

of God, while living in violation of his commandments. Some, to gratify certain desires and lusts, rob themselves of the very blessings which they seek to obtain. We have to prepare ourselves for accomplishing the purposes of the Lord, according to the revelations; and the work commenced in Jackson County, is as applicable to us here as it was there, and is necessary before we can be fully prepared to go back there.

Pres. B. Young briefly and pointedly addressed the sisters on the use of tea and coffee, showing that the means so expended might be applied to better purposes; and that increased health would be the result of abstaining from their use. The poorest in dollars and cents can do good, and aid in strengthening the interests of righteousness. He instructed the sisters to practice industry, teach their daughters to be industrious, to be economical and good housewives, competent and efficient in the performance of the varied duties devolving upon a wife and a mother; and showed that in this way they can do a great amount of good. Much of the means that might be saved by knitting, weaving, hat making, and other things, now neglected by the bulk of the people, might go to assist the perpetual emigration fund, or to support the families of the Elders who are on missions. He enjoined upon them to teach their daughters and sons not to use tea and coffee; and for all to be saving, neat, and active, making the articles worn by themselves and their families; and in all things seeking to do good to themselves, to their families, their husbands, and their brethren and sisters in the kingdom of God.

Elder George Teasdale sang "The Saints are marching on victorious." Pres. D. H. Wells pronounced the benediction.

2 p.m.

The house was crowded to excess, great numbers being unable to obtain admission.

Singing by the choir; prayer by Elder John Taylor; anthem by the choir.

President D. H. Wells, in referring to those who desire to destroy us, said that if they wish to overcome "Mormonism," they would act more in the spirit of fairness by trying to bring against it mightier truths than can be presented in its favor, instead of seeking to crush it out with brute force. The kingdom of God will endure for ever; it is a temporal kingdom and an eternal one; and the principles which are taught in connection with its establishment have a bearing upon our every interest whether called temporal or spiritual. He treated upon and urged obedience to the Word of Wisdom, and referred to wool raising and home manufactures, showing their great importance. To be successful in this as in everything else, unity of effort is the lever that moves the labor with ease and power; hence we should be united, obedient to the principles of truth; and grow with the growth of the kingdom of God. He read the revelation called the Word of Wisdom, exhorted the people to obey it that they may enjoy the blessings resulting from so doing.

Elders J. T. D. McAllister and George Goddard sang "All are talking of Utah."

Elder John Taylor dwelt upon the objects of our assembling together, in a conference capacity. Everything that is conducive to the happiness or welfare of mankind is a subject for our consideration; and when we meet together in conference, such of those things as more closely relate to the present are talked over, dwelt upon, and such steps taken as are deemed best for our own welfare and the welfare of our fellow men. Our aims, our objects, our hopes and our labors are for salvation and exaltation, and that the blessings of our Father in heaven may be enjoyed by all who desire to do right. He spoke of the faith we have in the revelations of God, and the knowledge and testimony which the Lord has bestowed upon us. And contrasted our social and political condition with that of the world. Obedience to God has given us the happiness and prosperity which we now enjoy, and more perfect obedience will increase blessings upon us. He also advocated home manufactures, impressing their importance upon the congregation.

Choir sang. Prayer by Elder George A. Smith.

Sunday, April 7th, 10 a.m.

The Tabernacle presented a densely packed appearance long before the appointed hour of commencing the morning services, and hundreds were compelled to remain outside or go away.

The choir sang; Elder Joseph W. Young prayed; followed by an anthem from the choir.

Elder George A. Smith said that the crowded state of the Tabernacle, with the fact that a great many were so unfortunate as not to get inside, urged a vigorous prosecution of the new Tabernacle. He took for his text, If ye are not one ye are not of me; showed that we are one in matters of faith and doctrine, though gathered from almost every nation on the earth with many prejudices, yet with much faith in the gospel; but there is a greater unity of effort required to advance our internal development, and the producing and manufacturing such articles as we need. Cotton has been successfully grown, and with the little machinery brought here has been already a blessing of incalculable value. The importance of keeping sheep and caring for them; getting wool and manufacturing it; feeding and properly caring for the animals we own; every family having a complete set of the works of the Church for family use; every meeting-house and every family being supplied with sacred books; every home being made attractive; and the people subscribing for and reading the DESERET NEWS, *Juvenile Instructor* and *Telegraph* with the money now wasted on tobacco, were strongly advocated; while the use of strong drink was reprehended in pungent and severe language, and the people were called upon to unite and put away such an evil from our midst. The value of the counsel given at various times to save our grain, was reviewed and urged in a forcible manner.

Elder John D. T. McAllister sang "The Moral Conflict."

President B. Young called upon the Bishops and leading Elders to intelligently and understandingly observe the Word of Wisdom, that their example might be followed by the people. He instructed the congregation on those things which we have a right to do, and of those which we have not the right to do; and exhorted all the people of Israel to obey the word of the Lord, keep His commandments, abide His revelations, observe the Word of Wisdom, and increase in righteousness.

Choir sang. Prayer by Pres. Daniel Spencer.

2 p.m.

The vast number of people who could not obtain admission to the Tabernacle, induced President Young to hold the meeting in the Bowery, where an immense congregation were soon assembled, sitting and standing.

Choir sang, "Come all ye Sons of God." Bishop P. H. Young prayed. Choir sang, "We thank thee, O God, for a Prophet." Sacrament administered by Bishop Hunter and his counselors.

Elder W. Woodruff bore his testimony to the work of God, called "Mormonism;" and urged upon the people to become "of one heart and of one mind" in all things, temporal as well as spiritual. Unless we do so, we will fail to accomplish the work we have to do. The "Word of Wisdom" is a revelation from God, adapted to the weakest of all Saints; and every man and woman who will exercise faith in God can observe its injunctions.

Singing "O, ye mountains high."

Elder Ezra T. Benson exhorted to increased unity, and the observance of the Word of Wisdom, with industry, economy, and independence of false fashions. One great reason why the injurious luxuries forbidden in the Word of Wisdom, and expensive habits which are wasting the means of the people, are so prevalent, is, because when one person indulges in them another must; they cannot bear to be unfashionable. Every false appetite will pass away if we struggle against it and seek strength from the Lord.

Singing, "O, Saints have you seen," &c.

Elder George Q. Cannon followed on the power and influence which we have already gained, and the great labors we have accomplished, by our unity of faith and action, and our obedience to the priesthood; reasoning that an increase of unity and of obedience would add to our power, influence and ability to accomplish good as a people in a degree that is difficult to estimate. He quoted the promise which the Lord has made to those who will observe the Word of Wisdom, and exhorted the people to prove its verification.

President B. Young said he wished to have influence with the Saints, so that he could prevail upon every one of them to work righteousness and sanctify the

Lord God in their hearts, and do His will in all things. That is all that he desired influence for; and those who seek influence among mankind for other purposes use whatever they can obtain for evil and not for good. Every man and woman in the Church has a mission to do good, receive the principles of truth in their hearts, live according to them, and increase the power of righteousness upon the earth.

Choir sang "O my Father, &c." Prayer by Elder E. T. Benson.

Monday, April 8th, 10 a.m.

Conference again assembled in the Bowery. Choir sang "Come ye that love the Lord, &c." Bishop E. D. Woolley offered up prayer; after which "Glorious things of thee are spoken, &c.," was sung by the choir.

President H. C. Kimball spoke on several points of doctrine, and advocated a course of living consistent with the laws of nature—temperate in eating and drinking and avoiding the use of everything injurious to the human system—which would be attended by increased health, longer life, and more vigorous and active faculties and abilities. He urged the importance of pushing forward the building of the Temple.

President B. Young said he wished to see the Temple raised, and built strong enough to stand during the Millennium. We have to work unitedly and with full purpose of heart; and he wished this Temple to stand as a monument of the energy and faith of the people in their early labors. He extended the privilege to those who would accept it, that they might furnish teams for the purpose of hauling rock to be used in its construction. The completion of the canal will enable the rock to be brought much easier than it now can be; and if those who are to derive benefit by its waters, will pay the tax imposed for that purpose, but a short time will elapse before it will be ready for opening.

Our duty is to help sustain the kingdom of God, and to cease following after the world or going to them for purposes of trade; our only trust is in God, and while we keep His commandments He will protect and sustain us.

He called for men to work on the new Tabernacle, that it might be completed this summer.

The doctrine of atonement was touched upon in words plain and pointed, showing that the Lord Jesus died for all, but faith and repentance must precede enjoying the efficacy of His blood.

Anthem by the Choir. Prayer by Elder John Van Cott.

2 p.m.

Singing, "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath." Elder J. D. T. McAllister prayed. Anthem by the Choir.

Elder C. C. Rich reasoned on the nature of the heaven which we hope to enjoy, and the work we have to do in making that heaven, by adopting and practicing in our lives the principles of righteousness. We can thus gain power with God, and knowledge to gather around us everything that is worth knowing, possessing or enjoying. He was pleased to see the desire manifested among the congregation, to obey the instructions given at this Conference. An increase of unity, and power to accomplish the purposes of God will be the result of their so doing.

Elder George Q. Cannon then presented the following Authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sustained in their positions by vote of the Conference:—

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Heber C. Kimball his first, and Daniel H. Wells his second counselor.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards and George Q. Cannon, members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church. Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace and Joseph W. Young, his counselors.

William Eddington, John T. Caine, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, William H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thomas E. Jeremy, Geo. W. Thatcher, Peter Nebeker and Joseph F. Smith, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Edwin D. Woolley and Samuel W. Richards, his counselors.

Joseph Young, President of the first

seven Presidents of the Seventies, and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates, and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little, his counselors.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; William Carmichael and Robert Price, his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teacher's Quorum; Henry I. Doremus and Martin Lenzi, his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacon's Quorum; Warren Hardy, and James H. Johnson his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works; John Sharp, his assistant.

Truman O. Angell, Architect for the Church, and William H. Folsom his assistant.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigration Fund to gather the poor; Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells and Edward Hunter, his assistants and agents for said Fund.

George A. Smith, Historian and general Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff, his assistant.

A number of Elders were then called upon to go on missions.

Elder George Q. Cannon spoke of the willingness manifested by the Elders to go on foreign mission; and followed with a few remarks on the condition of the settlements on the Muddy and the Beaver Dam. Volunteers were called for, to go and strengthen those settlements.

Choir sang the anthem, "I will sing," from the 89th Psalm.

President D. H. Wells viewed this as the greatest day that has ever been seen by the Church, with the largest assemblage of Saints that has been together at one time in this dispensation. He urged parents to have their children well educated, to supply them with good books, have good teachers for them who understand and live according to the principles of the gospel, and to pay those teachers. And exhorted the Saints to live their religion, and to put down sin and iniquity in their midst, that they may continue to receive and enjoy the promised blessings.

President B. Young said that he wished the young men in this and other cities and settlements through the Territory, to improve their minds, and take steps to make their knowledge, powers and abilities of more value than those of young men generally are. He recommended the establishment of evening schools, and lyceums, where surgery, anatomy, chemistry and other branches of education could be studied; and where a knowledge of physic could also be obtained by those who desire to possess it. For this purpose materials might be sent for during the present summer, that the studies might be effectually prosecuted. Classes could also be formed for the study of law—the laws and institutions of this and other nations. He recommended girls to learn arithmetic to a further extent than many now do, that they might qualify themselves for the pursuit of light occupations, in which men are at present principally employed. They could become compositors in printing offices, clerks in stores, and be otherwise engaged in occupations suitable to their health and physical powers, which would bring them better remuneration than they now receive.

He particularly urged, in education, the study of the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and other works of the Church; and expressed his desire to see phonography introduced into our schools, that the children may learn it with the rudimental branches of education. By this means, and by our young men acquiring it, this valuable art can become more generally known and brought into use.

He blessed the people in the name of Jesus; and called a vote of the congregation on the adjournment of Conference, which was adjourned until the 6th of October next, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to meet in the New Tabernacle.

Choir sang the anthem, "The Daughter of Zion."

President Kimball pronounced the closing benediction.

E. L. SLOAN, Clerk of Conference.