

and art. This is the desire of our Heavenly Father.

On the practice of giving and receiving bribes, he spoke in condemnatory terms. He said he would rather never have another coat while he lived than to receive one as a bribe from any one, but how many are there who can be bribed with a coat or other article of clothing to give judgment against the right? There were far too many for the good of Israel.

The peculiar and choice blessing which the Lord wants us to have, is to return and build up the centre stake of Zion. He gave some excellent counsel relative to the practice of morality, and the necessity of the officers of the Church setting a good example before the people.

Elder John Taylor bore testimony to the President's instructions, and expressed a desire to see them observed and put into practice.

Elder Calder's choir sang, "Sweet is thy work my God, my King."

Benediction by Elder George A. Smith.

AFTERNOON.

The Choir sang a hymn.

Prayer by Elder Orson Hyde.

The sacrament was then administered by Bishops Hunter, Hardy, Kesler, Davis, Hoagland and Sheets.

President Orson Hyde was thankful for the privilege of meeting with and speaking to the Saints; for to him it was truly gratifying to look upon their faces. He did not feel to enter upon any particular subject of instruction, but, as the people would doubtless like to know something of the people where he had been living, he would give an account of the condition of the people in Sanpete county. He contemplated the principles of the gospel as he did a fine orchard that was full of luscious fruit, the first tasted is considered the best, then the second will be thought superior to the first; and just so with every successive fruit tasted, and he felt it was just so with the principles of the gospel. It is a good thing to trust in the Lord, and it is important for us to take that course by which we can secure the confidence of the Almighty in us. If we secure his confidence, then whatsoever we ask of him will be granted.

Elder Erastus Snow felt thankful that he had come to the conference, for he had the approbation of his own conscience in meeting with his brethren in this our beloved city. He spoke of the present condition of the brethren in Southern Utah, who had gone there to raise cotton; gave a brief history of what they had done since their arrival there; said peach trees were in full bloom and looking fine when he left there on the 27th ult. He then spoke in high terms of the contentment and good feeling that existed among the brethren in that part of the Territory. If we are to be a State or nation, he remarked, we must possess within ourselves those things that will make us independent of all other people, in regard to every article of both food and clothing. It behooves us to be diligent in the manufacture of iron and steel as well as cotton. He made some appropriate remarks on the necessity of introducing machinery into this country.

"The morning breaks, the shadows flee," was sung, after which—

President Brigham Young made some remarks relative to the former feeling of the people in reference to the raising of fruit and grain in various parts of this Territory, and said the authorities had been constantly urging upon the people to raise flax; and, if they had done as they had been counseled for the last eight years, we should have had all the gold requisite to have bought one quarter of the State of Missouri; but the people seem determined to pay their money to others for flax, cotton, tobacco and almost every thing else they need. A man who uses his energies and means to produce those articles that we need in this Territory does his duty, but that man who builds up any city, or encourages and helps to do it, or to do anything out of the kingdom of God, operates with his strength against that kingdom which he has covenanted to build up. He showed the evils of priestcraft in keeping the people from embracing the gospel among the nations, and said the kings, presidents, governors and other rulers of the common people would be held accountable for their oppression of their subjects.

Choir sang—"Arise, my soul, arise."

Benediction by Elder Franklin D. Richards.

EVENING MEETING.

At 7 p.m., the High Priests held a meeting in the Tabernacle, President John Young presiding, at which much valuable instruction was given by Pres. Brigham Young, on the order of the priesthood.

Several spiritual songs were sung after the transaction of the business before the meeting. Elder McAllister sang—"Do what is right." Elder Charles W. Penrose sang—"Stand firm, and be faithful and true," and James McGhee sang the following sweet sentimental "Mormon" song:

TUNE—"Scotland yet."
Come, heavenly muse, with fresh'ning dews,
My gentle lay inspire;
In strains divine, my heart incline
To sing, with noblest fire,
The Heroes' praise, of Latter Days,
And while I sing, sing ye—
For Mormon's right will Mormons fight,
While tyrants—slaves—And nameless graves,
When tyrants—slaves—And nameless graves,
We'll triumph and be free.

Give wealth and ease, to whom they please,

The slave his servile chain;

Who'd seek to bind a Mormon mind

Would ill requite his pain,

And ere subdue a Mormon true

Might Mormon valor die.

For Mormons' right, &c.

On wings of flame, with loud acclaim,

Go tell from shore to shore

That 'Church' and 'Crown' have failed to drown

The Mormon Lion's roar:

The Lion's roar still echoes o'er

The earth from sea to sea.

For Mormons' right, &c.

From other lands come Mormon bands,

With Mormon hearts the same:

The lands of song and tyrant wrong

Have caught the sacred flame:

In songs of praise this theme they raise,

While swell the chorus we.

For Mormons' right, &c.

In spite of foes who dare oppose,

Let Mormon hearts advance;

Nor yet in vain our toil and pain

Our glory that enhance;

And as we go let tyrants know

We'll chaunt the sacred gleec:

For Mormons' right, &c.

Benediction by Bishop Lorenzo D. Young.

MONDAY, April 7, 10 a.m.

Choir sang, "Come, O thou king of kings."

Prayer by Bishop Edwin D. Woolley.

Choir sang, "I'll praise my maker while I've breath."

Elder George A. Smith preached from the 12, 13 and 14 verses of the 5th chapter of Paul's epistle to the Hebrews, which read as follows:

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useh milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

It was important, he said, that the Elders should go abroad and preach the gospel, and have a chance to test, by actual experience, the power of the principles of truth, when brought in contact with the fanaticism of the world, which is dignified by the title of religion. Made some important remarks on the order of the priesthood, and showed that in consequence of the ignorance of the people each settlement has to be content with a wheelbarrow instead of a four-horse coach; in other words a bishop has to do every thing himself; where, if the people were not so full of tradition, they might just as well have a president also. Exhorted the presiding officers to show common courtesy to each other instead of contending which shall be the greatest man.

President Brigham Young said the people must have the living oracles within themselves, and the spirit of revelation, or they cannot keep in the track which leadeth unto life eternal. Showed that the belief in a messenger of life is a spiritual matter, while baptism for the remission of sins is a temporal act, hence the importance of understanding the temporal and the spiritual. Pointed out the law for the government of the bishoprick, and the legal mode of getting Bishops who are not literal descendants of Aaron. In speaking of the office of Bishop, he said, that a Bishop could baptize but not confirm by virtue of his bishoprick; showed how a president should act in a ward; pointed out the duty of each member in a ward in both temporal and spiritual things, and that when a man is ordained an apostle, he can then officiate in all the offices of the priesthood.

Elder Hyde followed with some suitable remarks upon the same subject.

President Heber C. Kimball said he felt a pride in seeing this people going right and being an example to all people. He took up the subject of the true vine, and reasoned upon it. With all our faults, he said, there are good men and women enough to preserve this people in the unity of the faith. Recommended mercy, humility and charity, and argued that we should be one in all things.

Pres. Joseph Young said he wanted to speak a few words of general instruction to the quorums of Seventies. He proceeded to give the history of the mass quorum, and stated that all the members of mass quorums in the country were required to report themselves quarterly to their respective quorums, so that their standing might be understood here at headquarters.

Elder Ezra T. Benson next addressed the conference, and said he was pleased to have the opportunity of speaking to the brethren, and he rejoiced in the great progress of the work of our God. He felt to exhort the brethren and sisters to faithfulness and humility, and to a determination to carry out the designs of the Almighty. Testified that all the organizations of the priesthood in Cache valley were a blessing to the settlements, and that harmony and peace prevailed there.

The President followed with a few encouraging remarks.

Choir sang, "Come all ye sons of Zion."

Benediction by Wm. W. Phelps.

2 P. M.

Choir sang a hymn.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. T. Benson.

Choir sang, "My God the spring of all my joys."

President Heber C. Kimball then presented the authorities of the church as follows:

Brigham Young, President of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Heber C. Kimball, his first, and Daniel H. Wells, his second counselors.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, E. astus Snow, Franklin D. Richards and George Q. Cannon, members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the whole church. Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion, and David Fulmer and George B. Wallace, his counselors.

William Eddington, John V. Long, John L. Bly he, George Nebeker, John T. Caine, Joseph W. Young, Gilbert Clements, Brigham Young, jun., Howard Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, Thomas B. Broderick, and James H. Hart, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Edwin D. Woolley, and Samuel W. Richards, his counselors.

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

William Squires, President of the Elders' Quorum.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop; Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little, his counselors.

Samuel A. Moore, President of the Priests' Quorum.

McGee Harris, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Adam Speirs and David Bowman, his counselors.

John S. Carpenter, President of the Deacons' Quorum; William F. Cook and Warren Hardy, his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works.

William H. Folsom, Architect for the Church.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather the poor.

Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells and Edward Hunter, his assistants and agents for said fund.

George A. Smith, Historian and general Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff his assistant.

The foregoing quorums and authorities were all voted for separately, and each and all unanimously sustained by the conference.

President Daniel H. Wells addressed the meeting upon the several subjects previously spoken of to-day and yesterday. He also called attention to the necessity of people ceasing their contentions with each other as to who shall hold the authority and be the greatest man in Israel, but instead of doing this, he said, let us each and all be in our place, ever ready and willing to do what we can for the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer.

Elder Wm. Willes was called upon, and sang the following song:

MY OWN LAND, DESERET.

The land of my home I fondly cherish in my breast,
The land of the mountain valleys, where the saints are blest;
Here let my home be, free from worldly strife;
'Tis here I can feel free, and lead a peaceful life.

CHORUS.

My own land, Deseret, here I love to dwell;
Deseret, my own land—home I love so well.

The world with its strife and anger brings no fear to me;
It only makes my faith the stronger, that we'll be free;
Roll on, ye dark clouds, o'er the troubled world;
The wicked from their high thrones shortly will be hurled.

My own land, Deseret, &c.

Frowns from the proud and lofty never can me appal;
Lies from the base and crafty—I can bear it all;
When T. u. sh. and L. b. r. y. smile upon my way,
I heed not their anger, do what'er they may.

My own land, Deseret, &c.

When strife and dread commotion fill the world with woe,
Here we'll enjoy the portion Heaven will bestow;
Here we will make our heaven bright and fair;
See the wicked driven to darkness and despair.

My own land, Deseret, &c.

President Brigham Young remarked that this was the place to give instructions, and therefore he felt to improve the present opportunity. He then spoke of the authority of a Bishop to baptize and administer the sacrament, and also to look after the morals of the people. When a bishop confirms a person in the Church he does it by virtue of the High Priesthood which he holds and not by virtue of his bishoprick. He then reasoned at some length on the true order of the church organization, and showed that the authorities had to guide the people in the channel that is now necessary for them to walk in.

When speaking of the subject of preserving grain the President observed that it was a question with some whether we should supply the mail company with grain or not. He was in favor of supplying them and helping them if necessary. He considered our mail and telegraphic facilities a great blessing to us and to any other community; they are two of the great blessings that we can have, and by and bye we shall have the London news, the news from St. Petersburg of the night before, in print when we get up in the morning. He had helped the telegraph company some in the commencement here, and he was ready to assist them again if they needed it. But in supplying grain he would like it to be done by counsel, then it would be right, and if he could have his way he would furnish that mail company not only with grain, but he would supply the entire route with good men and boys that could be depended upon. The present company have a million dollars per

annum for carrying the mail, but as they are now going on they will fail, and that too because they have got so many thieves on the road. If it were left with him he would put men on that road that if a passenger lost his purse it would be safe in the coach. The mail company should be helped, they need assistance and they should have it.

Choir sang "How beautiful are their feet." Benediction by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

7, P. M.

The Bishops held a meeting this evening for the transaction of local business, Bishop Hunter presided. The meeting was a highly interesting one, and a great deal of good instruction was given. From the reports made it appeared that three hundred teams were ready to start East about the 25th inst., to bring the poor from the frontiers the coming summer.

Elders Orson Hyde and George A. Smith gave some good advice relative to agricultural pursuits, the herding of cattle by men instead of boys, the taking care of our grain and the procuring of good seeds.

The meeting was dismissed by Bishop Davis a little before 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, April 8, 10 a.m.

Choir sang "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord."

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Choir sang "Come all ye saints who dwell on earth."

Elder Wm. Clayton read the Trustee-in-Trusts' financial report, showing the present condition of the finances of the Church.

A list of the names of brethren called to go on foreign missions was then read by the clerk; and also the names of those called to go and assist in building up the cotton growing district of Deseret.

President Brigham Young nominated Seth Taft to be ordained a Patriarch, which was seconded by President H. C. Kimball, and on being put to the Conference was carried unanimously.

Elders Orson Pratt and George A. Smith addressed the conference on the claims of Utah to be admitted into the Union as a free and sovereign State.

Elder Erastus Snow argued the necessity of raising and preserving the best of every kind and variety of seeds. The Sorghum seed, he said, was not sufficiently valued by the people, neither were any other seeds cared for as they should be.

President B. Young followed with some very instructive remarks on the same subject, and also on the raising of fruit in the settlements. Exposed the folly of those brethren who have never planted a peach or apple tree in this territory because they are afraid that we shall be again driven from our home.

Choir sang "Let Zion in her beauty rise."

Benediction by Patriarch John Young.

2, P. M.

Meeting opened by singing. Prayer was offered by President G. B. Wallace.

Choir sang "Go ye messengers of glory."

Elders Lorenzo Snow and Wilford Woodruff spoke upon the practical duties of saints, importance of obeying counsel and striving to be one in all things.

The cases of about fifty persons were brought before the conference, some had apostatized, and other were found guilty of frequent and numerous transgressions for which they were all excommunicated from the fellowship of the church.

President Brigham Young wished to see the Latter Day Saints so live as to overcome every passion that is contrary to the spirit and plan that God has devised to bring about the salvation of the people. We may rest assured that we shall not be afflicted any more than we are well able to bear. If we do right, then all that our enemies can do will not amount to any more than the king of France marching his army up the hill, and then marching it down again. We may talk about priesthood, about redeeming Zion, ready for the coming of the Son of Man, but it is all in vain unless we sanctify ourselves before our God.

Said we wanted to go on with the building of the temple this summer, and if the people will be faithful to do their part the Lord will give us a fruitful season. Brethren bring on the rock, and let boys and young men that have no trade, or business, come and learn to cut stone. The President said he began to feel anxious about it, for he wanted to get it pretty near done before we are called to return to the centre stake of Zion.

Choir sang "Redeemer of Israel."

President B. Young pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 10 a.m.

Choir sang "Arise O Glorious Zion."

Prayer by Elder George A. Smith.

Another hymn was sung, after which Elder F. D. Richards made remarks on the privileges of the saints, and the good instructions and counsel given during the present conference.

President H. C. Kimball exhorted to union, faith and good works, that we might become more fully of one heart and one mind. Referred to the brethren going to redeem Zion, and how wonderfully the Lord had scattered abroad our enemies, and said if we would be alive in Christ Jesus our Lord, he will preserve us and bring us off victoriously.

Choir sang.

On motion of President Orson Hyde the conference adjourned until the 6th of October next, at 10 a.m.

Elder John Taylor dismissed the congregation by benediction.

J. V. LONG.

Clerk of the Conference.