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TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

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reference to its existence among the Latter-day Saints. The reason why it was practised among us was because God commanded us to observe it, and gave revelation concerning it, and we believed it. Why should not God give laws in our day, pertaining to family relations, as well as in the days of Moses?

He always thought, when a boy, that any one had a right to believe and practise Bible doctrine in this land of freedom, but it seemed that men had passed laws which prohibited the observance of one law, that of polygamy, on pain of heavy penalties. Should we therefore obey God or man?

He then delivered a prophecy that every man or woman who rejected polygamy would go into darkness and lose the Spirit of God and finally be damned.

He dwelt on the subject in reference to its future state. All the ordinances of the gospel had a bearing upon our future condition. Marriage being a divine institution, no persons joined together by a civil magistrate were legally married in the sight of God, neither were their children legal heirs, though they were so regarded, according to the laws of all Christian countries. He regretted that some of our young people, professing to be members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had actually been married by a justice of the peace only, which severed their relation as man and wife when death did them part. Not so with those who were married under divine authority for time and all eternity. Their relationship would never be dissolved.

He closed his remarks with a vivid description of the New Jerusalem, on whose gates would be inscribed the names of twelve polygamous children.

The choir sang the anthem—

The earth is the Lord's.

Conference was adjourned till 10 o'clock, to-morrow.
Benediction by PREST. GEO. A. SMITH.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING,
October 8.

The choir sang—

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

Prayer by Elder JOHN VANCOTT.
The choir sang—

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine.

ELDER GEORGE GODDARD

Made a few remarks on the importance of strictly carrying out the counsel of the servants of God in contributing freely to the erection of temples and carrying out a self-sustaining policy, by the encouragement of every possible home industry.

ELDER C. W. PENROSE

Spoke of the necessity of every public speaker being filled with the Spirit of the Lord in addressing an assembly of Latter-day Saints. He also spoke of the Gospel which had been preached by the Elders among the nations, and after close scrutiny and investigation of those principles which they preached many embraced them and were baptized for the remission of their sins. They then received a witness from God, testifying to their truth. They were then taught the principle of gathering, which they soon received and acted upon. Hence, thousands had gathered into these valleys, where they could learn more of the ordinances of the Gospel, might unite their energies, and fulfill the prayer of our Saviour, that they might be one even as he and his Father in heaven were one.

He then made remarks on the Priesthood which is placed upon the male members of the church, for the building up of the Saints.

Most of the Saints who came from the old country, were not, as some suppose, from the lowest walks of life, but from the ranks of

the industrious or working classes, from the bone and sinew of the nation, who possessed moral courage enough to receive and obey truth as they found it, and were willing to risk the consequences.

President Young was not opposed to the dissemination of education; the had always sustained and encouraged it, and as a people we ought to patronize our own publications which contained our principles, and lay aside the use of trashy works that come here in large quantities.

He then defended the people against the unrighteous attacks made upon them of being guilty of murder and disloyal to the government. We are here to build up, not to tear down, to create, not to destroy. Let parents set good examples before their children and keep them from mingling with the corrupt, who were to be found in the saloons and other places where the profane and wicked were wont to meet.

He closed by a faithful admonition to both Saints and sinners, and bore a strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PREST. G. A. SMITH

Hoped the instructions imparted this morning would be carried out in families and wards. Let us observe the Sabbath, and the Word of Wisdom, encourage the reading of our own publications, and do what we could to build up the Kingdom of God. No matter what false statements might be circulated, let us be up and doing.

He said many were about to be called as missionaries to the States and other places, as there was a great generation grown up since the rise of this Church, who had never heard the Gospel.

He then described the present condition of the Temple in this City, and invited all the Bishops and Saints generally to go and visit the Temple. He himself was delighted with the stability and beauty and progress of it.

He hoped the brethren and sisters would carry out the suggestions given during this Conference. They should especially sustain the publication known as the *Woman's Exponent*, being the only journal published by the sisters.

He also advocated the principle of self-sustenance, in connection with the growth of the United Order, and to never cease our efforts until Zion was free and independent.

The choir sang—

O praise the Lord.

Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.
Benediction by Elder J. L. SMITH.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,
Oct. 8.

The choir sang—

All hail the glorious day,
By prophets long foretold.

Prayer by ELDER J. C. LITTLE.
The choir sang—

Great God, attend while Zion sings,
The joy that from thy presence springs.

ELDER G. Q. CANNON

Said five weeks ago he started on a visit to the Southern parts of the Territory. He found a willing and obedient people wherever he went. Elders Erastus Snow and A. M. Musser were with him most of the time, and they had excellent and large meetings at every place.

God had inspired men in our day to lead and guide the people in the way of salvation, and we should hold ourselves ready at all times to be guided in the habits of life and the performance of any duty required at our hands. We should be willing to forsake old and erroneous traditions as fast as they were pointed out to us. There were many duties imposed upon us inasmuch as the foundation of the great Latter-day Kingdom had been committed into our hands, and it had to grow and increase until it should fill the whole earth. Hence there was much to do.

He then reviewed the principles of the faith of the Latter-day Saints and contrasted them with those entertained by the outside religious world. He also spoke favorably of the labors and efforts of the Latter-day Saints. Though not perfect, yet they approximated towards perfection, and were attended with very beneficial results. We were striving to live in accordance with the life that was to come. One of the first lessons given to the Saints in this dispensation, through the Prophet Joseph, was to become one in their temporal labors, and submit to a union of interests. The lack of the Saints in

not responding to that revelation was the chief cause of their expulsion from Jackson Co., Mo. He felt thankful, however, that God had again called upon the Latter-day Saints to become one and lay aside their individual interests, by seeking the general good of the whole people.

Some people had predicted the downfall of the people of God in these valleys, owing to the contact of various influences that would gradually come among us, but God had decreed that his kingdom should stand and not be given to another people.

He traced the persecutions of by-gone days towards the servants of God, who endeavored to establish a principle of brotherhood among the people. If we were to establish a greater work than any of our predecessors upon the earth, we had got to have more faith, more power, and practise a higher righteousness, or we could not do it. In our efforts, coupled with sacrifices and self-denial, God would assist us.

He spoke very favorably of the progress of the New Order in some of the southern settlements, and made an energetic appeal to the bishops and leading men of this City to take hold of it, in the right spirit, and God would bless them. But if they continued to be so faithless and inoperative we need not be surprised if God visited us in his displeasure and scourged us until we were willing to be an obedient people.

He then testified that he knew that God had revealed this United Order to this people, and we be to us if we did not enter into it with good and honest hearts.

The following missionaries were then called and presented before the Conference, who were unanimously approved by the congregation with uplifted hands—

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.

To Scandinavia.

N. C. Flygare, Ogden City.
Soren C. Christofsen, Manti.
Andrew R. Anderson, Lehi.

To the British Isles.

Robert Easton, of Greenville, for Scotland.
Henry C. Fowler, 20th Ward, S. L. City, for England.

To the United States and Canada.

Chandler Holbrook, Fillmore.
Therdon Rogers, Fillmore.
Ansel P. Harmon, Holden.
James Z. Stewart, Draperville.
A. W. Smith, Draperville.
Thomas Steed, Farmington.
Truman Leonard, Farmington.
Wm. Rawson, Harrisville.
Lewis D. Wilson, Ogden.
Erastus Bingham, Jr., Huntsville.

Alexander Brown, Lynne.
Moses Cluff, Provo.
Joshua Davis, Provo.
Ezra Barnard, Box Elder Co.
Samuel Henderson, Box Elder Co.

Abraham Hunsacker, Brigham City.

William Brown, Bountiful.
George Hickerson, Sen., Corn Creek.

J. A. Ress, Corn Creek.
David Savage, Sen., Holden.
M. B. Shipp, 11th Ward, S. L. City.

Ezra T. Clark, Farmington.
H. C. Haight, Farmington.
Joseph A. Taylor, Sen., Harrisville.

Noah Shurtliffe, Harrisville.
Mertillo Shaw, Ogden.
Alanson C. Allen, Huntsville.

Myron B. Child, Riverdale.
Chas. Harding, Box Elder Co.
R. K. Homer, Box Elder Co.

Christopher F. Dixon, Payson.
George S. Rust, Payson.
Samuel Bills, Payson.

Robert Smith, Payson.
George E. Steel, Provo.
Alfred Billings, Provo.

J. M. Ballinger, Pleasant Grove.
William Winn, Lehi.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON announced that on Friday afternoon the Church authorities would be presented to the Conference.

The choir sang the anthem—

Give ear to my words.

Conference adjourned till 10 o'clock on Friday morning.
Benediction by President GEO. A. SMITH.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Oct 9, 1874.

The choir sang—

When earth in bondage long had lain,
And darkness o'er the nations reigned.

Prayer by ELDER H. H. CLUFF.
The choir sang—

Come all ye saints who dwell on earth,
Your cheerful voices raise.

ELDER JOHN VAN COTT

Spoke of the many opportunities that were offered the Latter-day Saints for their improvement if properly attended to, but considerable slackness was very observable in many of late, which he thought could be accounted for by the fact of the Saints being in more easy and comfortable circumstances than heretofore, and allowing themselves to be allured into a slothfulness pertaining to the things of God, whereas such blessings ought to inspire feelings of gratitude and devotion.

He then reviewed the travels and trials of the Saints in coming over the Plains to these valleys, and the union that existed among them in their then poverty stricken circumstances, and that continued in their midst, which accounts for the wonderful improvements that are to be seen everywhere throughout the Territory.

We were now called upon by God, through his servant Brigham, to unite our temporal interests, that we might obtain more power and favor with God, and be able to repel the powers of darkness.

He personally was ready and willing to thoroughly unite with the Saints, with everything he had, feeling very desirous to take those steps marked out for the Saints, not only for our present benefit, but for the blessing of future generations. Greater blessings would grow out of this union than it is possible for the minds of the Saints to contemplate.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF

Said that during the last forty years the Latter-day Saints had been taught many things and yet they still needed a great deal of preaching. In allages of the world history tells us that persecution and trials had been the legacy and experience of the Saints, and any man who was not prepared to round up his shoulders to take what persecution, or even death, might be his lot, was not worthy of the blessings that were promised to the faithful.

This dispensation was the one that all ancient prophets had their eye upon, and would not close until the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Eternal life was what we were aiming after, and what were goods and chattels, houses or lands, in comparison with it? We should have far more safety, if we united ourselves together, than in remaining in our present divided condition. God never had a better nor more valiant set of men and women in any age of the world, than he had in our day, and who were gathered in these valleys of the mountains.

Speaking of persecutions, he said, we were no better than our Master was when on the earth, who suffered much poverty and persecution, and also death, and we need not fear, for God would not permit our enemies to do more than was necessary to accomplish his purposes. If persecution and even death awaited us, what of it? All the world had to die sooner or later, and it was far better to die in trying to establish the Kingdom of God than, as many did, on the battle field, simply for the glory of defending some earthly king or potentate.

Let our prayers ascend before the Lord, for the Presidency of the Church. They were our leaders, and had been for many years. We should not only pray, but our works should correspond therewith, to sustain the Kingdom of God.

Let us try to do our duty, and attend to all the ordinances of the Gospel, and enter into the United Order of God, or we could never attain to a celestial glory.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

The choir sang the anthem—

I will extol thee.

Benediction by ELDER F. D. RICHARDS.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 9th.

The choir sang—

Hark, the song of jubilee,
Loud as mighty thunders roar.

Prayer by Elder B. YOUNG, Junr.
The choir sang—

A holy angel from on high
The joyful message has made known.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH

Said the Conference would be adjourned this afternoon until Sunday morning, and on Sunday afternoon would be adjourned until April 6, 1875.

He said that there had been a remarkable unity in all our past Conferences among the Latter-day Saints, when holding up their hands to sustain the authorities, which was a prayer to Almighty God to sustain them in their duties.

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON

Presented the authorities of the Church to the Conference, all of whom were unanimously sustained by the vast assembly, as follows—

Brigham Young, Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells, counsellors to President Brigham Young.

Lorenzo Snow, Brigham Young, Jr., Albert Carrington, John W. Young, and George Q. Cannon, Assistant Counsellors to President Brigham Young.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, Sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Jr., Joseph F. Smith and Albert Carrington, members of said quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church.

George B. Wallace, President of this stake of Zion, and William H. Folsom and John T. Caine his counsellors.

William Eddington, Thomas E. Jeremy, John H. Rumell, Miner G. Atwood, Dimick B. Huntington, Theodore McKean, Hosea Stout, Milande Pratt, J. R. Winder, Geo. J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Milen Atwood, A. M. Cannon, Joseph Horne, Andrew W. Winberg and George Nebeker, members of the High Council.

Elder Cannon stated that the last four of the above mentioned brethren would act as High Councilors when required to do so on account of the absence of other members; he also stated that a number of brethren presented and sustained as members of the High Council at the last Conference, but whose names were not presented now, had been released because their business was such as to frequently compel their absence from the High Council when it was in session.

Elias Smith, President of the High Priests' Quorum, and Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris, his counsellors.

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

E. W. Davis, President of the Elders' Quorum. He would choose his own counsellors.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop; Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton, his counsellors.

The Conference was informed that Elder J. C. Little, formerly one of the counsellors of Bishop Hunter, had tendered his resignation of that position, which had been accepted because the business of Elder Little required his almost constant absence from this City.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; Wm. McLachlan and James Latham, his counsellors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Martin Lenzi and Henry I. Doremus, his counsellors.

James Leach, President of the Deacons' Quorum; John H. Picknell and Thomas C. Jones, his counsellors.

George A. Smith, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and John Sharp, John L. Smith, LeGrand Young, Elijah F. Sheets, Joseph F. Smith, Moses Thatcher, John Van Cott, Amos M. Musser, James P. Freeze, F. A. Mitchell, Thomas Taylor, as his assistants.

Albert Carrington, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund for gathering the poor.

Truman O. Angel, Architect for the Church.

Orson Pratt, Historian and General Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff, his assistant.

He also presented the officers of the United Order who were voted in at the last Conference, and were again sustained, as follows—