

predicated upon the reception and magnifying of the two Priesthoods, and also the results of turning away from the Priesthood after having received it. The speaker also read from the 8th section of the same book. He had sometimes asked himself the question, where did he come from, why was he here and what was his destiny? We had a first estate and had obeyed its laws and conditions, otherwise we would not be here. We were here because we were worthy to come, having kept our first estate. It was his view that before our advent to mortality we made certain covenants with those who were in control—that we would seek to discover the will of God as it should be revealed. We had forgotten these things, but God was bringing them to our recollection. What we wanted to know was how to be worthy of securing the positions we formerly occupied in the previous life, together with the additions resulting from experience gained in mortality. No man nor woman could afford to do anything in this life except it be what was in accord with what God revealed. As a general thing there would be no failure associated with the work of the Lord. It might seem as if we were moving backward, because we had sacrificed what was dear to us. We had come along through these conditions and there had been no failure, because the majority of the people had sought to be guided by the Spirit of the Lord. There was a course that could be taken which would obviate failure. It was implied in the verses which had been read, "If your eye be single your whole body will be filled with light." There was the key. The Lord had said "I can of my own self do nothing, as I hear I judge, and My judgment is just because I seek not to do my own will but the will of my Father who sent me." According to this saying we should forget ourselves and try to discover how to spend our energy and our means to the honor and glory of God. If we did this there could be no failure. When our Elders were sent into the world, who sent them? It was the Lord who sent them, and none were so much interested in them as He. A man's mind should be single to the glory of God in everything he undertook. Here was the grand secret. We were too apt to forget that we were working for God. The work in which we were engaged was that of the Almighty, and His watchful eye was constantly upon us. God bless the Latter-day Saints, and we prayed we might so live as to be worthy to receive the blessings which had been promised upon the faithful.

The choir sang the anthem:

Praise ye the Father.

Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young; after which Conference adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m. The choir and congregation sang the hymn beginning:

Our God, we raise to Thee,
Thanks for Thy blessings free.

Prayer by Elder B. H. Roberts.

The choir sang the anthem:

Light and truth the world are waking.

THE AUTHORITIES

of the Church were presented by Presi-

dent George Q. Cannon for the votes of the assembly, as follow:

Wilford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund and Abraham H. Cannon.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church—John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fieldsted, John Morgan, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball and Rulon S. Wells.

William B. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his First and John R. Winder as his Second Counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church Historian and General Church Recorder, and John Jaques as his assistant.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

As the Church Board of Education: Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, George W. Thatcher, Anthon H. Lund, James Sharp and Joseph F. Smith.

As Trustees-in-Trust for the body of religious worshippers known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Wilford Woodruff.

All the voting to sustain the authorities as presented was unanimous.

An approximate statistical summary of the Stakes of the Church was read. It was stated, however, that it was somewhat incomplete. It did not include the missions in this nor in foreign lands.

A report of the Young Ladies' Improvement Associations for the last seventeen months was read. Among other matters of information it showed as follows: Number of associations, 386; number reported, 358; number of members, 13,372, increase, 1,815; average attendance, 6,786. Number of books in library, 5,587. The receipts were—Cash on hand at last report, \$2,085.83; cash received, \$5,173.02; total, \$7,258.85. Property on hand at last report, \$2,605.89; property received, \$761.49; total, \$3,367.38. The disbursements were: to charities, \$1,772.65; miscellaneous, \$3,557.85; balance on hand, \$1,928.35. Property disbursed, \$436.98; property on hand, \$2,930.40; total, \$3,367.38. Also on hand, fifty-three bushels of wheat. The report is signed by Elmira S. Taylor, president; Maria Y. Dougall, first counselor; Martha H. Tingey, second counselor.

The Sunday schools report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1894, showed as follows: Number of male officers and teachers, 5,593; number of female officers and teachers, 3,842; total 9,435. Male pupils, 36,627; female pupils,

37,595; total, 74,222; Grand total 83,657.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

addressed the Conference. His introductory remarks were directed to the concert to be given in the Tabernacle this evening and its worthy object. He invited the whole audience to attend it.

He then turned his attention to Sabbath schools and the necessity of men and women qualifying themselves to be efficient workers in those institutions, and spoke commendably of the normal class which had been established at Provo to enable the brethren and sisters to graduate for this work. Similar remarks were made in reference to the Young Men's Mutual Improvement normal class in the Brigham Young Academy. He announced that, to meet the expense connected with this important department, it was expected that the members of the Church would contribute 50 cents a year.

The speaker next alluded to card playing, the tendency of which was in the direction of evil.

In relation to round dancing, he said he did not believe that any good came from it and it ought not to be encouraged. He understood this to be the sentiment of the First Presidency who regretted that the young people were disposed to go to extremes in this matter.

The discourse then turned in the direction of Latter-day Saints becoming connected with secret societies. This theme was elaborately and instructively dwelt upon, the position of the Church in reference to it being clearly defined.

The closing remarks of Brother Smith were mostly devoted to the correction of certain fallacious ideas in reference to the Godhead, in which the three were represented as one person. The speaker read from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and the Bible, passages showing clearly the erroneous character of the views to which he referred.

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF

expressed the hope that if mothers brought small children here tomorrow that they would take seats near the doors, so that they could leave the building, if the little ones should begin to cry. It was desirable that all should hear what would be said, as matters of great importance would be presented.

The choir sang:

Let the mountains shout for joy,
after which the congregation joined in singing the Doxology.

Benediction by Elder Moses Thatcher.

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, April 8th.

The choir and congregation sang:

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning!
The latter-day glory begins to come forth,
The visions and blessings of old are returning,
And angels are coming to visit the earth.

Prayer by Elder John Nicholson.

Singing by the choir:

Earth, with her ten thousand flowers,
Air, with all its beams and showers
Heaven's infinite expanse,
Sea's resplendent countenance,
All around and all above
Bear this record, God is love.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

addressed the Conference. After he had made a few preliminary remarks