

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

The choir and congregation sang:

How firm a foundation, etc.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Taylor.

The choir sang:

On the mountains' top appearing, etc.

ELDER ELIAS MORRIS,

President of the High Priests' Quorum, reported that that body of the Priesthood were holding interesting meetings, which were well attended; instructive lectures were given occasionally. The speaker invited those Seventies who were too old and feeble for active service in missionary fields, to identify themselves with the High Priests' quorum, where they would be made welcome.

The Saints should patronize the Church schools as the only institutions of education where the children of the Latter-day Saints could get a thorough training in the doctrines of the Church. The good results of the past labors in these schools are testified to by those who have tried them; and since many of the people in this Stake of Zion are wealthy, the Latter-day Saints College, for which buildings and grounds costing twenty-five thousand dollars have just been purchased, should receive the support of all such in particular and of the Saints generally.

BISHOP ROBERT DANSIE,

of Herriman, referred to the great change which had taken place in the appearance of the country on the west side of the river Jordan, in this valley, during the last four years, through the blessings of the Lord. The Saints should be wise in the manipulation of their temporal affairs and avoid the contracting of unnecessary debts, by which they would bring themselves in bondage.

BISHOP WM. A. BILLS,

of South Jordan, referred to his long experience in the Church, during which he had learned to prize the principles of the Gospel above everything else; and he bore his testimony to their truth.

ELDER ROBERT MORRIS

spoke about the promises of the Lord concerning the great Latter-day work and their fulfilment, and also gave a good report of the condition of the Saints in the Eleventh Ward, where he resided.

BISHOP DAVID B. BRINTON,

of Big Cottonwood, said that the majority of the people in his ward were striving to live their religion, and attend to their meetings and other duties.

BISHOP WM. C. ALLEN,

of Draper, referred to his arrival in this valley when four years old, since which he had been identified with the Saints here, and rejoiced in his knowledge of the truth of the Gospel. The time had now come which so long had been alluded to by the veterans of the Church, that the burden of the rolling furth of the kingdom should rest upon the shoulders of the younger Elders. The responsible positions now filled by young men in the Church proves this fact.

BISHOP WM. L. N. ALLEN

of the Twenty-first ward, Salt Lake

City, gave a good report of his ward. There were a large number of poor in that part of the city, including many widows, but they were not allowed to suffer for the want of the necessities of life. The different organizations of the ward were in good working order, and were a great help to the Bishop and his counselors.

BISHOP JOSEPH S. RAWLINS,

of South Cottonwood, reported over thirteen hundred Saints in his ward, who were keeping pace with the surrounding wards. A good and commodious Church school building had been erected within the limits of the ward for the accommodation of the Saints residing in the more central part of Salt Lake valley, and there were good prospects for having a good school kept there this coming winter.

BISHOP WILLIAM THORNE

of the Seventh ward, Salt Lake City, related some of his experience from the time when he as a little boy was thrust out into a cold and unfeeling world, and he felt thankful for the comfort which the Gospel of Christ subsequently had afforded him, he having spent the last forty years of his life in the Church and presided as Bishop of the Seventh ward twenty years of that time. The different organizations of his ward were doing a good work.

COUNSELOR JOS. E. TAYLOR

propounded the question: "What shall we do with our boys?" and proceeded to show the condition of the sons of Zion at the present time. The Salt Lake Stake is a very large Stake of Zion, and should the Presidency of the same do justice to their calling, it would be necessary for them to spend all their time for the public good. In attending the different ward conferences throughout the Stake, the speaker had found union and harmony existing between presiding officers and the people generally.

The Relief Societies, and other organizations instituted for the benefit of both young and old, should be allotted a proper degree of freedom and independence in their respective associations, that they might have a chance to progress upon their own judgment and wisdom.

The Sabbath schools throughout the Stake were as a rule in fair conditions, but there was still a lack of good and efficient teachers in several places.

The Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations should discourage extravagance in dress, and the members not pattern after the fashion of the world.

The Primary Associations should be encouraged, as they were most important helps to the Priesthood in the work of moulding the minds of the young and leading them in the path of duty, and the fear of the Lord.

The examples of the Bishops and leading men of the respective wards has a very great deal to do with the general conditions of affairs in such wards, as the people are very apt to copy largely after their leaders; for "as with the priests, so with the people."

The choir, joined by the congregation, sang:

Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah.

Benediction by Bishop Ishmael Phillips.

The conference then adjourned till 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

Sunday Morning, Sept. 6.

The conference convened again in the Tabernacle at 10 o'clock a.m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding. The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

Do what is right; the day-dawn is breaking,
Hailing a future of freedom and light.

Prayer by Elder Elias Morris.

The choir sang:

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell,
By faith and love in every breast.

BISHOP HEBER BENNION

of North Jordan was the first speaker. He said he hoped to be assisted by the Spirit of the Lord while attempting to make a statement relative to the condition of the North Jordan Ward. The ward has all the organizations that have been formed in order to carry out the work of the Church of Christ, and they are all in good working order. The Mutual Improvement Associations are doing much good; the people are learning a little every year. There may be a tendency to regard the meetings with less interest now than formerly, but on the whole the associations are successful in uniting the young.

The Sunday school is very active and it has been our endeavor to grade the classes somewhat similar to the Church schools, an arrangement which has proved very satisfactory.

The Relief Society is doing a good work among the poor, although there, fortunately, are very few that need any pecuniary assistance in our ward. The teachers are doing their best in looking after the people and attending their meetings.

The speaker referred to the many temptations that now surround the people of God on every hand, and said that the Lord no doubt wants to have a tried people. He knows how much each one can bear of temptation and will not suffer anybody to be tried beyond his strength. But we must not rush into temptations and then blame somebody else for our fall. We must pray that we fall not and avoid evil society. If we do this, God will do His part.

BISHOP ORSON F. WHITNEY

was the next speaker. He could not say that great changes had taken place in his ward since the last stake conference, unless it was the indifference of some, to spiritual duties that seems to be a characteristic feature during the hot season. We ought to be ashamed as Latter-day Saints that we cannot serve God as faithfully in the summer as in the winter. He did not think, however, that the majority of the people in the ward, nor in the church at large, neglect their religion in this manner. There is in the Eighteenth ward a good Sunday school with faithful men in charge of it. The Mutual Improvement associations have not yet commenced their meetings this season. The Relief Society is doing well. We also have a good Primary association. The ward has a Church school with an enrolment of a little less than 200 pupils and the school gives good satisfaction.

Religious training, the speaker thought, was particularly necessary at