

HUGE ATTENDANCE AT L. D. S. CONFERENCE

Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder and Anton H. Lund Address the Thousands of Saints Assembled at the Opening Session Sunday Morning.

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The seventy-ninth annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints began Sunday morning with a record attendance for the opening session, the big tabernacle auditorium being filled in both floor and gallery. The weather, which had been threatening storm during the night previous and early morning hours, cleared off and the sun shone, although the atmosphere contained considerable April crispness.

President Joseph F. Smith presided. There were present also Presidents John R. Winder and Anton H. Lund, and all the members of the quorum of the apostles with the exception of C. W. Penrose, who is in Europe, and Reed Smoot, who is at Washington. Six of the seven presidents of seventy were present on the stand, and a splendid representation of presidents of stakes, mission presidents, and officers of the auxiliary organizations.

The opening song was "All Hail the Glorious Day," by the choir, which also rendered "The Deepening Trials" and "I Waited for the Lord." A vocal solo, "Fear Not, O Israel," was rendered by Alexander Crawford. The opening prayer was offered by Patriarch Joseph E. Taylor and the benediction was pronounced by Patriarch Angus M. Cannon.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

My heart is filled with gratitude to the Lord for the blessing of standing before you this morning, at the opening of our seventy-ninth annual conference. I feel that I thank Him for all His mercy and loving kindness towards all His people, and for that matter, His mercy and kindness to all men. I feel thankful that we meet this morning under such favorable circumstances, enjoying the blessings of life, of peace and a desire in our hearts to honor the Lord in our gathering on this occasion. My heart is full of gratitude to the Lord and of love for the Latter-day Saints throughout the world.

To me there is nothing in life that compares with the work that the Lord is doing in the midst of the children of men in these latter days. While we are but a handful of people, comparatively speaking, yet we may be compared to the leaven of the children of men, living and dead, and those that will yet live in the earth. Men must set aside their own prejudices and their own personal desires and preferences in deference to the great cause.

We have passed through the stages of infancy and to responsible childhood and are indeed approaching the condition of manhood and womanhood in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It has become one of the necessities that the people of God uphold and sustain the principles of righteousness against all the world; against their own individual likes and dislikes. Man is insignificant in his poor and powerless condition in comparison with the glory which envelopes the salvation of the children of men, living and dead, and those that will yet live in the earth. Men must set aside their own prejudices and their own personal desires and preferences in deference to the great cause.

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is true, and that it will stand forever. I know this because God has revealed it to me, and I know that the Almighty will accomplish His purposes, no matter how many may turn from the truth or fall away. Hundreds or thousands may leave the Church, but the work will never fail, never cease; nothing can hinder its progress.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

In the purpose of this latter-day work, in its inception was an almost imperceptible but mighty power which makes for righteousness and the advancement of the cause of Zion; and that same power will become stronger and will work with greater rapidity in the future than it has done in the past, in proportion to the faith of the people; and the work will spread more rapidly in the world than it has done. The Lord has said it and the spirit bears record and I bear my testimony that it is true. No other sect in the world possesses a single principle of truth which we do not accept; we are willing to accept of any truth, no matter in what form it may come. We seek to spread the truth, and we are willing to accept any truth that will help us to do so.

Truth must be the foundation of any structure or it will fall. Truth is at the foundation of this great work established by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and it will succeed, no matter what the opposition may be. We look at the opposition that the Church has experienced, and we wonder that men and women in the beginning of this work stood so firmly and that so few faltered. Most of them remained true, and would have given their all for the work of God. With few exceptions, they help me to stand as faithful as they stood, and this wish is expressed for all the Latter-day Saints, as well as for myself.

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

I am delighted, my brothers and sisters, to have one more opportunity of meeting with you in general conference. President Smith asked what should we do for the work. As for me I intend to stand fast, if possible, to the end. There is no one who is unobligated to stand as faithful as I am. He has blessed and preserved me through my whole life and I could not do otherwise than stand by Him and pray Him during the remainder of my life. As I listened to the words of our beloved president, my soul was filled with renewed determination to serve the Lord. This is now my joy, my life, my all, my brothers and sisters, and do you not think the Lord has amply blessed me? I am on hand to do the will of God as long as I have strength. The work is rendered by the choir promised peace to all who should seek the comfort of the Lord. May the Lord bless you all, my brothers and sisters, in my humble prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.

PRESIDENT A. H. LUND.

I have been very much interested in listening to the strong testimonies borne by Presidents Smith and Winder and such is my testimony. My determination is to carry out the covenant I have made with the Lord and with my brethren. The Lord began this work and He will continue it until it shall merge into the kingdom of universal peace. President Smith asked what should we do for the work. I believe we will. Yet I believe there is more carelessness among us than there should be. The Lord has extended His hand to protect the people. Without His help and aid the work could not have progressed and prospered as it has done.

The saints have learned many things since the coming of the gospel. They have learned to be faithful to the Lord and to His word. They have learned to be true to the Lord and to His word. They have learned to be true to the Lord and to His word. They have learned to be true to the Lord and to His word.

SEVENTY-NINE YEARS AGO.

Seventy-nine years ago today the Church was organized. What a remarkable growth the Church has had in that short time. The Lord has said that His Church should not be destroyed from the face of the earth. Though it has passed through many vicissitudes yet it continues to grow and flourish. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. We are all in for the truth and we thank the Lord that He has revealed it to us.

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"My nerves which used to be unsteady and my head slow and lethargic from a heavy diet of meats and greasy foods, had gradually, but none the less surely, been restored to normal efficiency."

"Now every nerve is steady and my brain and thinking faculties are quicker and more acute than for years past."

"After my old style breakfast I used to suffer during the forenoon from a feeling of weakness which hindered me seriously in my work, but since I have begun to use Grape-Nuts I can work till dinner time with ease and comfort." "There's a Reason."

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

revealed the truth to us. Shall we prove faithless to our duty? There is a great responsibility resting upon us. We do not want to tear down the belief of another. We want to show the world what we have received. Our souls are worth more than all the world. Every one of us should feel that we must do something to build up the kingdom of God, at home or abroad. Our missionaries go out with the love of God in their hearts to what God has done for His children.

ELDER'S ENERGETIC.

The Lord has been with the elders during the past year. They have been more energetic in reaching the people and they have seen the fruits of their labors. Much prejudice has been overcome. The Norwegian people have come when all lands will permit their people to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. Some countries have passed laws against the Mormons. The Norwegian people have done this. I hope they will see fit to rescind such legislation as may be directed against the preaching of the gospel in that country, which has heretofore been a land of great religious liberty.

There are many good people in Norway, many have emigrated here and made good citizens. In Sweden, as in Norway, we have not absolute freedom. Endeavors are sometimes made to check the elders. A case against one of our missionaries was brought before the king, but he decided there was no cause for action.

In Germany the missionaries are meeting with better success than heretofore.

In Holland there is great success and the work is progressing favorably. In the United States our brethren have been busy employed in gathering souls to the cause of righteousness, in the islands of the sea, in Japan the work has been opened and the Book of Mormon will soon be ready for the people. Brothers Taylor and Caine have been laboring in Japan for seven years, and are doing a great work. In Greece

Morning Meeting at The Assembly Hall

A full-sized congregation met in the Assembly hall in the morning. Elder Orson F. Whitney was in charge of the services, and assisting him were Elders H. Hart, James G. Duffin, Nephi Pratt and C. A. Callie.

The choir and congregation united in singing "Now Let us Rejoice." Prayer was offered by Elder Nephi Pratt. The congregation united in singing "Gloria in Excelsis." Great Jehovah.

ELDER O. F. WHITNEY.

Elder O. F. Whitney expressed pleasure in meeting with those present in an overflow meeting, which was suggestive of increase and prosperity. It was not so long ago when one little room could have contained all the members of the Church. The Church was organized in 1830 with six members, though there were others who were believers in the Book of Mormon and the principles of the gospel. The results of the efforts of Oliver Cowdery and others in those early days. Reference was made to the ideas of the people of the world regarding the restoration of the kingdom of God on earth. The restoration of the kingdom of God on earth is an essential ordinance. Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith were led to organize the church because of what they found in the Book of Mormon record. They were led to organize the church because of what they found in the Book of Mormon record. They were led to organize the church because of what they found in the Book of Mormon record.

In comparison, the speaker said, there were now between 200,000 and 400,000 members in the world. The time will never come again when all the people will be gathered together under one roof. King Benjamin's tower was referred to as showing one means in these days of getting the ears of the people. He rejoiced in that condition because it is a healthy sign. He felt that as God had said that where two or three are met together, He would be in the midst of them, that they might be gathered into a flock, and He invoked the blessing of God on those present.

ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIE.

Elder Chas. A. Callie said that he considered the growth of the Church was a tribute to the men who are leaders and sustainers of prophets and seers. When they are directed of God they do not make mistakes.

He rejoiced in the fact that the Church is growing and that hundreds are being added to the fold.

The speaker referred to the distinction made in the word between temporal and spiritual things. The Latter-day Saints believe that God is in temporal as well as spiritual things.

Last year 94 members were added to the Church in the southern states, and enough elders cannot be secured to preach the word as widely as desired.

The speaker referred to the Catawba tribe of Indians in South Carolina, which once numbered 4000 but are now reduced to 100 through sin. Two thirds of the remnant belong to the Church, and the organizations among them are doing much good.

Reference was made to the founders of the Church and the Church itself being American in every sense of the word. It is the destiny of the gospel to be preached to the men of this world. It has been, and is being, raised up to preach the word in their own language. How did Joseph Smith know except by revelation that men would be raised up by Latter-day Saints who would preach the gospel in the tongues of different nations. In the southern states there are 13 young men who came up to the house of the Lord and they have gone back and have labored

also the Book of Mormon will soon be printed in the Greek language, and thus some of the greatest truths of all time will be opened up to that people.

The Church at home is progressing. The new priesthood movement, in which all holding the priesthood meet every Monday night, is proving a great success, and we are hopeful for yet greater interest in the success of the movement and of the Church of Christ here at home.

We must remember how important it is to hold the priesthood of God, and not hold it lightly. Our duty is to support the Kingdom of God and build it up. The Lord did not create us merely to accumulate material things. He designed that we should learn His will and teach it to others. We should be on guard for ourselves and for others. Parents should place a guard between their children and evil. Parents would not permit their children to go where there was smallpox, they should be careful to keep them away from immoral contagion.

NO LIQUOR LEGISLATION.

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We want to make our homes such that children will feel there is no better place. We believe that serving the Lord gives joy, and that we should be joyful on the Lord's day and keep it holy as His intention has been. Young people should be encouraged to enjoy themselves at home. We object to their being on the streets, especially at night after the sun has set. They ought to be at home, with their parents who should know where they are. The brethren appointed to this work on the streets have done a mighty work. They have saved many young people who were just starting out on the downward path. I hope we all feel interested in the great work of stopping the flow of immorality and sin coming from the world and inundating our young people.

WORK OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Our Church schools are doing a great work. Our young people who go out from those take with them an influence which is beneficial to them and to those with whom they come in contact.

Our Sunday school, our Primaries and our Relief classes have increased their enrollment during the last year and are gaining favor with the people. There are not too many organizations. The children will learn to love them. Young men who have attended Church schools and at first thought that theology was uninteresting, have testified that they found the study not only interesting but helped in all other studies.

I am pleased that the Church has been so successful in regard to sustaining these schools. We feel that the good done in this way is of the greatest value, and that the result of the work will be to make the young people more able to bear the burdens which will fall upon their shoulders in the future. As to the Relief classes, they should be encouraged. The help to lead our children to live correct lives. This is the object of the Relief classes and they are successful in their allotted work.

We cannot too highly commend the Young Men and Young Women organizations. They have done in behalf of Religion and hope the other Church schools will follow in similar endeavor.

with power. From Japan and other places men will be coming in to join the work in their own countries. This is the determination of thefulness of times and the mission of the Latter-day Saints is being vindicated every day.

He referred to the joy and responsibility which came to the people in their children, who are the greatest treasure given them by God. He narrated the story of a woman who was saved from shipwreck but her children were lost. She said in a message to friends, "I am saved, but saved alone." It through the neglect of fathers and mothers, children go astray and are not with them, and they are saved alone, how will they feel. The children should be loved so that they will be faithfully nurtured in the love of God. Where is the wandering boy tonight? Is he the boy that is one of the saddest heard in the world today, said the speaker. How can a man profess to love God if he does not labor to raise his children aright. If he does not love those whom he has seen how can he love God whom he has not seen. Man cannot cut off anything from the record. He must live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Others, as Luther, have done what God desired them to do. Those who lived up to what they knew in those days will be blessed. But the fulness of the gospel has been restored in these days. It teaches the eternity of the marriage covenant, as well as other teaching truths. And it will be found necessary in eternity.

pleasure at being present and referred to the disinterested labors of the elders, who labor not alone for this people, but for the whole race. This is shown by the reports of the elders who have organized Sunday schools all the way

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city to belong to the Church having the power to seal for time and eternity. He encouraged the Latter-day Saints to feel no despair, but to struggle for the reward of the righteous.

ELDER CHARLES H. HART.

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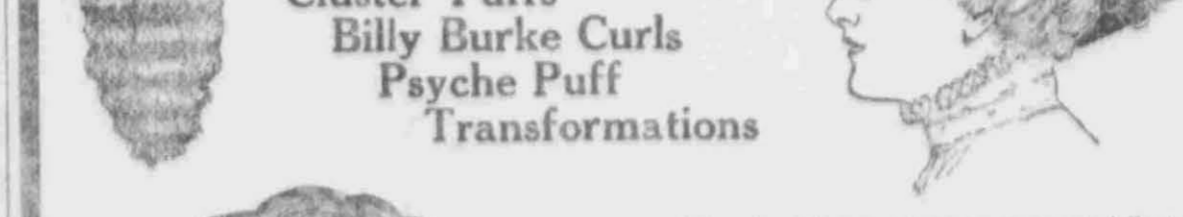
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