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Seventies, and gave them some excellent instructions pertaining to their ministry as missionaries to the nations of the earth. Since 48 years last April he himself had been made the happy partaker of the spirit of the holy gospel, after obeying its ordinances. Thousands of the messengers of salvation have been sent to all parts of the earth, and with all the results of their labors, not one ship load of saints has ever been lost on the ocean, because God Almighty was with them, and his angels had charge of them. There was no greater mission given to mortal man than that which he owes to his wife and children. "Your light should shine before them by setting them a good example, and by your good instructions and prayers, you should throw around them a shield and protection. By founding them in the truth as well as leaving them supplied with the blessings of this life, you can leave and go to the nations to preach the gospel, and be justified." He did not think it wisdom for our missionaries to preach much of the terror of the law to the people, but dwell more fully on the sweet, soft, persuasive invitations of the gospel and the peaceable things of the kingdom. He then dwelt on the extreme torture and sufferings that were endured by our Savior when he was hung upon the cross, and the great work of salvation thus wrought out for the human family.

He then urged a kind and generous treatment towards the poor who are out of employment, and gave some excellent advice to both brethren and sisters who have come from the old country and are seeking work. He also gave some good counsel to those who are about to leave as missionaries, warning them of the many evils that exist in the world, and exhorting them to patience and faithfulness.

Elder L. J. Nuttall then presented the names of the following missionaries.

Names of missionaries who have been called and set apart since the last Conference, and who are now in their fields of labor:

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Albert Story Goodwin, Beaver.  
John Archibald McAllister, Logan.  
Alexander Burt, Salt Lake City.  
Joseph W. Burt, "  
William Jack, Manti.  
William C. Rydall, Grantsville.  
William Cooper 7th ward, city.  
John Wiser, Lewiston.  
Joseph Robinson, Payson.  
Alfred Best, 7th ward, city.  
Edwin Harman, 16th "  
George Mitton Spencer, North Jordan.  
Joseph Lamoni Holbrook, Bountiful.  
Stephen Tucker, 2nd ward, city.  
William Wood, 18th "  
David Spillsbury, Toquerville.  
John Urie, Cedar City.  
David Urie, "  
Moses Booth, St. Charles.  
Joseph Carlisle, Mill Creek.  
Joseph James Giles, Herriman.  
Gibson Condie, Jr., 8th ward, city.  
William Richard Jones, 15th "  
John Morris Bowen, Herriman.  
Joseph Stafford Tingey, 17th ward, city.  
Edmond H. LeCheminant, Brighton.  
Heber John Romney, 20th ward, city.  
Charles F. Wilcox, 14th Ward, City.  
John Richards Howard, 20th Ward, City.

#### CANADA.

John Lows Campbell, St. George.

#### SCANDINAVIA.

Rasmus Berntsen, Logan.  
Paul Hammer, 12th Ward, City.  
Lars Nielsen, Fountain Green.  
Martin Jacobsen, St. Charles.  
Charles Samuelson, Santaquin.  
Peter Olsen Hansen, Manti.  
Casper Bryner, St. George.  
Jacob Peter Olsen, 2nd Ward, City.  
Sven Erickson, Grantsville.

#### UNITED STATES.

John Leishman, Wellsville—Returned on account of ill health.  
Milford B. Shipp, Salt Lake City.  
David Orson Miner, do  
Jacob Weller, do

#### SOUTHERN STATES.

William Hulme, Bloomington.  
Daniel Densley, Jr., Herriman.  
Joseph Ford, Centreville.  
John Nelson Price, Mill Creek.  
Alexander Bickmore Kidd, South Jordan.

Names of missionaries who have not yet departed:

#### FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Albert Carrington, Salt Lake City.  
Benjamin Harman, Mill Creek.  
George Stringfellow, 3d Ward, City.  
David Cook, East Bountiful.  
James Farmer, Jr., Monroe.  
John H. White, 16th Ward, City.  
John Gray, 11th Ward.  
Joseph G. Cutler, 14th Ward.  
Thomas Laing Pringle, 18th Ward.  
Moroni J. Thomas, 19th Ward.  
Wm. S. Brighton, 11th Ward.  
Wm. F. King, Fillmore.  
Joseph A. Jennings, 16th Ward.  
Isaac Duffin, Toquerville.  
Wm. G. Davis, Big Cottonwood.  
Wm. Probert, Jr., Holden.  
Lyman Robinson, Fillmore.  
David West, Pleasant Grove.  
Franklin Snow, Brigham City.  
Benjamin E. Rich, Ogden.  
Winfred S. Harris, do.  
Moroni Brown, do.  
Moroni F. Brown, do.  
Wm. H. Butler, Marriott.  
John R. Baxter, Spring City.  
Thos. D. Reese, Wales.  
Robert Spence, Lake Town.

John Miller, Nephi.  
Richard Henry Stringfellow, Draperville.  
Geo. H. Butler, Marriott.

#### SCANDINAVIA.

James Hansen, Ephraim.  
James P. Larsen, "  
Jens J. Hansen, Hyrum.  
Niels Rasmussen Lindhal, Union.  
John Hansen, South Jordan.  
James C. Olsen, Salina.  
Jens Jensen, Monroe.  
Hans Enoch Nielsen, Hyrum.  
Andrew Amundson, South Jordan.  
Lars N. Larsen, Moroni.

#### SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Samuel Gentry, jr., Coalville.

#### UNITED STATES.

Joseph A. Smith, Beaver.  
George D. Nebeker, 19th ward, City.  
James S. Jensen, Redmond.  
Jacob Jacobsen, Moroni.  
Daniel Zundel, Willard.  
Samuel B. Warner, Willard.  
John Blackham, Moroni.  
Joseph R. Murdock, Charleston.  
D. E. Harris, Monroe.

#### SOUTHERN STATES.

Edward Stevens, Holden.  
Anthony Paxton, Kanosh.  
Lashbrook Laker, St. Charles.  
George Passey, Paris.  
James H. Wells, Joseph.  
John Houston, Fanguitch.  
Kiley G. Clark, "  
Samuel Porter, Manti.  
Peter H. Anderson, Manti.  
George M. Bartholomew, Fayette.  
Wm. H. Adams, Fountain Green.  
John Carter, Mount Pleasant.  
James K. McClenahan, Mount Pleasant.  
Samuel Bills, Fairview.  
Elmer W. Johnson, Kanab.  
James W. Eardley, 3d ward, city.  
James Mott Barlow, 15th ward, city.  
Charles B. Felt, 17th ward, city.  
Matthias F. Cowley, 14th ward, city.  
Daniel R. Bateman, West Jordan.  
H. B. M. Jolley, Mt. Carmel.  
Isaac Riddle, Beaver.  
John Robertson, Spanish Fork.  
Wm. J. Packer, Brigham City.  
Jacob G. Bigler, jr., Nephi.  
Wm. H. Bakes, Beaver.  
Wm. Hanks, Charleston.  
Horace Eldredge, Sugar House Ward.  
Francis M. Jolley, Manti.  
Wm. Thompson, Granite.  
Richard C. Camp, Wallsburg.

Elder JOSEPH F. SMITH said from his youth up he had rejoiced in the principles of the gospel, and knew that it was the power of God unto salvation, not only unto himself, but unto all those who believe and obey the truth. He thought that God would have to exercise much charity and mercy towards us, or we should certainly come far short of the blessings we were anticipating. He felt anxious himself to do the best he could according to his knowledge and comprehension of his duty towards God, and wherein he felt short he should have to appeal to God his Heavenly Father for that forgiveness which he could exercise according to his mercy. The principle of forgiveness is too plain to be misunderstood, and we are required to forgive each other and not hold enmity in our hearts towards one another. Unless we learn and practise this principle, it will be folly to expect forgiveness from God our Heavenly Father, for he hath said, If you forgive not your brother, neither will your Father in heaven forgive you your trespasses. He then read from the revelation in the Doctrine and Covenants wherein we are required to forgive the trespasses of our enemies, the first, second, third and fourth times, even though they do not repent and ask forgiveness, and until seventy times seven when they do repent and seek forgiveness. He thought it was high time for us to study the word of God, and try to live it in our daily lives, that we may be indeed the Saints of the Most High God.

Conference adjourned till Sunday at 10 a. m.

Choir sang:

Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

Benediction by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

#### FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY, October 10th, 1880.

10 a. m.

Conference called to order by President John Taylor.

Choir sang:

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

Prayer by Elder Edward Partridge.

Choir sang:

Arise O glorious Zion,  
Thou joy of latter days.

Elder ORSON PRATT said there are thousands of male members of this Church, who hold, as we all testify, divine authority, to act in their several callings in the holy priesthood. If we are destitute of that authority as the world say we are, then we are in the same position as they and there is no authority from God vested in man upon the earth. But we affirm that God bestowed divine authority upon

Joseph Smith and that by divine commandment he bestowed it upon others. Joseph Smith received power to translate the Book of Mormon from the plates before he was ordained to the holy priesthood in the flesh. But he did hold the priesthood in eternity, being ordained before the foundations of the world, in common with others who were reserved to come forth in the last days, to hold the priesthood with authority and power to administer the plan of salvation to the children of men in the flesh. There is no beginning to the priesthood. It always existed, being from all eternity to all eternity, but there is a beginning to the time when each individual receives that everlasting priesthood.

He then referred to the first vision of Joseph Smith when but a boy. He saw two personages, the Father and the Son, and yet the sight did not consume him, although it is written that without the priesthood no man can see the face of God and live. The reason why he was enabled to look upon the face of God and live was because he was chosen and ordained in the spirit world to the holy priesthood, and was selected to come forth in this age to usher in the dispensation of the fullness of times. In due time however, on the 15th of May, 1829, John the Baptist came and conferred upon him the priesthood of Aaron, which gave him authority to preach the gospel and baptize for the remission of sins. Subsequently, Peter, James and John ordained him to the Melchisedec priesthood, which gave him authority to still further carry on the work of God, and administer in the higher ordinances of the plan of redemption. In a short time God revealed to him the necessity of a quorum of Twelve Apostles, after which the Quorum of Seventies was pointed out to him, and as the number of converts increased, God gradually made known to him one principle and authority after another as the necessity of the Church required. God dealt with his servant Joseph just the same as a wise earthly parent does with his children, adapting his instructions according to their growth and capacity.

In the course of time men were appointed to take charge of and attend to the temporal properties of the Church; this was done before there was any Bishop appointed. This circumstance clearly proves that God adapts his course with his children according to their condition and requirements. And what is essential under one set of circumstances, may not be suitable under other circumstances, hence we find that God reveals his mind and will to his children, according to their needs and his own good pleasure. And because something is done in one age of the world, that is no reason why it should be repeated in another.

He traced the history of the church in its various organizations, especially illustrating the difference in the duties of Bishops Edward Partridge and Newel K. Whitney, who were general Bishops over large districts, and the Bishops over wards whose duties are entirely local. The first presiding Bishop of the Church was Vinson Knight, who with his Counselors had presidency over all the other Bishops. In process of time, as the number of Saints multiplied, and cities and settlements increased, it became necessary to have local or ward Bishops, as at the present time, whose authority is strictly confined to their own particular ward. He then defined the several duties of a Traveling Bishop and Bishop's Agent, both of whom should hold the Bishopric, because their duties are connected with temporal things. The time will come when the prophecy of Isaiah will be fulfilled concerning every one that dwells on this continent, who will not believe the Book of Mormon, who will not repent and obey the word of the Lord and hearken to the voice of his priesthood—God will cut them off from among the people, and the remnants that are left will bow to the laws of Zion.

He dwelt at some length on the future glory and advancement of the kingdom of God. He also spoke of the several duties and responsibilities that attach to the First Presidency of the Church and to the Twelve, who are a traveling High Council, authorized to set in order the quorums and authorities of the Church throughout the world. He spoke of the occasions when the quorum of the First Presidency was lacking in consequence of the death of the First President and showed

that the duties of guiding the Church then necessarily rested upon the Twelve. It was deemed wisdom to again fill up that important quorum, viz. the First Presidency, at this conference, which had been acted upon by the Twelve and also by a great body of the priesthood at their meeting last evening. This change will take three from the quorum of the Twelve and their vacancies have to be filled, all of which will be presented before the Conference this afternoon and both male and female members will be called upon to vote thereon.

Elder JOHN TAYLOR said it was very necessary for every matter of importance to come before the body of the Church, for their approval or otherwise, that unity of action and feeling may be promoted, and therefore the measures alluded to by Elder Pratt would be presented to the whole conference.

Elder L. John Nuttall presented the following names of missionaries to the

#### UNITED STATES.

James McGhie, Sen., Sugar House Ward.  
Mons Anderson, Lehi.

#### SOUTHERN STATES.

Adam Wilcox, Cottonwood, Bear Lake Stake.

They were unanimously sustained by the Conference.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON then designated the seats in the Tabernacle which the several quorums of the priesthood should occupy in the afternoon.

Choir sang an anthem:

Worship God.

Conference adjourned till 2 p. m. Benediction by Elder W. Woodruff.

2 p. m.

The several quorums of the priesthood in Solemn Assembly were seated in the following order, according to previous announcement:

The Twelve Apostles in their usual seats.

On the south part of the stand the Patriarchs, the Presidents of Stakes with their Counselors and the High Councils.

On the north part of the stand the Bishops and their Counselors, Presiding Bishop Hunter and his Counselors in front of them.

The High Priests in the north centre of the body of the house, the quorum presidents in front.

The Seventies in the south centre of the body of the house, the First Seven Presidents in front.

The Elders immediately behind the High Priests.

The Lesser Priesthood in the north side of the house.

Conference called to order by Pres. John Taylor.

Choir sang,

O God our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come.

Prayer by Elder Albert Carrington.

Choir sang,

O God the eternal Father,  
Who dwells amid the sky.

Elder Orson Pratt then presented the following authorities of the Church to the Conference, all of whom were unanimously sustained by each quorum of the priesthood, rising in their order, with uplifted hands to heaven:

First, the Twelve Apostles and their Counselors; second, the Patriarchs, Presidents of Stakes and their Counselors and the High Councils; third, the High Priests; fourth, the Seventies; fifth, the Elders; sixth, the Bishops and their Counselors; seventh, the Lesser Priesthood—Priests, Teachers and Deacons; eighth, the Presidents of the various Quorums. Last, the whole congregation, male and female, in the galleries, on the stand and in the body of the house:

John Taylor, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon, as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith, as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Wilford Woodruff, as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the Council of the Apostles—Wilford Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Albert Carrington and Moses Thatcher.

As Counselors to the Twelve—John W. Young and Daniel H. Wells.

Francis Marion Lyman as an Apostle in the Council of the Twelve. John Henry Smith as an Apostle in the Council of the Twelve.

After the sustaining of the First Presidency the votes were first act-

ed upon by that Quorum and then by each Quorum in its order as named above.

Elder George Q. Cannon announced that the changes having been voted upon severally by the Quorums, and as it would take too long and was unnecessary to follow the same order in relation to the rest of the Church authorities, they would be submitted to the Conference as usual. They were then unanimously and severally sustained as follows:

The Counselors to President John Taylor, the Twelve Apostles and their Counselors as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch of the Church—John Smith.

As the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates John Van Cott and W. W. Taylor.

The Presiding Bishop of the Church, Edward Hunter, with Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton as his Counselors.

John Taylor, as Trustee-in-Trust for the body of religious worshippers known and recognized as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to hold the legal title to its property and contract for it.

The Twelve Apostles, their two Counselors and Bishop Edward Hunter, as counselors to the Trustee-in-Trust.

Albert Carrington, as President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund for the Gathering of the Poor, and F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, H. S. Eldredge, Joseph F. Smith, John W. Young, Angus M. Cannon, Moses Thatcher, Wm. Jennings, John R. Winder, Henry Dinwoodey, Robert T. Burton, A. O. Smoot and H. B. Clawson as his assistants.

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

Truman O. Angel, as General Architect of the Church, and T. O. Angel, Jun., and Wm. H. Folsom as his assistants.

As Auditing Committee—W. Woodruff, E. Snow, F. D. Richards and J. F. Smith.

George Goddard as Clerk of the General Conference.

George F. Gibbs as Church Reporter.

President GEO. Q. CANNON said: I hold in my hand the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and also the book The Pearl of Great Price, which books contain revelations of God. In Kirtland, the Doctrine and Covenants in its original form, as first printed, was submitted to the officers of the Church and the members of the Church to vote upon. As there have been additions made to it by the publishing of revelations which were not contained in the original edition, it has been deemed wise to submit these books with their contents to the Conference, to see whether the Conference will vote to accept the books and their contents as from God, and binding upon us as a people and as a Church.

President JOSEPH F. SMITH said, I move that we receive and accept the revelations contained in these books, as revelations from God to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and to all the world.

The motion was seconded and sustained by unanimous vote of the whole Conference.

President George Q. Cannon read a list of amounts of P. E. Fund indebtedness recommended for remittance by the Presidency of the various Stakes of Zion, and passed upon by the President of the P. E. Fund Company, as follows:

Bear Lake Stake, principal and interest together, \$12,328.67; Beaver Stake, \$1,147.32; Box Elder Stake, \$9,608.94; Cache Stake, \$2,896.55; Davis Stake, \$20,477.70; Juab Stake, \$3,571.53; Kanab Stake, \$1,092.35; Millard Stake, \$5,391.85; Morgan Stake, \$10,559.86; Panguitch Stake, \$981.53; Parowan Stake, \$6,919.74; Sanpete Stake, \$7,291.96; Salt Lake Stake, \$103,615.19; Sevier Stake, \$5,824.84; Summit Stake, \$6,532.34; St George Stake, \$7,950.55; Tooele Stake, \$21,002.85; Utah Stake, \$53,560.60; Wasatch Stake, \$9,261.27; total, \$337,015.64. Weber, Little Colorado and eastern Arizona, no reports.

The Conference voted to sustain the action of the P. E. Fund Company in remitting the amounts named in the list.

The Sacrament was then administered.

President JOHN TAYLOR said it was gratifying to him to know that the organizations of the Church were now provided for. The mind of the Twelve had been exercised on the question of the First Presidency, and what has been done to-day he believed was approbated