

when every obstacle will be removed, and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ; union must be our watchword, whatever tends to divide and produce division comes from an evil source, but whatever tends to unite and bind together and elevate comes from God. Our feelings towards the world should be those of kindness, benevolence and good will; this people will grow and increase, and the time will come when calamity and strife and bloodshed will be amongst the nations of the earth, and also upon this nation; this we cannot help, but the sayings of the prophets must be fulfilled. The duty of the Apostleship was to build up and guard and protect the interests of Zion, not to build up themselves with filthy lucre and seek after self aggrandizement. He then defined the duties of High Priests. This quorum was a kind of normal school to prepare them for presiding positions in the various Stakes of Zion. Many more Stakes have yet to be organized, and he hoped the brethren would qualify themselves to fill responsibilities they would soon be required to assume. He next spoke of the field of labor now opening up in the vineyard of the Lord for the Seventies. He called upon the Presidents of Seventies to teach the members of their respective quorums their duties. He next addressed himself to the Elders and Presidents of Stakes, giving each their special instructions, to look well after the poor, and find employment for the people. He made a stirring appeal to the whole people in behalf of the Perpetual Emigration Fund. No man is justified in building up himself to the neglect of his honest indebtedness to that Fund. The building of Temples was an important labor. Reports of the progress of the three Temples now being constructed would probably be given before the Conference was closed.

The payment of tithing was next referred to. He felt to give credit to the Saints for responding so nobly to the building of Temples and other laudable undertakings. If all paid their tithing there would be sufficient means for all these works. While these requirements continued to exist, he trusted that none would be oppressed, but encouraged to continue to do the best they can. The subject of education was also touched upon and advocated. The Mutual Improvement Societies of both sexes gave him much satisfaction. He commended the Relief Societies also, the first of which was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith, he himself being present on that occasion. "May God bless you sisters, for your labors of love and benevolence are great, and you are doing a noble work." He concluded by invoking the blessing of God upon the whole congregation.

The choir sang an anthem

Arise for thy light is come.

Conference was adjourned until to-morrow (Monday) at 10 a.m. Benediction by Elder George Q. Cannon.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, April 8th.

Conference was called to order by President John Taylor.

The choir sang,

We're not ashamed to own our Lord,
And worship him on earth.

Prayer by Elder LORENZO SNOW.

The choir sang,
With joy we own thy servants, Lord,
Thy ministers below.

Elder JOSEPH F. SMITH said it was manifest to him that God was with us as a people, notwithstanding our many shortcomings. He felt that in the things of God he was but a child, and if the Lord would exercise forbearance towards him, while he continues to try and learn more and do better in the future than in the past, he had no doubt that the same forbearance would be exercised towards the whole people of God. We have got to learn more about the will of God, and then do it, and not indulge in the thought that we can serve God acceptably, and yet carry out our own whims and desires. But few have fully learned the mind and will of God as it is made known to us through Jesus Christ, to the extent to have our own will entirely subjugated to the will of the Father. When such a lesson is learned it will be easy to get along with what we call temporal things.

We are engaged in the salvation of the dead as well as the living. It is our duty also to prepare employment for our people. It is important that whatever means God may see fit to place in the hands of any of the Saints should be wisely disbursed in the building up of the kingdom of God, not to make them proud and lifted up in their feelings and spirit, so as to create class distinctions. The poor who are aged and infirm should not be neglected, neither should those who draw their support from the church be kept in idleness, but should manifest a disposition to do whatever they can towards their maintenance, that the idler may not eat the bread of the industrious. These things should be looked well into, and employment found for the old and the young according to their capacity.

The gospel of Jesus Christ has as much to do with temporal as with spiritual things; it tends to make good parents, dutiful children; it teaches honesty and every other good principle, and tends also to more eminently qualify those who have embraced it, to become better mechanics and increase their ability in every condition of life. It teaches us the principle of stewardship, and to regard everything that God has placed in our possession as belonging in reality to him, and that we are only to act as his stewards, and to use them for his honor and glory.

A general exhibit of the tithing received during the year 1877, with the various local disbursements connected therewith was then read to the conference by Elder David McKenzie. Also an exhibit of the cash received and disbursed by the Trustee in Trust for the six months ending April 6, 1878.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then made a few explanatory remarks on the disparity that appeared between some of the Stake reports, and then inquired if the annual exhibit of tithing as well as the one-half yearly cash reports were acceptable to the Conference.

Bishop Sharp then moved that both reports be accepted, which was seconded and sustained by a unanimous vote of the Conference.

The choir sang the anthem:

O Lord, most merciful.

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

AFTERNOON, 2 p.m.

The choir sang,

Hark the song of jubilee,

Loud as mighty thunders roar.

Prayer by Elder D. H. WELLS.

Choir sang,

Come we that love the Lord,

And let our joys be known.

The following missionaries were then presented to the Conference and unanimously sustained:

For England.

Geo Openshaw, Salt Lake City

Henry Walsh, " "

M B Wheelwright, Ogden

Wm Bramhall, Springville

John Maycock, " "

Joseph Hyde, Cache

Sas L Bunting, Kanab

Isaac Smith, Brigham City

Louis Bunce, Pettyville

John L Blythe, Salt Lake City,

(Scotland)

J B Elder, Salt Lake City

J O Young, " "

John G Jones, Provo

J R Twelves, " "

Thos Child, " "

G R Emery, Salt Lake City,

(Wales)

W G Sanders, Ogden

O H Berg, Provo

Swiss and German Mission.

Gottlieb Enz, Richfield

Fredk Groerler, Eden

Andrew Hepler, Sevier Co

Fredk Formaster, St George

Malad Indian Farm.

John S Jones, Box Elder Co

Moroni Ward, " "

Alexander Hunsacker, Box Elder

County.

United States.

Jesse O Ballenger of Arizona

John G Midgley, Salt Lake City,

Iowa and Nebraska

B F Cummings, Jun, Salt Lake

City, New England

B F Cummings, Sen, Salt Lake

City, Southern States

Cyrus H Wheelock, Weber Co,

Wisconsin

Wm Stevenson, Echo, Nova

Scotia

Anthony W Bissey, Manti,

Maine

To Ashley's Fork.

Jos H Black, of Parley's Park

Alma J Johnston, " "

David Johnston, " "

John R Poole, Ogden

To Arizona.

Wm Nelson, Jun, Provo

Richard M Bleak, St George

Wm J Hunt, " "

Alma Hunt, " "

Ole Jensen, Oak Creek

Stephen Wilson, Harrisville

To Australia.

Fred J May, Salt Lake City

Thos A Shreeve, Salt Lake City

To labor among their fellow

countrymen in Minnesota, Nebras-

ka, Wisconsin, Illinois and other

States:

Anders Hakkansen, Vernon

Peter Jensen, S Cottonwood

Gustav Thomason, Logan

Christopher Winge, Hyrum

Anders Peterson, Salt Lake

Neils Rasmussen, " "

Neils Peter Larsen Veiby, Pleasant

Grove

Andrew Eglund, Spanish Fork

Mads Yorgenson Provo,

H C Heisel, Pleasant Grove

John Larsen, Logan

Neils Neilson, American Fork

Paul A Poulsen, West Jordan

Names of missionaries called

since last Conference who are now

in their fields of labor:

N C Flygare, Ogden, Scandinavia

Hyrum H Clark, Farmington,

Tennessee

Ed Stevenson, Salt Lake City,

Tennessee

J J M Butler, Ogden, United

States

John Morgan, S L City Southern

States

Andrew L Johnson, S L City,

Southern States

David Williams, S L City, South-

ern States

H W Barnett, Payson, Southern

States

M F Cowley, S L City, Southern

States

Thomas Weeks,

Ara W Sabin, Tooele City, South-

ern States.

Joseph Standing, Box Elder,

Southern States.

J Z Stewart, Draperville, Colo-

rado.

Erastus B Snow, St George, New

Mexico.

Meliton G Trejo, Richfield, Ari-

zona.

James Allen, Kentucky.

Delonnay Deitrich (priest), Ohio.

John G Thryn, Salt Lake, U S,

Canada and England.

Elder DAVID MCKENZIE then

read full statistical reports from the

various Stakes of the Territory, also

from Logan and Manti Temples.

Logan Temple had expended in

materials, labor and cash, \$55,000;

and the Manti Temple, in labor,

donations, teams and material, \$62,-

000. Then followed an exhibit of the

business of the Perpetual Emigrat-

ing Fund.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON announced

that Z C M. I. had declared a

dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. to the

stockholders, which could be drawn

immediately in merchandise, or in

cash, on the first of May. He

strongly urged the necessity of sus-

taining this and all other home in-

stitutions.

President JOHN TAYLOR said it

was the duty of the Saints engaged

in mercantile business to sustain

this, and all other home industries.

All the Saints should encourage

each other in our efforts to become

a self-sustaining community.

The general authorities of the

church were then presented before

the Conference, and unanimously

sustained, as follows:

John Taylor as President of the

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as

one of the Twelve Apostles, and of

the Presidency of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As members of the Quorum of

the Twelve Apostles—Wilford

Woodruff, Orson Hyde, Orson

Pratt, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo

Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D.

Richards, George Q Cannon, Brig-

ham Young, Joseph F Smith and

Albert Carrington.

Counselors to the Twelve Apostles—John W Young, D H Wells.

The Twelve Apostles as the pre-

siding quorum and authority of the

Church, and with their Counselors

as Prophets, Seers and Revela-

tors.

Patriarch of the Church—John

Smith.

As the first seven Presidents of

Seventies: Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Albert P Rockwood, Horace S Eldredge, Jacob Gates and John Van Cott.

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 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the Twelve Apostles, their two Counselors and Edward Hunter as his Couns-lors.

Albert Carrington as President of the Perpetual Engraving Fund for the gathering of the poor, and the following as his assistants: F D Richards, F M Lyman, H S Eldredge, Joseph F Smith, John W Young, Angus M Cannon, Moses Thatcher, William Jennings, John R Winder, Henry Dinwoodey, Robt T Burton, A O Smoot and H B Clawson.

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

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

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

George Goddard as Clerk of the General Conference.

President John Taylor stated that the auditing committee had been engaged in looking after the interests of the Church, and with a view of facilitating their labors and bringing them to a speedy and successful termination. He nominated Franklin D. Richards to assist them, who was unanimously sustained.

A very interesting report was then read from the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. Number of Associations 146, number of members 6,829.

A Territorial Sabbath School report was read, which gave the number of schools 263; total number of teachers 3,929; total number of pupils 30,037; Bible and Testament classes 963; number of books in library 15,143.

The above shows an increase for the last two years of 101 schools, 535 teachers, 9,576 scholars, 1,102 library books, 242 Bible and Testament classes.

The choir sang the anthem,

Gloria.

Conference was adjourned until

October 6th, in this Tabernacle.

Benediction by Elder Erastus

Snow.

Thus ended a very largely attended and interesting Conference, the weather was fine, and though many came from the extreme limits of the Territory, yet all felt abundantly satisfied and well paid for their visit.

GEO. GODDARD,

Clerk of Conference.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 8.—There will be a conference, to day, between the representatives of the masters and operatives of the Lancashire cotton mills, regarding the ten per cent. reduction in wages.

It is claimed on all hands, except in purely partisan discussion, that the cabinet is sincerely desirous to avoid war. The withdrawal of the treaty of San Stefano or its unconditional submission to the judgment of Europe are regarded as the only alternative to war.

Lord Lyons, British Ambassador at Paris, designated to represent Great Britain at the congress, returned to Paris on Saturday, which is considered to indicate that no great hope is felt of the speedy meeting of the congress.

The *Norddeutsche Zeitung*, of Berlin, hitherto pro-Russian, lectures Russia and Austria sharply for not concerting an agreement for peace. It says, "Though the powers are agreed in principle, Russia has fettered herself by the treaty of San Stefano, instead of informing herself before hand of the various views which would be taken of questions raised by it. While England and Austria have rendered the position still more difficult by now putting forward solemn international protests instead of formulating their conditions and reservations before the fall of Plevna. Nevertheless, the *Norddeutsche Zeitung* hopes that in view of the general desired for peace an understanding will yet take place.

LONDON, 6.—The *Pal Mail Gazette* says: The movement, with the object of preventing the liberal party trammelling the govern-

ment's foreign policy, has received the support of 130 liberal members of Parliament, of whom nearly half were prepared to vote with the government if the leaders proposed any amendment to the addresses to the Queen in answer to the proclamation calling out the reserves. About 70 members will probably vote for Sir Milford Lawson's motion declaring the measure unwarranted and imprudent.

VIENNA, 6.—The *Political Correspondence* says it learns from a good source, at Bucharest, that Prince Charles will reply to Prince Gortschakoff's threat of the reoccupation of Roumania and the disarmament of the Roumanian army, if the Roumanian government protests against the article of the treaty providing for the communication of the army in Bulgaria with Russia; through Roumania, as follows: "Tell Prince Gortschakoff that the Roumanian army may be utterly crushed, but so long as I live it shall not be disarmed."

CONSTANTINOPLE, 9.—The Russian authorities have renewed their demand for permission to embark homeward troops at Buyukdere, representing that their embarkation at San Stefano is impossible, and all idea of dispatching them thence has been abandoned.

The Turkish forces in the neighborhood of Gallipoli and Constantinople number 248 battalions.

St. PETERSBURG, 6.—The *Agence Russe* says the Moscow and St. Petersburg newspapers assail its moderate language and that of the *Journal de St. Petersburg*, declaring that the British government, by involving Russia's dignity in the matter, has made it impossible for her to yield to England's demands.

LONDON, 7.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphing on Sunday says, to-day, the hopeful rumors which, without apparent cause, were current on Saturday, have taken a more definite form. It is said an important letter has been received from Berlin suggesting that concessions should be made to avoid a European war. Whether this is true or not, it is pretty certain that Germany is abandoning her purely passive attitude. Russia has not requested Germany's good offices, but there is reason to believe she will gladly accept them.

Hopes for a congress are reviving and Ignatieff has even postponed his departure for Constantinople, so as to be able to accompany Prince Gortschakoff to Berlin as second plenipotentiary if congress meets.

It is emphatically declared here that Prince Ghisa, Roumanian agent, must have misunderstood Prince G