

yield will be reasonably good; heavy crop bids to be fair.

**Davis**—The past week has been good for the grain crops; cool nights and warm days; will commence cutting wheat on the 12th, and the yield will be sixty per cent of former years, but of a better quality; hay crop all in; farmers report large yield.

**Emery**—The past week has been a busy one for the farmer. Haying progressing rapidly. The lucern crop proves to be considerable better than last year this time; other crops are doing very well so far—no cause to complain.

**Garfield**—Light frost on July 3rd nipped corn, beans and potatoes. Three days of heavy south winds which hindered haying. The river is as low now as at any time last summer, still plenty of water for irrigating crops. A fairly good growing week; crops look very well.

**Wayne**—Weather during past week warm and windy; crops doing well; wheat heading out; currants beginning to ripen; haying progressing; yield generally good.

**Wasatch**—Good growing weather past week; lucern hauling in full blast; only about two-thirds of a crop; wheat heading out; pastures good; slight frost morning of 10th; every week more or less frost and vegetables are getting hardened to the cold snap.

**Washington**—Fore part of week windy and unfavorable to hauling lucern, the second crop of which is nearly all cut; wheat about all harvested; crop good; early peaches and tomatoes ripe; ranges getting dry; crops in general doing fairly well.

**Weber**—Week generally windy and unfavorable for hauling hay; harvesting commenced; grain is plump but straw is short; potato crop very promising. all crops looking nicely.

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### M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

The Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations held their second annual conference in the Tabernacle yesterday, the first session commencing at 10 a.m., with President Joseph F. Smith of the general superintendency presiding.

After the usual preliminaries of singing and prayer, General Superintendent Elmina S. Taylor of the Young Ladies' delivered an address. This was followed by remarks from President Joseph F. Smith, after which Miss Della Daynes responded with the solo Judith, and Miss Lucy Hoving of Cache Stake made a few remarks on mutual improvement work in that locality.

#### IN THE AFTERNOON.

The choir sang the hymn:

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

Prayer was offered by Elder Jonathan G. Kimball.

The choir further sang:

Again we meet around the board  
Of Jesus our redeeming Lord.

The Priesthood of the Ninth ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

Elder Thomas Hull, general secretary of the Y. M. M. I. A. then read

the statistical and financial reports of both associations, as well as presenting the general officers of the same, the votes on which were declared to be unanimous. The officers are as follows:

**Y. M. M. I. A.**—Wilford Woodruff, general superintendent; Joseph F. Smith, Heber J. Grant, B. H. Roberts, counselors; assistants, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, J. G. Kimball, Junius F. Wells, Milton H. Hardy, Rodney O. Badger, George H. Brimhall, Edward H. Anderson, Douglas M. Todd, John E. Hepler, Edward H. Snow, Nephi L. Morris, Richard W. Young, Horace G. Whitney; Thomas Hull, secretary; William S. Burton, treasurer; E. Stephens, music director.

**Y. L. M. I. A.**—Elmina S. Taylor, general superintendent; Maria Y. Dougall, Martha H. Tingey, counselors; aids, Aggie Campbell, Adelia W. Eardley, Sarah Eddington, Lillie T. Freeze, May Booth Talmage, Minnie J. Snow, Emma Goddard, Rose Wallace; Ann M. Cannon, secretary and treasurer; Mae Taylor, corresponding secretary; Joan Campbell, recording secretary; Susan Y. Gates, editor of journal.

Sister Lizzie Thomas-Edward rendered a solo in very pleasing style.

Elder Junius F. Wells, assistant to the general superintendency, addressed the congregation. He spoke of the early experiences of the Saints and the guiding power of God which had been constantly over them. Their being led to the valleys of the Rocky Mountains was referred to, as was also the organization of the Mutual Improvement associations and their rapid and steadily increasing growth. A foundation had been laid, said the speaker, which would indoctrinate into the minds of the youth of Israel a feeling of responsibility, and that feeling would bear its fruits when required, in the upbuilding and rolling on of the kingdom of God upon the earth. The future was one of great promise wherein to witness the faithfulness and integrity of the young people, and all of this as a result of their connection with the Mutual Improvement associations and kindred Church auxiliaries.

Sister Maria Y. Dougall of the Young Ladies' general superintendency, was the next speaker. Sister Dougall endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker in the assertion that the young people of the Church would bear off the kingdom of God on the earth. The Mutual Improvement associations were accomplishing a great good among the young, and a band of faithful sons and daughters were being trained in the ways of God and were getting ready for the work which would devolve upon them in the future.

Elder A. H. Peterson, superintendent of the Cache Stake associations next spoke. He said he realized that the young people of Zion had a great work before them, and he believed that they were preparing for it. Greater preparation, however, was possible, and would be accomplished if the fathers and mothers would set their sons and daughters the example, and in this way urge them on to a fulfillment of their respective duties.

Sister Martha H. Tingey, of the

Young Ladies' superintendency, made a few remarks. Sister Tingey regretted the fact that only half the enrolled membership of the associations attended to their meetings. She spoke of the benefits to be derived from a faithful attendance at the Mutual Improvement meetings and urged the young folks to strive with greater diligence to attend to their duties in the future than they had done in the past.

Assistant General Superintendent George H. Brimhall was introduced as the next speaker. He spoke of truth, fragments of which, said he, were to be found in the grossest error. Truth was found in everything. It acted as a mortar for untruths, in scientific as well as other ill-founded doctrines. This being the case, it behooved the Saints, and especially those of tender years, to grasp after that which contained the whole truth in order that it might become unified in their souls and make of them men and women possessed of that priceless gem. This, said the speaker, would make them fit for the blessings of the Father, and could be inculcated in their souls, by attendance upon the Mutual Improvement and other associations of the Church.

Choir sang the anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy,

after which the congregation joined in the singing of the Doxology and benediction was pronounced by Elder Francis M. Lyman.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Singing by the Harmony Glee club:

Gather round the camp-fire.]

Prayer was offered by Elder E. H. Snow.

Singing by the Ladies' chorus:

In our boat.

Elder Heber J. Grant was on the program for an address but being detained at Soda Springs, a letter expressing his regrets was read to the conference.

President Joseph F. Smith delivered an address on Presidency—the duties, responsibilities, obligations and rights of the Presidency of the Church. He commenced by reading from the 107th section of the book of Doctrine and Covenants and explained that the office of presidency was a distinct and separate organization of the Church, thus differing from all other offices in the Priesthood, in that its ordination was a special one and ceased only when the person upon whom it had been bestowed, fell away from the truth, or removed from the district over which he had been set apart to preside. In such cases the right of presidency had to be re-bestowed if the same person were again called upon to preside. There could never be two parallel heads, said President Smith, in the same Stake or districts, either male or female. One must be recognized as the superior of the two, being delegated therefore to take the lead. The authority which presides should be recognized by those of the organization presided over, and the advice and counsel coming from the head should be regarded as authoritative.

President Smith spoke of the different degrees of presidency and the order which prevailed in the Church concerning the same, and closed his