

## SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Priesthood meeting and the semi-annual conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall, Saturday, March 4th, at 10 a. m., Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding.

There were present President Joseph F. Smith, Elders A. M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose of the Stake presidency.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

Our God, we raise to Thee  
Thanks for Thy blessings free  
We here enjoy.

Prayer was offered by Elder Theodore McKean.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

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

The roll was called showing as follows: Six High Councilors, four Patriarchs; Elias Morris and William C. Dunbar of the Presidency of the High Priests quorum; fifteen Presidents of Seventies and seven Home Missionaries.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Twelfth and Twenty-third city wards, and Herriman, Brighton and Pleasant Green of the county.

The Presidency of the first, second fifth, seventh, tenth thirteenth, fourteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second quorums of Elders responded to the roll call as did also the Stake Presidency of the Relief Society, Sabbath Schools, Young Men's and the Primary associations also responded to the roll call.

The usual business of the Priesthood meeting was transacted, after which remarks were made as follows by the speakers named.

## ELDER J. D. T. McALLISTER

was pleased to meet with so many of his brethren and sisters firm in the faith and prompt to duty. To see Salt Lake valley again, after his latest absence, was like living his life over again. Referred to the early days in the valley when peace reigned and doors could be left unbolted with none to molest or make afraid; days of arduous toil, but toil that was honest and which had been abundantly rewarded. Spoke of the principle of obedience, such as Adam manifested in the matter of offering sacrifice, simply because God had commanded it, and asked if we had arrived at the same condition of faithfulness, to do as the Lord bade and not question His authority? As a people and particularly as a Priesthood, we should set the world an example in all that is good. If we seek to build up the kingdom of God He will build us up. The speaker referred to the work which women had to do in the Church, and urged the sisters to qualify themselves for their duties. The Saints should teach their children the responsibilities that rest upon them, and the worthy should go to the temples of God and officiate for the dead who have died without the ordinances of the Gospel. Some imagined that marriages performed in the temples were not legal. This is an error. The officiating Elder in the temple is a minister of the Gospel, and his acts in

marrying people are as valid as those of a justice of the peace. The speaker urged those among the Saints who were about to marry to live worthy of receiving recommends to the House of the Lord, so that their children might be born in the covenant. He called upon the young people to connect themselves with the societies instituted in their midst for their benefit—such as the Mutual Improvement associations—in order that they may prepare themselves to take the places of their parents in this work when the latter shall have passed away. The erring should be looked after and the returning prodigal should be welcomed home from his wanderings. The speaker in conclusion invoked the divine blessing upon the priesthood and people of God.

## ELDER CHARLES W. PENROSE

said that he believed in the doctrine enunciated by Elder McAllister, that men bearing the Priesthood should be ready at any time to perform any labor that God required of them. The Priesthood was not conferred upon men for their honor, or as a mere reward for past services, but to enable them to labor more efficiently for the benefit of the people. Men should not be called to be Elders simply to enable them to go to the Temple to get married, but because of the gifts and callings of God unto them manifesting their worthiness and fitness for the position. If that be not the primary motive in calling men to such places, it was wrong and the responsibility would rest upon the Bishops who recommended the unworthy. "Lay hands suddenly on no man," either in a pugilistic way or in ordination to the Priesthood, if he be not worthy of it. The Bishops should be careful not to act prematurely in issuing recommends. The speaker referred to various evil practices that were becoming prevalent in the community. We should not pattern after the follies, fashions, customs and wickedness of the world. Everything that is comely should be encouraged, but we should take the lead and not follow after the world. We should not be of their spirit, for God had called us out of the world. The speaker strongly denounced the introduction into the community of practices that had as their object the limiting and prevention of natural increase. Such things were murderous and would bring disgrace and damnation upon those who were guilty of them. The Saints must not countenance such things. The speaker showed how many humble, faithful men were laboring in obscurity as Teachers, etc., but said that God would reward them and that their future would be glorious. All men would be rewarded according to their works.

The choir sang the anthem:

Jesus, my cross have taken,

and the Conference was adjourned until 2 p. m.

Benediction by Elder Elias Morris.

2 p. m.

The choir and congregation sang:

The time is far spent, there is little remaining.

Prayer by Elder David Walker.

The choir next sang:

Earth with her ten thousand flowers,  
Air with all its beams and showers.

## ELDER ANGUS M. CANNON

was the first speaker. He said it

was gratifying to think that in spite of the great amount that had been taken away from the Latter-day Saints by the present government, the Saints had been able to bring the Temple so near completion, so near that it will be completed by April 6th. Then it will be possible for the Saints to better comprehend the relations between God and man. When this grand ceremony takes place the city will be so crowded that it will be necessary for many saints to make beds even upon the floors of their houses; and if there is not room enough then the houses of worship will be thrown open and accommodations furnished therein. Those who live outside the city in the suburbs that can be easily reached on the cars should cook as much as they can before the time for dedication comes so that those who visit may not go unfed. It will be wise for those who come for this next Conference to bring with them their recommends so that the Saints may be sure that they will not bestow hospitality upon those who do not deserve it.

In the Salt Lake Stake there are 30,000 Saints and it seems there should be enough to more than fill the Tabernacle. The Saints should attend the services themselves and should also see that their children come also, because the children as well as their parents need the spiritual food that is given at these meetings. For the children it is essentially necessary that they be given such a knowledge of the truth that they will be able to see the inconsistencies of the false doctrines that they will come into contact with in life.

The speaker dwelt on the prosperity of the Saints and said that those who have been made prosperous should be willing to give up part of their earnings for the glory of God. The father should be unselfish and so should the mother, and both should make an effort to glorify God in all possible ways, and their children will emulate their example and will endeavor to do likewise. If the Saints do not go back on the counsels of God their children will not. We should be ready to make any sacrifices for God. We should observe the word of wisdom. We should be willing to divide our substance with others and not forget in our comfort that others may be suffering. The children of this day should remember the toil, hardships and self-denial of their fathers and grandfathers.

## PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

was the next speaker. He delivered a powerful discourse on the Temple, the next Conference, the duties of the people in the matter of tithing and other things, and the duties and qualifications of Elders.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Though in the outward church below,  
The wheat and tares together grow.

Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young.

Sunday, March 5, 1893, was the second day of the Salt Lake Stake conference. Meetings were held in the Tabernacle, Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding. At the opening of the morning session,