

## REMARKS

By President GEORGE A. SMITH, delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, April 6th, 1869.

[REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.]

I am glad, my brethren and sisters, to meet with you again in General Conference. Our Conferences form a peculiar feature in our history, and the people in all parts of the Territory look forward to these occasions with far more than ordinary interest, and make calculations to participate therein.

The past six months have been a period of remarkable interest. There has been a marked advancement in the progress of the work of the Lord and a great increase and improvement in the knowledge, sentiments and feelings of the Saints since our last Conference, perhaps more so than in the same space of time at any period in the history of the Church since its organization. The Saints are becoming more united in their business relations, and in all their associations for the purpose of accomplishing the work that is before them, and if the old adage, "union is strength;" be true, we are certainly growing stronger.

The teachings during this Conference will, as a matter of course, have a tendency to increase this union, to enlarge the understandings and judgments of the Saints and to banish certain antiquated ideas which, more or less, have been woven into our being, and have formed part of our existence, enable us to free ourselves from the shackles of tradition and ignorance and to move forward more effectually in the discharge of those duties devolving upon us in connection with the great and glorious work which God has entrusted to our charge. It will also be necessary for us to take into consideration the different points pertaining to the progress of that work.

It was a saying of Joseph Smith, that he taught the people correct principles and they governed themselves. A feeling has been engendered and sent abroad that the Latter-day Saints are subject to bondage; but instead of this being so they are controlled wholly on the principle to which I have just referred, as having been enunciated by Joseph,—they are taught correct principles and then govern themselves. When the elders of Israel have succeeded in informing the minds of the Saints in relation to any topic pertaining to the work of God in the last days they have accomplished a great work, and that work is followed by a feeling of willingness and obedience to carry out that principle on the part of the great mass of the Saints.

Last year we made an effort to bring home the Saints from the Old World, and a pretty strong emigration was the result. It will be remembered that when the matter was first agitated it seemed as if there was but a small amount of means to be obtained. Many of the brethren in the wards felt that they could do but little, but they went to work and brought home some five thousand Saints. This same work is still before us, and appeals to our sympathy, and we still have occasion to call the attention of each other to the importance of the work of bringing home to Zion, our brethren and sisters in foreign lands who are deprived of the privileges that we enjoy because of their inability to gather. An appeal is to be made from this Conference to the Saints generally throughout the Territory, to contribute again of their substance to bring home the Saints from foreign lands.

The facilities for gathering the Saints are far greater than they have been heretofore. We wish to say to any of those who are already gathered, who may be indebted to those who are left behind, that they should remember and discharge their obligations. We also advise the Saints to write to their friends abroad and inform them how things are progressing here. I am aware that when the people land here there are many inconveniences with which they have to contend, and they have to struggle for a time before they can again make a start in the world; but they should not, on that account, forget the brethren and sisters they have left behind and especially those who may have advanced means to aid them in emigrating. One of our first great duties

should be to square our accounts and to stand honorably with our fellow-beings.

Although a great advance has been made within the last two years in the observance of the "Word of Wisdom," there is yet room to talk on that subject. We find that the tobacco trade is still very considerable in this Territory, and we cannot yet lose sight of the fact that we are compelled to pay a tribute to the Emperor of China for tea, and to the Emperor of Brazil for coffee; and there are still men in Israel who do not seem to realize the importance of observing the "Word of Wisdom." It is, therefore, necessary to preach, teach and exhort, and to enforce upon the Saints the importance of its observance, for it is preparatory to great blessings which God has in store for the faithful. The elders will instruct us in relation to these matters as the spirit of the Lord may dictate.

It has been my privilege, this last month, to visit most of the branches in the southern part of the Territory. At a large portion of those branches I have attended meetings, and have seen many of the brethren and sisters, and I feel to testify that in all my travels in Zion, I have not found a better spirit, a more united determination or a warmer feeling with regard to the work of the Lord, and to build up His Kingdom, than I found on this visit. I felt thankful to learn that our brethren in the cotton country were filled with the spirit and were zealous for the accomplishment of their work, and that they were progressing very satisfactorily in the accomplishment of their mission, or at any rate that portion of them who have taken hold of it with the zeal which becomes men who are honored with the privilege of laboring in any department for the building up of Zion. The testimony of the work of the Lord in the hearts of the Saints is a living and abiding testimony. While the work is progressing we must be alive to the fact, and we must not get behind, we must be faithful, live humble before the Lord, observe His counsels and laws, not even forgetting the principles contained in the "Word of Wisdom." If we take this course the blessings of life and peace will continue to abide with us, which may God grant in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## ITEMS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

**HIGH COUNCIL.**—The members of the High Council are requested to meet at the City Hall, to-morrow, Wednesday, morning at 10 o'clock for the transaction of business. A full and punctual attendance is requested.

**FUNERAL.**—The funeral services of R. T. B., son of Albert and Sarah Dewey, aged two years, one month and seven days, took place at the 8th Ward Assembly Rooms, at 10 o'clock this morning. President George A. Smith addressed the congregation in a very impressive and consolatory discourse on the condition of those who die in their youth, and the hopes held out by the gospel that the time will come when all who are faithful to the principles of eternal life, will not have to mourn the loss of their little ones.

Brother Dewey, the father of the child, started on a mission to Europe a few days ago, and under the circumstances the loss will be deeply painful to both Brother and Sister Dewey. We sincerely sympathize with them in their affliction.

**PROVATE COURT.**—The Grand Jury were in session this morning, but at the time of our going to press had made no presentment. Judge Smith adjourned the Court until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

**POLICE.**—Jack Gleason, for drunkenness, profane swearing and disturbing the peace, was, this morning, fined \$10 by his Honor Alderman Clinton.

**BROKE JAIL.**—Early on Saturday morning, Lewis Miller, J. R. Mosley and J. McTerren, three prisoners awaiting trial at the Court House, succeeded in breaking jail by wrenching a bar from their cell window, with which they dug up the flagging and then excavated their way under the walls. Since their escape nothing has been heard of them. Lewis Miller was awaiting his trial for stealing stock at American Fork, R. J. Mosley for shooting Harry Evans in this city and J. McTerren for getting at Wasatch.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.**—The Hon. B. F. Wade, late President of the Senate, and lady, Major General P. H. Sheridan and several officers of his staff, Generals Boynton, Hopkins and Rucker, Senator Roscoe Conklyn of New York, Gov. Campbell of Wyoming, W. H. Painter and lady and several other distinguished persons are at present visiting our city.

**THE LUXURY OF A COLD BATH.**—Our Local is occasionally enthusiastic, especially when the subject relates to the development of home productions and the increase of home comforts. Yesterday on the invitation of Mr. Mark Lindsey he visited that gentleman's retreat on the bench, above the 20th Ward. There he luxuriated in a delightful cold bath and delicious strawberries, whilst at the same time he admired the beauties of the scenery observable from the ground and chatted on the elysium that it could in a short time be made for pleasure-seekers and pic-nic parties, by the addition of groves of shade trees, fancy flower beds, and swings and other amusements for the youngsters, all of which, Bro. Mark informs us, he intends adding. The comfort and elegance of the bath room both far exceeded our Local's expectations. Bro. Lindsey's grounds are planted with choice varieties of potatoes, peas, grapes, mulberries, etc., imported by him from the States and California, to increase the value and variety of the products of Utah.

**ST. GEORGE.**—J. E. Johnson, Esq., of St. George, writing on the 4th inst. says: It is quite warm at present; the mercury is up to 100 degrees. The prospects for fruit and good crops were never better.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

**STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.**—Brother H. C. Hullinger, of Big Cottonwood, informs us that a young man, named Herbert Manwearing, and a horse were struck by lightning at South Cottonwood about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. At the time of the occurrence Bro. Manwearing was plowing for Bro. Thompson. The electric fluid first struck him behind the right ear, then glanced along the cheek and from there to his breast, burning him badly in all those places; also on his left thigh and on both legs, tearing his clothes and boots to shreds and throwing the latter a distance off. Bro. Hullinger, who was about a hundred yards off, procured, as soon as possible, some cold water and threw it over him when Manwearing at once opened his eyes. Bro. H. with the assistance of other brethren carried him to the nearest house, when cold water cloths were applied to his head, chest and wherever else he was burned. In about twenty minutes he was able to speak, and from that time has continued to improve. His mind does not appear to be the least affected by the accident. The horse, which was the property of Bro. D. C. Thompson, died almost immediately.

**DISTINGUISHED ARRIVALS.**—Senator Julian, of Indiana, and his lady, are at present in our city; they are staying at the Townsend House.

**DEPARTED.**—The Hon. B. F. Wade and party left town yesterday afternoon.

**SERENADE.**—The brass band of the military stationed at Camp Douglas serenaded Gen. Sheridan at the Townsend House, last evening.

**POLICE.**—Charles Popper, of Ornstein & Popper, was fined \$10 for fouling the water ditch at Butcherville, by throwing therein heads, bones, and refuse animal matter.

W. J. Blake was fined \$10 for drunkenness and profane swearing.

**THE PHONOGRAPHIC ADVOCATE.**—We have received the April number of "The Phonographic Advocate," published by Mr. James E. Munson, of 117 Nassau St., New York. As its name implies, it is devoted wholly to the advocacy of Phonetics and Phonography, and contains several very interesting articles pertaining to those subjects. It is printed in clear type, on good paper and in the ordinary Roman character so that it can be read by all. It contains twenty pages of solid reading matter and its price is only one dollar per year.

**GREAT PACIFIC RAILROAD CIRCUS.**—Still they come. By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that Jim Miller & Co's Great Pacific Railroad Circus will perform at the City Hall corner on Friday next, the 18th inst. The Company with their paraphernalia is expected to arrive to-morrow. This Company has been organized for the purpose of giving entertainments at the principal towns along the line of the Pacific Railroad.

Everything about this establishment is new. The *Truckee Tribune* speaks highly of the Company as being capable of giving a first-class entertainment.

**PROVO.**—Bro. R. P. Hopkins, just in from Provo, called this morning; he gives flattering accounts of matters and things there. The co-operative store is doing a fine business. The prospect is good for the speedy erection of the proposed co-operative woollen factory. Crops look well. The Sunday school children had a picnic on Monday last, at which the delighted juveniles had a gay time. The Provo people have an excellent market for their butter, eggs, cheese, &c., the denizens of White Pine making frequent calls upon them for those articles.

**NEW HARMONY.**—J. D. Lee, Esq., informs us by letter that the grasshoppers have wasted all the fields and gardens at New Harmony with the exception of four acres of garden produce and fourteen acres of wheat. At the date of his letter (30th ult.) they were beginning to fly, and hopes were entertained they would soon change

their location, and as a consequence, many of the citizens were preparing the ground for a second crop. A co-operative institution was organized on the 20th ult. with Bishop W. D. Pace, as President; H. B. M. Jolly, Vice President; G. W. Levy, W. Pace and J. D. Lee, Directors; H. A. Pace, Treasurer; and James Russell, Secretary. The capital stock is placed at \$1200.

**MORONI.**—Bishop G. W. Bradley arrived home on the 4th inst.; he has been absent rather more than a year. The people turned out *en masse* to meet him; the cavalry, brass band, citizens and school children with banners marched to his house and sang a song welcoming him back to their midst. The crops there never looked better; co-operation prospers and good health prevails.

**BOX ELDER CO.**—We are informed that five men were committed to jail on the 11th inst., and are awaiting the action of a grand jury. Three of said men are charged with robbing at Corinne, the other two with horse and cattle stealing. Much horse stealing is going on on both sides of Bear River, the citizens having to guard their stock closely. Corinne was formed into a precinct last Monday by the County Court of Box Elder. It is yet doubtful who will be selected as the Justice of Peace. Corinne is going to rid itself of thieves and rascals by prompt action.

**SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—President George Nebeker writing from Laie on the 26th ult., says:

"We have finished grinding our first crops of cane and are now grinding a few acres belonging to the native brethren. Our crops have yielded us one hundred tons of sugar and a great quantity of molasses. The most of the sugar has been shipped and sold in San Francisco, which has kept us all very busy this last winter; and here I am pleased to say of our native brethren, that they have been faithful and worked like men. Many of them have not lost one hour's time during the entire season. Our mode of employing and working them differs very much from our neighbors, and the result is we have accomplished more with less hands and less trouble. This has attracted the attention of many and they congratulate us on our success. During the winter we have increased our crop over one half, and we anticipate twice the amount next season, which will commence in October. I expect to get some sugar and molasses through to Utah in the latter part of July next, when we will be happy to co-operate with our friends to supply the people of the Territory with good sugar and molasses. Health and good spirits prevail in our midst; our meetings are well attended; we have five native elders traveling and preaching. Our congregation is increasing in numbers and in appearance, and I hope with the blessings of Heaven that this people may be able to maintain their connection and standing with the kingdom of God. For this we are laboring and desire the faith and prayers of our brethren in Zion."

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

**EDITORIAL VISIT.**—J. E. Caldwell Heyer, Esq., Editor of the *Chicago Journal of Commerce* paid us a fraternal visit this morning. Mr. Heyer is a very agreeable gentleman, and expressed himself as immensely pleased with Salt Lake City. After his trip over the plains he thought Ogden presented a very pleasant appearance, but Salt Lake City, with its beautiful streams and shade trees, exceeded everything he had ever seen and was far ahead of any of the many descriptions he had read of it. We wish him a pleasant sojourn in this, the Queen City of the Mountains.

**GRAND JURY.**—The Grand Jury, accompanied by Judge Elias Smith, Hon. Z. Snow, Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff R. T. Burton, took a trip yesterday morning to Warden Rockwood's country residence, otherwise known as the Penitentiary, and inspected the accommodations for visitors who "go to stay."

They then passed on to the Wasatch Woollen Mills where, as the guests of Sheriff Burton, they were most generously entertained.

**ARRIVED.**—General G. B. Maxwell, and F. Raleigh Esq., of Rome, Michigan arrived in this City on Tuesday last. General Maxwell is the U. S. Register for Utah, and successor of Mr. Clements, removed. Mr. Raleigh, who accompanied the General to this place is traveling for pleasure and will probably remain with us a few weeks.

**CHANGE OF NAME.**—The name of Deseret Station on the U. P. R. R. has been changed to that of Uinta.

**CHANGE IN TIME OF MAILS.**—A. W. Street, Esq., Postmaster, wishes to notify the public that on and after Monday next, 21st inst., the mails for the West and North will leave this city at 4.30 a.m.; those going east at 8.30 a.m. The mail for the West and North will include Davis and Weber counties; the Eastern mail will include Morgan, Summit and Wasatch.

Until Monday next the mail for Ogden and Riverdale will leave Salt Lake City Post Office at 6.30 a.m. The Riverdale mail will be sent from this city to Ogden, and from the latter place to its destination by a special messenger of Wells, Fargo & Co. This is only a temporary arrangement.