Weber Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Weber Stake commenced on Sunday morning July 21st, and as on former similar occasions the old tabernacle was packed with anxious, earnest listeners, while a large number of others who desired to gain admission could not and therefore had to go away sorrowing. There were present on the stand, Elders Franklin D. Richards and Heber J. Grant, of the Twelve Apostles; Seymour B. Young and C. D. Fjeldsted, of Council of Seventies; Eldef J. McIndah, of the presidency of the Stake, a large number of the High Council, Bishopric and leading Elders. The meeting was called to order by President Shurtliff. After singing by the choir the opening prayer was offered by Elder Joseph Hall.

Elder C. F. Middleton reported the condition of the Stake which he said was generally good. Since the last quarterly conference the presidency with some of the High Council and others had visited nearly each eight ward conference, filling some appointments and acting in some things that were needed. He said he would divide the people of this Stake into four classes as follows:

"My first class I call 'just Latter-day Saints.' They are good people in every sense of the word, and complied with this, they try with all their might to live up to all requirements of the Gospel. They attend all Sabbath and fast meetings, pay their tithes and fast offerings, observe the Word of Wisdom, and attend to their prayers in the secret thereof.

"My second class I call 'Latter-day Saints.' They are, we may be informed, in all their dealings; they attend some of the meetings, pay some tithing, and some fast offerings, and so do the best they could and they will be welcome a testimonial to bid Godspeed to another ward.

"My third class I call 'good Mormons.' They are, we are good, but they neglect almost every thing only required of them as members of the Church.

"My fourth class I call 'Mormons.' They are members of the Church because something has neglected to do their duty, in not calling them to."

Elder Fjeldsted then addressed the meeting. He was pleased to see so many of the Saints present, and he (the) the report of the condition of the Stake. He felt his humility being aroused by the fact that he would be preachable unless he was aided by the spirit of the Lord. The large congregation present shows that they have an interest in the work of God. The gospel found us in the nations of the earth, and the Lord has brought us together here in these mountains to build up his kingdom. He quoted the saying in the book of Doctrine and Covenants: "The Lord is angry with some of the elders who do not hold Wisdom His hand to all things." This, he said, was a short saying, but the practical part of it presented many difficulties and upon a wide field for reflection. The speaker took a wide and comprehensive view of the Whitehouse family, to which he contrasted the poverty and wretchedness of the poor with the wealth, refinement and luxury of the rich, and said there appeared to the casual and unenlightened observer no good reason for such apparent discrimination almost one class in favor of the other, seeing that all alike are the children of God. But he believed that our condition, sets and standing in our pre-existing state formed the basis for our condition in this life. He believed, however, that the humble poor enjoy more real happiness case than do the rich, many of whom are in constant fear of their wealth being stolen. All men will be judged according to their works, and it is said blessed be the poor and the meek for they will inherit the earth, inasmuch as they are faithful to the Gospel covenants which they have made.

Elder J. M. Mcdahl was the next speaker. He felt great diffidence in standing before such a large congregation to speak on the principles of the Gospel. He said the first time he heard an Elder bear testimony that God had revealed the Gospel from heaven in these days he did not believe it; yet there was something about it that very much impressed him and he could never get entirely rid of it. At that time he was training for the ministry, and (subsequently) became a Baptist minister. That was in 1870. He believed that God never would again speak to man on the earth. But in his experience for twenty years afterwards he felt that there was that in the testimony to first heard. At last he felt there was only one thing for him to do—that was to obey the Gospel and take the covenants and doing so. This he did and no one since received a strong testimony that this work is true—that it is the work of the living God. He spoke with power and much earnestness, and his utterances made a deep impression on the audience.

The speaker also gave his idea of what an ancient Apostle was from what he had read of them, and said for a long time before he had that privilege he was anxious to see a living Apostle, and when he did see one—when he fell him in the handcrafts and heard his voice, there was such a power and influence around him he felt that he had never before experienced. That was another testimony to him that it was of God. He said Apostle for every saw was Franklin D. Richards. He was listened to with the closest attention.

Elder Wm. S. Fife made a few edifying remarks, and related his experience among the Indians while in Arizona. Spoke of a travel visit to Mexico. He said the Saints were in a prosperous condition there. They have good crops of grain, vegetables and fruit. They are contented and happy; they are increasing and will yet become a numerous and great people in Mexico.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph Stanford.

In the afternoon the opening prayer was offered by Elder W. W. Burton.

Elder S. F. Young spoke of the revelation given through the prophet Joseph Smith, Dec. 25, 1832, concerning the war that would come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina. He spoke at length on the chosen which manifested to bring about the fulfilment of that great prophecy, and established the great truth that Joseph was a true Prophet. He mentioned numerous events that had transpired since the prediction was made.

Elder Franklin D. Richards gave some additional instruction in the subject. He said it appeared the Saints had been in danger of the prophecy given in our revelation which has yet to be fulfilled.

Elder Heber J. Grant said after a prophecy has been fulfilled people will think it was not given by inspiration, but those who have not the Spirit of God do not know how these things are fulfilled. It is through the loss of the Spirit of God that people do not understand the things of God, and hence they cannot understand prophecy after its fulfilment. The world cannot understand that the Latter-day Saints are fulfilling prophecy in gathering to these mountains and building a house unto the Lord. This is because they have not the Spirit of God. There is more solid comfort and happiness to be enjoyed in this work than in any other religion in the world. He referred to the prophecy of Joseph Smith that the Saints would gather to these mountains and would build no cities and large communities and that they would eventually become a peaceful people. Many of the points in this has already been fulfilled—we are one and one only, and the remainder will be accomplished. He referred to the length to the persecutions of the Saints back to the shores and in Utah, and the manner in which they have since deprived of much of their property by the government. He said he felt assured that for the Lord to favor Zion, and this is one of them, for He has caused the government to restore to the Church some of the property, and the time may come when the United States will be called upon to see and for the remainder of the property of which this people have been wrongfully despoiled. He also spoke on the Word of Wisdom, and said there is no excuse for our not observing obedience to that Word and Will of the Lord. He exhorted to be true to God, to themselves and the covenants which they made with the Lord.

The choir sang and the meeting closed with prayer by Elder Fjeldsted.

At the close of the afternoon service a Priesthood conference was held, at which much valuable instruction was given and a number of important questions were answered pertaining to the duties of the priesthood.

Sunday evening there was a good child dedication. After singing by the choir, and prayer by Bishop Jesse Talbot, Elder H. J. Grant addressed the parents. On the afternoon previous he stated that he expected to speak but to sing to simply teaching, but he now confessed that he was happily and greatly disappointed at seeing so large an assembly, notwithstanding the great effort to that was to the city—the large circus. This spoke well for the Latter-day Saints in this Stake. When we came together to serve the Lord with imperfect hearts we will not be away with us a blessing. He referred to the remarks of Elder Fjeldsted on Sunday. He admired them. He believed had the Saints by which we now sing to the life are the results of the conditions and conduct of our lives in a previous state of existence. He said the faithful in one we patiently and the integrity of our hearts in this life will venture in no eternal life hereafter. It is not knowledge alone that will save us, but the faithful application of that knowledge to build up the purposes of God and establish His work on the earth. Elder Grant recalled some of the experiences at the time he was called to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ. He felt unworthy of such a high and holy calling, and was disposed to question the call. After his ordination he still felt that he ought not to have accepted the responsible office.

While riding along on his journey, subsequently, and still pondering upon the matter he turned a vestibule—it seemed as if some one was walking beside him and a voice said to him, "you need not trouble any more about the reason why you were called to be an Apostle. It was not on account of your own qualifications, but in response to the request of your father, who has asked this from the hands of God." Elder Grant's father is dead—he died when Heber J. was but a few days old. He was, as many will still remember, a good, true and faithful servant to God. He labored incessantly and fervently to build up, unity and establish the saints in the faith of the Gospel. He was literally worn out in the service of the Lord. It will thus be seen that after they pass beyond the veil, our parents watch over us and are solicitous for our welfare.

Elder H. J. Grant made some very excellent remarks on the solicitude of parents for the good and salvation of the children. He exhorted the Saints to be faithful in the duties of the Gospel and to live so that we may be worthy and when counsels they have received at this conference.

Elder F. D. Richards said he was overwhelmed with gladness on hearing Elder Grant. Spoke of the faith and long labors of Jedediah M. Grant and his sufferings through life, and concluded the testimony of Heber J. Grant, seeking the blessings the fathers who have received the Priesthood can procure for their children, by after they have qualified themselves to receive the same. Spoke of the restoration of the Priesthood and keys held by Moses, Elias, Elijah, which had been conferred on the Prophet Joseph Smith for the establishing of the Kingdom of God and the salvation of the human family. He gave words of liberty counsel, and advised the Saints to be faithful, to be earnest in all their endeavors to overcome all evil and stand approved before God.

After benediction by Elder Richard Ballantyne meeting closed.

In the afternoon the house was again filled. Elder L. W. Shurtliff expressed the great pleasure he felt at the privilege of listening to the rich instructions we have had at the early sessions. He said he could rejoice in all he spoke on the irrigation system and the great blessing it has been to the people. He advised them to adopt means to conserve the water which they have at present, and to be careful not to waste it. He said he felt assured that God would make a way to obtain a sufficient supply of water for the people.

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