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## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, April 6.  
THE Forty-second Annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assembled in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock this morning.

On the stand were:

Of the First Presidency.

Geo. A. Smith and Daniel H. Wells.

Of the Twelve Apostles.

Orson Pratt, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Jr., Joseph F. Smith, Albert Carrington.

Patriarch—John Smith.

Of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies.

Joseph Young, Albert P. Rockwood, Jona Van Cott and Horace Eldredge.

Of the Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum.

Elias Smith, Edward Snellgrove and Elias Morris.

Of the Presidency of the Stake of Zion.

John W. Young, George B. Wallace and John T. Cairns.

Of the Presidency of the Bishopric.

Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little.

There were also Bishops, Elders and leading men from every settlement in the Territory.

Conference was called to order by President GEORGE A. SMITH.

The choir sang:

"An angel from on high."

The opening prayer was offered by Elder Erastus Snow.

The choir sang:

"See, all creation join To praise his Eternal God."

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH addressed the conference.

He said that owing to a spirit of persecution directed to the age our first President was not permitted to be with us.

But notwithstanding the persecution which he had to bear against us, we rejoiced in the blessings of God.

It was not strange that men, in some respects probably illiterate, yet desiring that they possessed the principles calculated to exalt and elevate the human family, should be misunderstood.

The persecutors of Jesus and his apostles were men who were loud in their professions of religion and of holiness.

The same principle now existed and then, and it will continue to exist.

From the time the church was organized in 1830 this spirit of persecution had been manifested toward the Saints.

Abundantly we have seen that we are not a system of religion.

God had commenced a work to cause men to love one another and bring about a reign of peace and unity.

God had stirred up the hearts of men to oppose the principles that would produce this result, and they followed his suggestions.

The brethren should free their minds from all business cares and pay attention to what might be said and done, and offer no objection to the adoption of Zion, for the blessings of God to rest on President Brigham Young, that he might be strengthened in body and enabled to counsel and instruct in the kingdom of God.

All should understand that what they could do in aid of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, that the poor might be gathered.

President Brigham Young, when on his last visit to St. George, selected and dedicated the ground for a temple, and the ordinances of the holy gospel might be administered there.

The temple in this city should be forwarded with even greater rapidity than heretofore.

The principle of co-operation had been adopted in many ways.

In the settlements, and had been gratifyingly successful, and the Female Relief Societies had been a potent factor in showing what could be accomplished by the people when they were united.

The speaker then bore a powerful testimony to the power of God.

God Almighty had revealed it to him, and he therefore knew it to be true.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF was the next speaker.

He referred to the organization of the Church forty-two years ago by a prophet of the living God, and stated that he had been on the sixth day of April, 1842 years ago, the Savior was crucified for the sins of the world.

He quoted from the prophecies of Isaiah, showing that the people, in looking through futurity by the prophetic gift, could see the inauguration of the work that we, by the help of the Almighty, were engaged in forwarding.

Whether men believed in or not, the predictions of holy men of old concerning the last days would follow each other in fulfillment in rapid succession from this time on.

The progress of this kingdom had been onward, and its progress could not be retarded by the efforts of all existing powers.

The set time had come, and every weapon formed against it would fail.

Every President, Judge, officer and priest who had exerted their power against this work in the past, had felt the chastening hand of God.

Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, and he lived long enough to receive all the keys and powers of the Holy Priesthood that had been held by any man of God that ever lived.

He lived long enough to confer keys and powers and blessings on the Twelve Apostles and he sealed his testimony with his blood.

The blessing of God had been upon President Brigham Young, and although his liberties had been curtailed by the persecutors of the Saints, he had felt calm and collected throughout.

We had every reason to have faith that the blessings of God would continue to be poured out on us as people.

Had we not come here to see the fulfillment of the predictions in the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants concerning us?

The speaker gave some excellent advice to mothers, showing the powerful influence they exercised over children, and the course they should take to properly educate them.

ELDER C. C. RICH said we were so constituted that we needed continual instruction upon the principles of truth, in order to impress them upon our minds.

We were laboring for salvation, and it was the only thing we should strive for.

As far as we learned truth and applied it to our lives, we were saved from error.

The speaker spoke of the effects of obedience to the gospel of Christ, all of which were a sure testimony of the correctness of the which were obeyed, and alluded to the glorious results that would accrue were the people all over the world to cease doing wrong, and to do the things which would form a nucleus of righteousness.

This nucleus would have embraced the gospel and he knew it to be true.

He had proved it for himself.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH requested the people present to tell their friends that there was plenty of room here for all who wished to come and have the gospel preached to them.

The choir sang:

"Sing ye Jehovah's praises."

PRESIDENT DANIEL H. WELLS offered prayer and Conference adjourned 12 p. m.

## Territorial Republican Convention.

THE Territorial Republican Convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the National Republican Presidential Convention at Philadelphia, assembled at 7:30 p. m. yesterday, April 5, in the City Hall, there being a full attendance of county delegates, and a number of other citizens present.

On motion of Hon. John Rowberry, of Tooele County, Hon. F. D. Richards was appointed chairman pro tem of the Convention.

On taking the chair Mr. Richards briefly thanked the gentlemen of the Convention for the honor conferred on him.

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amount of human blood, expended in the great rebellion would have been saved to the nation. But the advice was not followed, and the thing is done and cannot now be undone.

It is true that the Territories had grievances, and so had the States, but it did not go to make up old scores. No party is perfect, neither is any human government. All have their failings.

The party which elected James Buchanan inaugurated what has been often called the "dark age" of our history. It is needless to hold a grudge against a party for past matters.

The Republican party, which has been in power for last eleven years, has had a great deal to contend with. It had the gigantic civil war to struggle with. War naturally induces a great deal of demoralization of many kinds, and it takes some time to right itself after emerging from a calamity of that description.

The difficulties with which the party has had to contend should be considered, and allowances made accordingly. It is true that through the operations of bigoted or fanatical persons connected with the party, oppressive legislation has been enacted, a sample of which was a bill aimed at the "Mormons," which provided that no church or society of persons could be incorporated for more than \$50,000, but that it had remained a dead letter, and is to-day untried.

Attempts have been made to get up hostile measures, often called "tar and feather" bills, but the party had too great a sense of justice to do it. There was a law of Lincoln refused to sign, and on being urged to do so, he made answer that when he found a log in his way that he would move it, he always plowed around it.

When Governor Harding refused to endorse the so-called "Legislation," by signing the bill passed by the commission officers appointed by that body, when the matter was presented to Mr. Lincoln, he was at once removed and a good government was established.

At the same time, the Governor appointed in his place, and after him came another just, fatherly man, the late Governor Charles Drake.

Altogether, the Republican party, that has existed among the people of Utah, they have been considerably favored, and should be accordingly grateful. They have not mixed up with politics heretofore because they are here.

We are here in convention for the purpose of electing two delegates to the Philadelphia Convention, at which the nomination for President would be made. This privilege had been accorded us, although we are a State we could send three delegates.

Some may feel a little sore on account of some things that have transpired during the present administration. It is true that each of us has been brought to bear in order to forward the adoption of hostile measures towards us, but it must be said to the honor of the government, that all the people of Utah have been treated by bigots and fanatics here, against the interests of the people, have, when carried to the point of no return, been decided in favor of right. This has been the case in relation to unwarrantable land actions in matters of taxation, land office affairs, etc.

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