

love which ever followed the Savior in all His dealings with mankind? We should not allow personal differences either in regard to spiritual or temporal matters to create ill-feeling in our midst. If we continued to harbor ill will toward each other, at the same time coming to the table and partaking of the emblems of the death and suffering of our Lord, we drank condemnation to our souls. For this reason many were sick among us today, even unto death.

The Presidents of Stakes when dealing with disputes between the brethren should mete out justice with an impartial hand; every bishop, in like manner, should show his independence; and again, there should be no oppression exhibited among the Priesthood. However humble a man might be, he should receive exactly the same justice as his more wealthy brother; and he believed the invariable rule in the Church Courts was that full justice should be done, regardless of a man's wealth or position in society. This was as it should be. If a man in authority could so degrade himself as to prostitute the powers which God had given him by exercising unrighteous dominion, he would sooner or later be deprived of his position and lose his standing among the people of God. We must learn the lesson of judging righteously between man and man—to take such a position that even those who were not of our faith could approach us, feeling that we would yield every right belonging to them which we claimed for ourselves.

The unity which existed among the Latter-day Saints was due to the Spirit of God in their hearts. Let a man arise in any congregation of the Saints, in any part of the world, and try to lead the people astray. How quickly those people would turn their backs upon him; because the Spirit of God did not lead in forbidden paths, not unto darkness but unto light, bringing contentment and peace.

The power which President Woodruff held today was alone given him by the Almighty. Were he deprived of the Spirit of the Lord, and were he to arise in that congregation and speak to the people by the power of man, his words would fall dead upon the ears of his hearers; they would be "as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal;" but when the Holy Spirit rested upon him and also filled the hearts of the people when he spoke to them their hearts responded "amen," because they knew that that which he uttered was inspired of God. President Woodruff had never made any suggestion under this inspiration that had led the people astray or brought them into trouble or difficulty. He had never given one word of counsel that would imperil any man, whatever his color or profession might be. The Spirit of God never suggested anything that would rob man of his agency or bring injury to him in the end.

This Gospel message was given to no special few, but was offered to every member of the human family.

Let the Latter-day Saints think of all these things at this the close of a most eventful year of their history, and try to have their hearts full of love and charity towards all. When they were reviled let them turn not again with revilings; when they were smitten, smite not again; when they were persecuted, turn not again and seek to oppress, but rather show forth that love which continually marked the course of the Savior of the world. In entering upon the new year, which was to be pregnant with events to the Latter-day Saints, let them keep in mind always the Gospel of the Son of God, and not suffer the seed which had been sown in their hearts to be choked up by the cares of the world and the trials which beset them. In the time of trial, when dark clouds surrounded them, there was One ever ready to help, and He would draw near unto them as they drew near unto Him. Let them remember that the destroyer was abroad in the land; his work was going on in the midst of the Saints. It was their privilege, however, to know the Divine will, and when men stood up in their midst and proclaimed various doctrines they should test them by the Spirit within.

In conclusion, the speaker exhorted his hearers to put their implicit trust in God, who alone could deliver them from all evil.

The choir sang the anthem:

The song of the redeemed.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry P. Richards.

#### PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Parowan Stake of Zion convened in Parowan, December 21 and 22. Present on the stand—Apostle John W. Taylor, the Stake Presidency, members of the High Council and Bishops of the several wards in the Stake.

On Sunday morning after the usual opening exercises, President Thomas J. Jones made a few opening remarks. He reported briefly the condition of the Stake, which was satisfactory, and made special mention of the Church schools in the Stake. These are doing an excellent work and have a good attendance.

Bishop Charles Adams reported Parowan Ward. A general good spirit prevails there. The Church school has an enrolment of one hundred and two scholars.

R. Maeser was the next speaker. He referred to the many scenes of persecution, trial, and bloodshed through which the Saints had been called upon to pass as a test of their faith.

Apostle John W. Taylor's discourse was devoted principally to instructing the various quorums of the Priesthood in regard to their duties.

At 2 p. m. Bro. Charles D. Adams spoke upon the subject of pre-existence and compared the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints with that believed in by other sects.

The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Apostle Taylor then spoke upon some of the fundamental principles of the Gospel, and compared them with doctrines taught by various denominations at the present time. He touched upon the subject of co-operation, and instructed the young men in regard to certain qualifications that they should seek to obtain in order to become successful in the various business avocations of life.

At 6 p. m. the usual Priesthood meeting was held and business pertaining to the Stake transacted. Circulars were read and instructions given by Apostle Taylor with regard to fostering the sugar industry in Utah.

Bishop Wm. Corry reported as to Cedar Ward. He spoke upon the law of tithing, the settling of difficulties and the sustaining of Church schools.

Elder Jas. F. McGregor bore testimony to the divinity of the work in which the Saints are engaged. The fact that all other Christian denominations are opposed to the Latter-day Saints, he said, is a strong proof that the Latter-day Saints were right and that the doctrines taught by them were true.

President Morgan Richards, Jr., desired to impress upon the Saints the necessity of remembering and putting in practice the instructions which they received from time to time. Obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ would bring blessings of more value than gold and silver.

At 2 p. m. President Francis Webster spoke upon the necessity of parents attending the Sabbath School. It was also a good place for some of our Elders and Seventies to spend a portion of their time. The speaker referred to the Word of Wisdom and the blessings promised to those who would observe it.

Apostle Taylor spoke upon the subject of matrimony. He advised the young to marry when they became of suitable age, and to be very careful in the selection of their companion, so that their after life might be one of happiness.

President Jones hoped the Saints would put in practice what they had heard during Conference.

The singing by the Parowan choir, under the leadership of Professor Durham, was an interesting feature of the conference and was appreciated by all present.

The meetings were well attended and a good spirit prevailed throughout.

Conference adjourned for three months, to convene in Cedar City.

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Clerk.

#### SALT LAKE ANARCHISTS.

Editor Deseret News:

In this morning's *Tribune* I notice what purports to be a report of yesterday's services in the Tabernacle. That a newspaper published by what are called Christians and read by Christians should describe the communion service of any church in the following words is something