STAKE CONFERENCE.

Salt Lake Meetings Commence in the Assembly Hall.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SAINTS.

Superb Music and Business Transacted —Closer Conformity to Gospel Principles Urged on the People.

The quarterly conference and monthly Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake stake commenced in the Assembly Hall, this morning at 10 o'clock. There were present at the council of the Apostles, Elders Heber J. Grant and A. H. Cannon, of the Stake presidency, Elders Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose, and other prominent Elders.

The Stake roll was called and responded to by two High Councilors, Elders Elias Morris and William C. Dwyer, of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, seven presidents of seventies and eight home missionaries.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Fifteenth, of this city, and Sugar House, Bennion, West Jordan and Granger, of the county.

The First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Seventy-ninth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twenty-fifth wards of this city were represented by their presiding officers.

Representatives of the Lower Pruebold quorums were in attendance from the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-seventh wards, Sugar House, Mill Creek, Mountain Dell, Big Cottonwood, Draper and South Jordan, of the country wards.

The Stake superintendency of the Relief Society, Bishop Preston and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations over the Primary associations were represented by their respective superintendents and superintendents.

Upon the opening session of the conference being called, the Stake presidency read certificates of ordination and setting their ordination to the office of Elder, each of these presidents to lawfully honor and magnify his office and calling as Elder is established.

The choir sang congregation sang the hymn commencing:

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Prayer was offered by Elder William Howell Dalton.

Another

Glorious is the sound of the
Gospel trumpet loud
Calling all the nations to
Embrace the joyful word.

After the roll call and the reading of minutes of the last Priesthood meeting, the president of the Stake made an explanation concerning the title of those who preside over the Mutual Improvement associations in the several wards, the recommendation being made that the title "president" be retained by these ward officers.

Elder A. H. Cannon referred to the object and purpose of the meeting, with the profitable manner in which it might be made to teach. The tendency to carelessness and neglect in the performance of the duties of the Priesthood was deprecated. The importance of the work of the Priesthood was emphasized to show the necessity of a faithful performance of its duties. Profitable missionary work could be taken up at home to keep our young people in active appreciation of their duties, and to prepare them for missionary labors at home and abroad. A profitable field for this work could be established in the various quorums of the Priesthood. The need of careful study was referred to, with the promise that if we were willing to take of all opportunities for improvement the Spirit will prompt the mind to the proper use of the material thus granted.

Increased effort alone would secure the blessings sought for, and would be secured by the power and blessing of God. The results would be the greater if with these efforts a proper faith in God and prayer to Him was coupled.

The power of faith in its influence over the mind and the mind, to make these means more pure, was strongly and earnestly portrayed. Not only had this power been proved among the Saints of God, but also by the noblest and brightest men and women of the world. Elder Heber J. Grant expressed the thought that an obligation lies upon every man who holds an office in the Church, to perform his duties well, for all are made accountable to God for accepting their offices. How they will make the most of them. The interest of a meeting depends much upon the character of its services, so upon the recitation one has for duty, both of his faithful observance of duty, no matter how apparently unimportant the duties may be. The object in life is to do a thing to make it more valuable than favorable circumstances for doing it.

The high and unique profession of the Latter-day Saints should make them more diligent, honest, sober and upright than any other people, that credit may be reflected upon the work of God, and others be led to a study of it.

Elder Elias Morris spoke of the genial earnestness and faithfulness of the people of the outlying districts that in the heart of the Stake, in attendance at the Stake conferences. He thought there might be a surfeit or a spiritual sickness, which would prevent their enjoying an appetite for the good things prepared for them. Remedies should be applied in such cases, the responsibility resting upon the Stock Teachers to find out what is the matter.

Elder Morris recommended the High Priests' quorum, of which he is president, as acting as a flourishing example.

The choir sang the hymn

Come to Thee, great Immanuel,
Come with the heavenly host,

Remarks by Elder Lorer Stephens.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn

Prayer by Elder Joseph Morris.

The Y. L. M. I. A., Heber Society, Primary association and the Sunday School were represented, respectively, by Sister Mary A. Freeze, Sister Mary Isabella Horne, Stake Counselor Cannon and Elder Thomas C. Griggs.

O, the work, for the time was exemplified. In the Relief Society an urgent effort is being made to induce the Sisters to more generally attend their meetings. The need of greater care in furnishing information of sick or destitute ward members was referred to. In the Sunday school, it was considered that every effort should be made to impress upon the minds and hearts of the children the importance of living in such a way in order to be worthy of the blessings attending.

The financial report of the Relief Society, as read by the stake clerk, showed the receipts for the year to be $1,000.00, in all the societies of the Stake.

Brief remarks by Apostle Cannon, Elder Penrose and Elder Taylor, in which the latter referred to the power of God in the ordinance of baptism for the dead, and the blessings attending the faithful performance of the duties of the Priesthood, closed the afternoon session.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor, in addressing the conference, said that the Saints were to be a peculiar people, but they were not to be peculiar for the purpose of being singular. They were to be peculiar in such a way as to be a blessing to others.

The Sunday evening session was addressed by Elder Penrose, who spoke of the necessity of the Saints living their religion in their daily walks. He urged a greater tolerance of and mention on the part of the brethren, as there is where the fault-finding spirit enlarges. Irreverent conversation should be avoided on every occasion.

The tendency of our people to gratitude to the city was deprecated, and the Bishops were urged to take what they can to prevent it.

Elder C. W. Nibley urged the people to try, so far as possible, to sustain, support and to see to the support of the worthy poor. The benefits resulting to the physical health of man, was referred to, and the Word of Wisdom was urged. When Improvements are carried to their use. The Saturday Night meeting as one of the most refining influences in the organization of the Church. The blessings were urged to attend the meeting in their behalf, and that they may be used to the uplifting of the down-trodden among the world which there are many such.

The discussion of the visits was spoken of. The Elders will of Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, and Sunday Schools, and Primary Associations, and the Stake Presidency should make a thorough visit to every ward in the Stake, at least once each year. The visits should be made as far as possible, so that the Elders will not be hurried, but can spend a day in each ward. Where the officers are not present they may be sent to the visiting officers for discovery. Among the wards