

CONFERENCE OF SALT LAKE STAKE.

Three Highly Profitable Meetings
Held in This City on
Sunday.

REPORTS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

Interesting Addresses by General and
Stake Authorities—Conditions
Quite Satisfactory.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake stake of Zion convened in this city on Sunday, meetings being held in the Assembly hall at 10 a. m. and in the Tabernacle at 2 and 7 p. m. At the morning session the auxiliary organizations of the Church were reported by their respective representatives and all shown to be in good condition, while at the afternoon and evening meetings, the Church authorities were sustained and remarks made by general and stake officers. President Angus M. Cannon and Counselors Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose presided at all the meetings.

The morning session began by the choir and congregation singing the hymn: "Redeemer of Israel," prayer was offered by Elder Bryant S. Hinckley. The choir and congregation further sang, "Our God, We Praise to Thee," etc.

President Angus M. Cannon extended a few words of greeting. Elder Ezra T. Stevenson, in behalf of the Sunday schools of the stake, more especially the theological departments, said the book of Doctrine and Covenants was to be taken up and specially studied by the students of the theological classes of the Sunday schools during the coming year. He explained how they expected to study this book, and illustrated some of the lessons to be taught.

Elder Mathoniah Thomas, first assistant superintendent of the Y. M. & I. A. of the stake, gave a glowing report of the condition of those organizations and of the good work being accomplished by the M. I. A. missionaries.

PATRIARCH JOHN SMITH.

Patriarch John Smith said he was pleased to hear such good reports. He had traveled among the Saints in other stakes somewhat recently and had noted a general improvement, spiritually, among the people. He also bore his testimony.

BISHOP WILLIAM B. PRESTON.

Bishop William B. Preston spoke of the duties and importance of the Lesser Priesthood. Regarding tithing, he said he did not know of a time when the people were paying their tithing more faithfully than they are now.

ELDER WILLIAM W. RITER.

Elder William W. Riter, in representing the High Council of the stake, said they were all united and were performing their duties with pleasure. He was pleased to state that of late years the High Council had not had much to do in settling difficulties among the people. This was a good indication that the Saints were striving to deal uprightly with one another. He referred to the missionary work abroad and said much pride was being displayed and spoke of the high esteem in which the young men of Zion are held in the institutions of learning in the east, where many have gone to complete their education.

ELDER JOSEPH E. TAYLOR.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the stake presidency said he knew it to be a fact that the Sabbath schools and M. I. A. associations were in a very healthy condition. He asked if the quorums of the Priesthood were in a similar condition, and expressed the hope that they were not looked after enough and given that importance which attaches to them. He said the bishopric of a ward was not complete unless it had these quorums of the Lesser Priesthood to assist it. Referring to the courses of study being taught in the M. I. A. and the theological classes of the Sunday schools, he said there were too many useless and foolish questions propounded, from which no good could be derived. Questions should not be discussed that are not fully explained in the written word of God. Elder Taylor also said the presidency of the stake and the High Council were laboring in union and love. Meeting adjourned till 2 p. m. to meet in the Tabernacle. Singing, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." The benediction was pronounced by Elder John T. Calne.

Afternoon Session.

The choir sang the hymn, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire." Uttered or unexpressed, it goes up like incense to the throne of God. Prayer was offered by Bishop Albert J. Davis.

AUTHORITIES SUSTAINED.

President Cannon then presented for the vote of the conference the general and local authorities of the Church, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

MOLLAND MEETINGS.

In presenting the presidency of the Molland meetings, hitherto announced in these columns, President Cannon took occasion to remark that the Molland Saints had been organized in order that those not acquainted with the English language might be schooled in the principles of the Gospel in their own tongue. It was not intended as a means of perpetuating class distinction or of drawing national lines, nor was it designed that these organizations should be used for political or other purposes.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT.

President Cannon also presented a report of the kindergarten association, showing that in the Sunday school training class, which met each Friday, there were 40 members; that in the Latter-day Saints' university nine young ladies were taking the regular kindergarten course, while in the kindergarten class proper there was a regular attendance of 40 children. The report, which was signed by Superintendents Young and Kessler, was adopted.

ELDER A. O. WOODRUFF.

Elder Abraham O. Woodruff of the Council of the Apostles addressed the conference. He expressed pleasure at the privilege of attending this conference and bore testimony that Jesus of Nazareth was the Savior of the world, and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the latter days. He felt that on such a testimony as this the world would be judged in the day of reckoning.

Elder Woodruff referred to the remarks of Elders Riter and Thomas at the morning meeting, and said that they had brought to his mind a portion of the seventh chapter of Romans, which he read. This passage of Scripture, said he, contained the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. It admonished us to love without dissimulation, to abhor evil, and cleave to that which is good; to exercise the spirit of brotherly love to be not slothful, but to be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord and rejoicing in hope; to look after the Saints and to bless our persecutors.

Continuing Elder Woodruff paid tribute to the many noble men and women among us, who were not members of the Church of Christ, and admonished the Saints to love and respect them. He referred to the annoyance created in our midst by hiring preachers and missionaries, and said that even this did not justify retaliation. He pleaded for the publication of truth rather than error, and so far as the Saints were concerned, he said that they, when they found it necessary to refute falsehood, should do so from a high standard, rather than from the level stooped to by our opponents. He said that he had been among us due to a lack of wisdom in these particulars, but he hoped that in the future the Saints would profit from experience.

Elder Woodruff spoke of the sacrificial attitude of many public journals in their discussion of the doctrines of this Church. He alluded to the strife which they were waging, but said that through it all the Saints should exercise patience, and refuse utterly to participate in their discussions. If we would do this, he said, we would do the will of God, for the Lord would come to the rescue and bring His people out victorious in the end.

The speaker said that the Latter-day Saints were lovers of freedom and liberty in this country. They loved everything that was honorable and sought to be at peace with all men. Their religion was not one of strife and contention, but rather was it the gospel message of peace, designed for the betterment and salvation of humankind.

The speaker quoted the words of the Savior as contained in Matthew 7, 15: "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, for inwardly they are ravening wolves." He spoke of the fruits of "Mormonism," and asked whether or not they had been such as they were represented to be by our enemies. Elder Woodruff called attention to the thrift and industry of the Latter-day Saints and pointed to what it had accomplished in the great west. This he contrasted with the work of the men who were continually opposing us, and asked which of these acts were most commendable.

Elder Woodruff said the Latter-day Saints had always been disposed to treat their neighbors with respect and, naturally, they expected such treatment in return. He said there were many honorable people in our midst, people whom the Latter-day Saints prized highly as business associates, and learned to love for their integrity. Such people had no fault to find with "Mormonism." They regarded it as a system of religion which had certainly produced honorable men, and felt that they had no right to interfere with them, so long as they believed their message to be of God.

Concluding, Elder Woodruff expressed the conviction that the Lord would soften the hearts of men towards His children and cause that they should be restored to them all that had been taken from them.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

Elder George Teasdale of the Council of the Apostles, next spoke. He endorsed the remarks of Elder Woodruff and said that the Latter-day Saints were a liberty-loving, God-fearing people. He said that they were not to all men, and who pitied their enemies for the attitude which they took against them. It was not the business of the people of God to hate those who hated them, for if they did so they were no better than the world. The speaker said there were no greater patriots on earth than those who stood up for right and truth, and who sought to accord to all men their free agency. The Saints

had been commanded not to exercise unrighteous dominion, hence their religion taught them to accord to all men their individual rights. In this connection the speaker read from the book of Doctrine and Covenants and urged the Saints to live righteous lives and to exercise the spirit of compassion towards all men.

Elder Teasdale closed by reiterating the statement that none were more patriotic than the Latter-day Saints. Their patriotism, said he, was so deep that it would sustain the Constitution and the flag to the very end. The choir sang the anthem, "Hallelujah," and the benediction was pronounced by Elder David McKenzie.

Evening Session.

The choir sang the hymn: "Sweetly may the blessed spirit, On each faithful bosom shine."

Prayer was offered by Elder Joshua H. Paul.

The choir further sang: "Peace, Be Still."

ELDER C. W. PENROSE.

Elder Charles W. Penrose of the stake presidency was the first speaker. He began by expressing pleasure at the large attendance and wished all had been present at the morning meeting. He said that the Latter-day Saints, the Tabernacle would have been necessary. The reports heard concerning the different organizations of the stake were highly interesting and the instructions given were of a character calculated to bless and encourage all present. The good conduct of our young men in eastern colleges was referred to by those who spoke, and it was plainly to be seen that they were exerting an influence for good among their fellows. Elder Penrose deprecated the tendency to stop away from the morning sessions of conference and assured the Saints that these meetings were just as important and interesting as those following them.

The speaker referred to the beautiful singing and especially the inspiring selection, "Peace, Be Still." He felt that such a piece had a good effect on all present and believed that the time would come when the Lord would apply that sentiment and all nations would "sweetly" and gladly "obey His will." But a great change would have to be wrought first, and much work had to be done. Some had been led to wonder why the Lord did not bring about the change now. Simply, said the speaker, because He desired to permit man to exercise his free agency. In His revelation He had said that "all truth is independent in the sphere in which it is placed and all intelligence also," and men have the privilege of choosing one path or the other—darkness or light, good or evil, truth or error, according as they may see fit.

Elder Penrose dwelt on the subject of the free agency of man, showing that it made man responsible to his Creator and that at some time all men would be brought to proper account. The Lord understood His children thoroughly, and He would judge them righteously and according to the intents of the heart. The speaker referred to the influence of environment, but placed above it the will of the individual. He said that from above which would assist men to do right. That, said he, is the light "which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The tendency to use intoxicating drinks was referred to and pitied expressed for those who were so afflicted through pre-natal influences.

Elder Penrose dilated upon the judgment and showed that it should be a reward of righteousness. It had been decreed that men should receive a full reward for all that they had ever done. Their good and bad deeds would be taken into account and they would be judged according to their works and the intent and desire of the heart. Then they who had persecuted the Saints of God would receive the just reward of their deeds, while they whom they had persecuted would be fully credited for every effort put forth to advance the truth.

The power of prayer was dwelt upon by the speaker, who said that "the Lord's prayer" was a model but his petition while in the garden of Gethsemane, should be read also. No one form was suitable for all occasions. Prayer should come from the heart and the children of God should ask for those things which they were in need of. The Lord had promised great things to those who were able to overcome the weaknesses and frailties of human life. For He had said that "to him that overcometh I will give to sit down on my throne, even as I have overcome sin and an evil world." The speaker said we were not here by accident. There was a purpose in our coming and the Lord would bless us for our efforts to do good and overcome evil. When we had been called hence we would continue our work in the spirit world until every soul that could be saved was redeemed, and the time should come when the Lord would say to His whole creation, "Peace, Be Still," and all should bow in submission to His will.

PREST. ANGUS M. CANNON.

President Angus M. Cannon next spoke. He bore testimony to the truth of the remarks made and with reference to the subject of prayer, called attention to the means of communication on earth, stating that communication with God was just as possible. The speaker referred to the example of our Savior, who was characterized as a man of purity, virtue and strength of character. God, he said, was blessing His people. In view of these blessings we could not afford to ignore His commandments. The law of tithing was a requirement which should be lived up to and those who accepted positions in the Priesthood were expected to be exemplary in this respect, so that they might be able to teach unto their neighbors. If we give way

to one weakness, said the speaker, we are liable to give way to others, and before long we shall become so subject to sin that it will be almost impossible to do right.

President Cannon cited the life of the Prophet Joseph as one of purity and holiness, and pointed out how he had been preserved of the Lord until he had accomplished his mission upon the earth. He spoke of the blessing of eternal increase and of the law which had been revealed concerning the turning of the hearts of our fathers to the children and the children to their fathers, in order that family ties might be made perfect.

In conclusion President Cannon admonished the young men of Zion to be pure in their lives, citing instances where many had departed from the faith through dabbling in sin and in the Lord Jesus for all that we enjoy and the Lord Jesus for all that we enjoy and the Lord Jesus for all that we enjoy.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

"The choir sang the anthem, 'In Our Redeemer's Name,' after which Elder George Teasdale of the council of the Apostles, addressed the conference. He said we were entirely dependent upon the Lord Jesus for all that we enjoy and that without Him we could not be saved in the Father's kingdom. The glory of God, said he, endures forever. He who loved the Lord and manifest their love by striving to serve Him. Jesus be led into temptation," meaning that we should be assisted to guard against unseen powers and influences, so that we might not drift into darkness and error. The Gospel is the science of theology, the science of revelation. There is a means of communication between the heavens and the earth, and the Lord would hear and answer prayer. The Lord would hear and answer prayer. The Lord would hear and answer prayer.

Elder Teasdale admonished those present to seek earnestly the best gifts, which, said he, were given to those who love the Lord and manifest their love by striving to serve Him. Jesus be led into temptation," meaning that we should be assisted to guard against unseen powers and influences, so that we might not drift into darkness and error. The Gospel is the science of theology, the science of revelation. There is a means of communication between the heavens and the earth, and the Lord would hear and answer prayer. The Lord would hear and answer prayer. The Lord would hear and answer prayer.

Elder Teasdale pleaded for the spirit of faith, and said that if we lived the lives of the Lord, while if they died they died to the Lord.

The choir sang the anthem, "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy," after which the congregation joined in singing "The Doxology," and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop William B. Preston, the conference being adjourned for three months.

BROTHER SUES BROTHER.

Troubles Between Frank H. and Orson W. Rudy to be Aired.

The troubles between Frank H. and Orson W. Rudy over some sheep, which caused a fight between the two brothers a week ago yesterday, resulting in Frank having Orson arrested for assault and battery, will be aired in a damage suit filed in the district court late Saturday afternoon by the former brother against the latter. The complaint alleges that Orson's sheep had trespassed upon Frank's land and that when the latter attempted to prevent such trespass he was severely beaten by his brother. Damages asked for the trespass in the sum of \$1,000, together with punitive damages in the sum of \$500. It is also asked that defendant be enjoined from further trespass upon plaintiff's land.

BISHOP LEONARD'S WILL.

Estate is Valued at \$3,000—Each of Children Get One Dollar.

The will of Rev. Bishop Abel Leonard, who died in this city of typhoid fever on Dec. 3, has been filed for probate in the district court, together with the petition of Mrs. Flora T. Leonard asking that letters testamentary be issued to her in accordance with the terms of the will. The estate is valued at \$3,000, and consists of notes and shares of stock in the Utah National bank, Commercial National bank, Daily Building company and St. Mark's hospital. The hospital stock is bequeathed to the Episcopal church and the remainder of his estate is bequeathed to his wife. The reach of his five children is bequeathed \$1 in cash. The petition will be heard by Judge Hall on Friday, Jan. 15, 1904.

ACCUSED OF BURGLARY.

Twenty-Second Ward Resident Arrested on Serious Charge.

On Saturday night the Twenty-second Ward Co-op. store was broken into and a quantity of cigars, tobacco and candy stolen. The place was entered by a window being broken, and yesterday Sergeant Edington and Officer Furter arrested a man who gave the name of Thomas O'Donald who lives in the vicinity on the charge of committing the robbery. Some of the stolen property was found in a bundle carried by O'Donald. He also had a badly cut hand which the police claim he got in breaking the window. O'Donald denied the charge against him and said he got the cut while whittling a piece of wood.

GREEKS WERE ROUTED.

Attempted to Run Railway Men At Huntington and Got Left.

Portland, Or., Dec. 13.—A special to the Oregonian from La Grande, Or., says: One hundred fifty Greeks, who had been employed by the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company repairing the road between here and Huntington, completed the work for the winter a few days ago and demanded transportation to Portland. On the company's refusal to comply with the demand the Greeks became belligerent. Their actions did not take serious turn, however, until today when they congregated at the Hotel Foley where Asst. Supt. M. J. Buckley and William J. Collins, general roadmaster, were at luncheon. When Buckley and Collins left the hotel to return to the depot the entire crowd followed them. The Greeks surrounded the railroad buildings and the company's employees were summoned and a defense party organized. Armed with guns, revolvers and clubs they made a sortie and soon had the Greeks routed.

A few hundred feet from the depot some one started firing, and during the next few minutes a fatal score of shots were fired by both sides. Two of the Greeks were severely wounded. The railroad men, whose numbers were augmented by the marshal and several townspeople, drove the Greeks to their quarters about five feet from the depot. All excepting the one who was shot and is awaiting a reply. All necessary precautions have been taken to prevent further trouble.

JOHN W. GIBSON BLOWN TO PIECES.

Frightful Accident at the Price
Stone Quarry in Emigration
Canyon Yesterday.

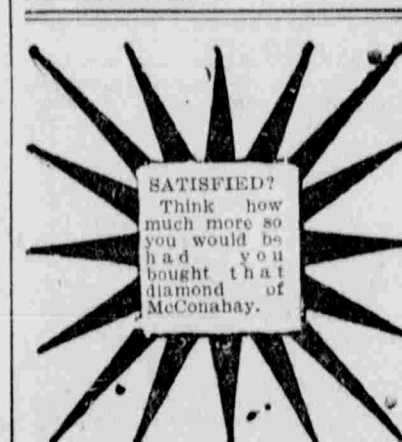
HE WAS WARMING THE POWDER

Fortunately the Young Man's Father
Was Some Distance Away When
The Accident Happened.

A frightful accident occurred at the Price stone quarry in Emigration canyon about 11 o'clock yesterday morning in which John W. Gibson, aged 21 years, son of William B. Gibson, was instantly killed. The young man had been working with his father and was in the act of heating some powder when the entire charge exploded, hurling his body several feet and horribly mangled it. The young man's father was near when the explosion occurred and hurried to Wagner's brewery to telephone for assistance. The police department was notified and Patrol Driver Armstrong and an officer hurried to the scene and brought the body to this city. It was taken to the undertaking parlor of Joseph E. Taylor, where it was prepared for burial. Gibson and his unfortunate son were the only men at the quarry yesterday. When the accident happened, the father had gone a short distance away to complete some work when suddenly there was a loud explosion and rock and debris came flying toward him. He thought something was wrong and hurried to the place where he had left his son. The latter was nowhere in sight, but blood stains told the horror stricken father the story. In a moment he found the body some distance away lying at the foot of a cliff.

The young man's body was literally crushed. His right arm was practically torn off, and several ribs broken. His back and both legs were also broken and his face torn and bruised in a horrible manner. He was dead when his father reached him. It was evident that the young man had taken the powder from the fire to examine it when the charge exploded full in his face and that death was instantaneous. The coroner was notified, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

TEACHERS.
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From the President of the University of Chicago.

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From the Professor of Mathematics, Beaver College, Pa.

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Senator Chauncey Depew said, "I look with great favor on and attach considerable importance to encyclopaedias, as may be judged from the fact that I not only paid \$250.00 for my first set, but have bought several others since then. I have always advised young men who could afford to buy a library to get an encyclopaedia, which is a library in itself. The enterprise of the publishers in placing this grand work within the reach of even those of small means is highly commendable."

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