

Perchance the judgments of God must go to the nations and destroy untold thousands, and after that the Elders will be sent back; and I believe that so long as time shall last, or eternity itself endure, there will be need of quorums of Seventies to carry the Gospel of salvation to the children of men. Even after the resurrection the faithful shall find their abode in the Celestial Kingdom, there will be occasion to minister to those of a terrestrial order; and those of a terrestrial order will carry the Gospel to those of a celestial order; and as eternity shall roll on will we seventies be required to labor in the ministry. We should give more of our time to spiritual affairs and intellectual culture, that we may cope with the world in learning. These things should be taught in the theological classes organized among the Seventies for the purpose of training them in the science of theology, history, etc. Never waste your time in the discussion of unprofitable subjects, but deal only with those that shall make you polished shafts in the hands of God to worthily bear his priesthood.

Presidents George Reynolds and S. B. Young, in addition to what Brother Roberts had explained, said that the labors of the Seventies at home should be to minister in the capacity of teaching, visiting the Saints, working in the Sunday Schools or wherever their labors might be needed.

Apostle John Henry Smith spoke of the power of example upon the young, the necessity of throwing a protecting influence over them and guiding the wayward and reckless by acts of kindness and personally laboring with them, mingling with them and dropping kind words of admonition to them. He spoke of young men who had come years afterwards and thanked him for the good counsel he had given them, and which had made them better men. He bore testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the important ministry of the Seventies, and spoke of the responsibility resting upon all who have named the name of Jesus. Condemnation is resting upon High Priests, Presidents of Stakes, and all others who violate the words of wisdom, for in so doing they were responsible to a great extent for the shortcomings of others. Those who preside leave an impress for good or evil among their flocks and those with whom they associate. The Priesthood, if lived up to will exalt us in our Father's Kingdom. It is the gem of gems, the priceless jewel of everlasting life.

President Roberts desired that each quorum find out how many vacancies there were in its council and membership and to select names from the Elders' quorums by and with the consent of the Presidency of the Stake and presidents of the Elders' quorums, as per the circular issued some time ago, and report to the general secretary, and some of the council would meet with and complete their organizations.

Brother Roberts, in behalf of the first council and conference generally, thanked the authorities of the Stake for the use of the Assembly Hall, and the congregation endorsed the sentiment by unanimous vote.

The Doxology was sung.
Benediction by Counselor Jos. E. Taylor.

JOHN M. WHITAKER, Clerk.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall, Saturday, September 6th, at 11 a. m. President Joseph E. Taylor presiding.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the First, Ninth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second, city wards, and North Jordan and Pleasant Green wards, of the country.

Ten quorums of Elders responded to the roll call, and nineteen young men were recommended for ordination to the Higher Priesthood.

President Joseph E. Taylor spoke for a short time on the necessity of living in such a manner as to obtain the companionship of the Holy Spirit and ever being guided by its promptings. He also exhorted the Bishops to make their Sunday evening meetings interesting so that they would be fully attended.

President Charles W. Penrose followed with some chosen words on the obligation resting upon those that received the Priesthood and the necessity of honoring this in preference to all things else.

Elder Franklin S. Richards spoke upon the necessity of prompt attention to present pressing duties.

Apostle A. H. Cannon bore testimony to the truth of the instructions given and spoke with great force on the necessity of contending for every right in a proper manner. Also of the impropriety of Bishops chastising members of the Church in public, and the need of the continual house to house ministrations of the lesser priesthood.

Bishop Elias Morris drew attention to the necessity of training children to attend to every Church duty so that it would become "second nature" to them, and of the certain triumph of the truth and that in the near future.

Adjourned until the first Saturday in November.

Benediction by Patriarch A. H. Raleigh.

SAN JUAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Monticello, San Juan County, Utah, August 24th. Apostle John H. Smith, President F. A. Hammond and Counselors, and a number of Bishops were present.

At the forenoon meeting the Bishops reported their several wards. Apostle Smith spoke upon the condition of the human family by disobeying the laws, changing the ordinances, and breaking the everlasting covenants.

In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered. Apostle John H. Smith occupied most of the time in explaining the first principles of the Gospel. President Hammond made a few remarks, and bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

In the evening, after the usual opening exercises, the general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained with the following changes: Monticello was organized into a ward, with Frederick J. Jones as Bishop, and Charles E. Walton as first and George A. Adams as second counselor; Nephi Bailey, high counselor, and William E. Hyde as alternate.

The Y. M. M. I. Association occupied the remainder of the evening in conference and Apostle Smith gave some valuable instruction to the young.

The Y. L. M. I. Association and Primaries held their conferences on Monday, Aug. 25th, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable conferences held in the San Juan Stake.

Conference then adjourned for three months.

C. E. WALTON, Stake Clerk.

OBSEQUIES.

A LARGE number of relatives and friends assembled Wednesday, September 10 at the residence of Brother Nelson A. Empey, on the occasion of the services over the remains of his wife, Mrs. Ella Young Empey. The rooms of the main floor of the building were crowded, while there were many on the lawn in front of the premises, being unable to gain admittance to the interior. The casket and its surroundings were decorated with many beautiful floral emblems, tributes of affection to the memory of the deceased from the hands of loving friends and relatives. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Seymour B. Young, and remarks delineating some of the noble traits of the departed, and including comfort and instruction to the bereaved and all present, were made by Elders William Naylor, Hamilton G. Park and John Nicholson. The benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry P. Richards. A select choir, led by H. G. Whitney, rendered, very beautifully, the musical part of the exercises. The remains were followed to the grave by a large cortege. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Joseph E. Taylor. The husband and other relatives of Sister Empey feel deeply grateful for the sympathy exhibited by many kind friends in their bereavement.

"Does your husband attend church regularly. Mrs. Trotter?" Inquired the new minister.

"Oh, yes," Mrs. Trotter answered; "he goes once a year regularly."