. Cannon, David O. Calder and Joseph E. Taylor.

Patriarch, John Smith.

Presiding Bishop Edward Hunter.

The Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum, Elias Smith, Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris.

After the opening services, the roll of Wards was called. All the Wards of the Stake were represented by some of the presiding authorities, excepting the 14th and 20th of the City, and the South Jordan and West Jordan Wards of the County.

The following reports were read: Statistical report of the Stake for the quarter ending Feb. 28th, 1879, as follows: Apostles, 7; Counselors to the Apostles, 2; Seventies, 1,092; High Priests, 467; Elders, 1,620; Priests, 143; Teachers, 162; Deacons, 663; members, 10,206; total officers and members, 14,367; children under eight years, 5,571; total of souls; 19,938; families, 4,071, marriages, 44; births, males, 101; births, females, 95; children blessed, 177; members received, 172; members removed, 231; baptized, 35; deaths, males, 57; deaths, females, 60; excommunicated, 7; individuals drawing support, 304.

An exhibit of the tithing receipts and disbursements of the Stake for the year ending December 31st, 1878, showing as follows: Total amount of tithes paid, \$113,574.00; number of tithe payers, 2,496; average amount of tithing paid per head of tithe payers, \$45 each; amount disbursed to the poor, \$1,900; amount paid to bishops and clerks, \$1,067.

The following communication was read from the Stake Tabernacle committee:

GENERAL TITHING STORE,
April 4th, 1879.

President A. M. Cannon and Counselors:

Brethren—I wish to inform you that we have acted upon the decision of the Priesthood at the monthly meetings held in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms, viz., employed all the carpenters and other mechanics we could possibly get, and purchased all the lumber and other material needed to keep them at work. We have obtained a credit of over \$3,000, and the amount is now due, and we respectfully ask you to come to our immediate relief, as per unanimous vote of the priesthood.

In addition to the above, we shall

need 46,000 feet of lumber; 88 lath, 75 kegs of nails; paint, oil, putty, \$1,000; 30 boxes of glass, etc., which will net a little over \$3,000. This we think will be sufficient to complete the building, with the exception of lighting, warming it, which will require a gine, boiler, pipes, etc., upon which no estimate has yet been made.

Respectfully,

GEORGE GODDARD,
In behalf of the Committee.

A communication from the Presidency of the Y. M. M. I. Association of the Stake was read, accompanied by the following report:

Associations, 35, male members, 1,634; female members, 688; number of members, 2,322; average attendance, 1,534; visitors received, 322; visitors sent, 430; value of offerings, \$573.45.

A statistical and financial report of Relief Societies for the quarter ending March 21st, 1879, was read as follows:

Statistical: Teachers, 438; officers and members, 2,248; meetings held, 188; average attendance, 1,534; Church papers taken, 199; Women's Exponent taken, 399.

Financial: On hand (at the close of the last report,) cash, \$45.45; property, \$5,165.47; wheat, bushels, 2,486.

Receipts: Cash, \$594.52; property, \$1,153.17; wheat, bushels, 188.

Disbursements: To the poor, cash, \$334.33; property, \$958.37; emigration, cash, \$7.00; temple, cash, \$113.58; property, \$181.34; home industries, property, \$11.00; food, cash, \$5.60; building, property, \$388.97; Indians, merchandise, \$2.00.

On Hand: Cash, \$560.00; property, \$4,779.96; wheat, bushels, 2,486.

A statistical and financial report of the Y. L. M. I. Association of the Stake showed as follows:

Statistical: Teachers, 169; members, 967; meetings held, 93; average attendance 204; Church papers taken, 4; Women's Exponent taken, 8.

Financial: On hand, (at date of the last report) cash and property, \$148.37; wheat, bushels, 42.

Receipts: Cash and property, \$109.50.

Disbursed: To the temple and other purposes, \$43.30.

On Hand: Cash and property, \$214.77; wheat, bushels, 42.

There are several of these associations that have a paper, edited by the members.

A report of Sunday Schools for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, showing as follows:

Male officers and teachers, 4; female officers and teachers, 8; average attendance of officers and teachers, 564; male pupils, 2,946; female pupils, 2,946; average attendance of pupils, total number of classes, 533; books in libraries, 4,065. (The following items are just as they appeared in the Ward reports.) Funds on hand, last year, \$380.13; funds collected, \$1,923.18; funds disbursed, \$2,341.1; in the treasury, \$448.13.

A report from the 12th Quorum of Elders was also read.

President Angus M. Cannon presented the subject of the communication from the Stake Tabernacle before the Conference.

Remarks were made on this subject by Bishops Edwin D. Woolf, Reuben Miller and Isaac M. Stearns.

It was moved, That the money necessary to complete the Tabernacle be apportioned among the Wards of this Stake. Carried unanimously.

President Angus M. Cannon then addressed the Conference, after which it adjourned until 2 p.m.

2 p.m. April 5th, 1879.

Conference reassembled.

After the opening exercises President Angus M. Cannon stated that as the saints of this Stake would have an opportunity of voting in the general authorities of the Church at the general annual conference they would not then be presented. He requested the saints in voting for the authorities of the Stake, to do so freely, and to manifest it, when they could not fully sustain any who were presented.

The authorities of the Stake authorized the officers of the various associations and institutions thereof when then sustained as at the previous conference, with the following exceptions and changes:

Elder Dimick B. Huntington's name was omitted as a member of the High Council, he having departed this life.

Elder Wm. J. Smith's name was omitted from the Home mission