

coverer, but others who accepted his ideas developed the system to the extent we see today. It was by the direction of God that this work, which revolutionized the world was brought about. And thus we see the promise fulfilled that the Spirit should be poured out upon the whole world. The same might be applied to the invention of telegraphic communication by electricity. The inspirations have been given gradually, one by one, and they have all been given for the purpose that the children of God may see the fulfillment of the promise, that the Spirit should be poured out upon all flesh. Well may we in contemplating it all exclaim—"What hath God wrought?" We should write upon the hearts of our children that inspiration is the groundwork of every good work and that those works are done in fulfillment of His promise to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. We believe that many works of the mechanic and also the formation of our government have been accomplished as the results of inspiration. Men may not at the time have acknowledged the hand of God in these things, but we have seen it and acknowledge it to be the fulfillment of the promises of the Lord. We should, therefore, remember this and instruct our children in this beautiful principle and teach them to drink of this clear stream of life—inspiration. We should instruct the sons and daughters of Zion that they may understand the doctrine of life and salvation, the doctrine of faith in God, inspiration and prophesying, in order that they may be willing to carry the Gospel to the nations of the earth. This should be our position, and we should labor to this end. We have gone abroad to lift up our voice of warning to all people.

When we read the revelations we are taught that we are not responsible for anybody's sins but our own. This is different from what was taught in the ages when there was no light of revelation. We must not suffer for the sins of others. God says: "Every man must stand or fall by his own deeds." No matter what others do, God is just in all His ways. When this work was introduced the manifestations of God broke out on all sides, and its accomplishments are among the wonders of the world.

Our conference is about to be closed. We have been together from every part of the land. We have come to be instructed, to receive rebuke if need be, or admonition, in order that we might be strengthened in our faith. My testimony now is that Christ lives. He is still here, and his work shall remain and increase until He who rules which is satisfied with our labors. He was the author of the work and laid the responsibility upon us to go out into the whole world. God Himself has planted us upon the Rock of Ages to be the saviors of mankind. Jesus lives. He is the Savior of the world. Let us keep His commandments and take the consequences. Our duty is first to God, next to our country, and then to our families. Zion will continue to rise and shine, and no power will be able to restrain her, for it is the work of God, and I so testify to you.

The choir sang the anthem:  
Glory to God in the highest.

The Conference was then adjourned till April, 1889, and Apostle Lorenzo Snow pronounced the benediction.

## THE OVERFLOW MEETING

At Conference at The Assembly Hall.

At 2 p. m. a congregation had gathered in the Assembly Hall which filled the building. Apostle Heber J. Grant presided.

The choir sang:  
Praise ye the Lord, 'tis good to raise  
Your hearts and voices in His praise.  
Prayer by Bishop Joseph Pollard.  
The choir sang:

Let those who would be Saints indeed  
Fear not what others do.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN

Addressed the congregation. The overflowing of our meetings, when we have such large structures to meet in, shows the growth and progress of the Saints. When, a little more than half a century ago, six obscure individuals met and organized this Church, the wildest flights of their imaginations could not have pictured the scene we behold today. Here at this conference people have come from different States and Territories, and from Mexico on the south and Canada on the north. The founders of this Church, by the visions and revelations given them, had foreshadowed to them the growth it would attain to, but the details of that growth were not shown to them.

In reading the history of the world, we find that the names of men instrumental in establishing earthly governments, have been handed down in honor. How much more will the names of the founders of this work be honored by future generations? It is a work the influence of which will yet be felt in all the nations, and it is today having the effect among Christian peoples, of creating a tendency more favorable to human liberty.

It was long the theory of Christians that all human beings who did not accept the Christian religion in this life were condemned to a condition of eternal suffering. Fifty years ago this doctrine was almost universally accepted among all Christian de-

nominations. But it is now almost obsolete, and is no longer taught among the more advanced Christian bodies. Half a century ago the Prophet Joseph Smith announced that men could repent after death, and be the first to teach such a doctrine this generation. But his teachings upon it have had a marked and widespread effect throughout Christendom.

ELDER WM. M. PALMER

said that such occasions as this conference should have the effect of stimulating the Saints to renewed diligence, and a repentance of their sins. The growth of this Church was most marvelous. It was organized by six persons little more than half a century ago, but in spite of all the opposition it has had to contend with, it has grown and increased, and spread itself abroad.

Jesus told Peter that flesh and blood had not revealed to him that He, Jesus, was the Son of God, but that His Father in heaven had made known the fact to him. Jesus also told Peter that upon the rock of revelation the Church of God should be established. It was by means of revealing themselves to man that the Father and the Son established the Church of Christ in these the last days.

The Lord makes three complaints against men in the last days, they have transgressed the law, changed the ordinances, and broken the everlasting covenant. That these complaints are true, is easily seen from the practices of the various religious bodies of the world.

The speaker then cited the manner in which the true forms of worship had been departed from, and how various ordinances of the Gospel had been changed by Christendom, especially in regard to baptism and marriage. He dwelt upon the great error of making the marriage covenant a matter concerning this life only, and explained that originally the marriage covenant was designed to endure forever. He showed that Adam and Eve were married forever, but that their descendants fell away from the principles of the Gospel and men took wives without the authority of the Priesthood.

The keys of the kingdom of heaven and the ordinances of the Gospel were restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

ELDER A. H. CANNON

said no one who had observed the progress of this work can deny the miraculous nature of its growth, which can be accounted for only on the theory that God has overruled its progress. The ways of God are vastly higher than the ways of men, which is exemplified in this work. In the selection of the Prophet Joseph, is this shown? Had men chosen the founder of such a Church, they would have selected a wise, strong and famous man. But God chose an obscure boy. The Lord has often in the past chosen weak instruments to accomplish His work. Moses said he was not qualified for the work to which the Lord called him, but the Lord knew his integrity and that he would be a man of faith and meekness.

The Savior appeared among men as an obscure person, and without ostentation; and notwithstanding the marvelous works He performed, He was rejected. As the Savior and His disciples were treated, so have been the servants of the Lord in this age. The apostles and prophets in modern times are rejected by the world. Men failed to perceive the divine truth and authority which Peter possessed; and so it has been and will continue to be until a reign of righteousness is established in the earth. There is a spirit of faith-finding among the Saints in respect to their leaders, which must be overcome, or the Lord will punish the Saints therefore. God has chosen these men, and it is our place to sustain them. If they sin, God will remove them out of their places. The speaker cited a number of instances among the early prominent Elders in the Church, of men who transgressed, and were in consequence removed from their places; and declared such a consequence would always follow, no matter how high a position a man might hold. The choir sang a selection.

ELDER JUNIUS F. WELLS

next addressed the congregation. In reviewing the situation of the world at the present time we cannot help feeling that it is progressing. Many old sectarian doctrines are no longer taught; and Henry Ward Beecher declared that the younger men among church members utterly repudiated the old dogmatic creeds. The speaker had, while on a recent visit east, conversed with intelligent literary men, who expressed astonishment that there should now be upon the earth a church which really and sincerely believed in the doctrines taught by Jesus. These men held that the churches of the day even the Roman Catholic, did not really believe in their own doctrines.

It is true that even the Methodists had abandoned their old idea of hell, and now the universal cry among Christians is "Believe and you shall be saved."

The Saints have for years labored to correct the idea that faith alone will save a human being, and the changes and mutations that are taking place among the sects of the day confirms the declaration of the Prophet Joseph Smith concerning them, that the truth is not to be found among them.

ELDER W. HARRIS MILLER

We are all, no doubt, strengthened by the testimonies of our brethren.

We are a peculiar people, and God has designed that we should be. We are regarded with scorn by a generation which knows not the mission which has been committed to us. We should lead lives that are consistent with our professions. To bring about the reformation which is needed in Zion, every man should repent of his sins, and put in order his own house.

The speaker believed that the Saints, old and young, were now in a process of being tested, and he urged the necessity of giving to the youth an education and training which would prevent them from departing from the faith of their parents. In the children of the Saints is their hope, and they should be interested in their salvation and welfare. Today we see children of the Saints in the ranks of their enemies, fighting against the people and purposes of God. The speaker deplored this and hoped the increase of the evil would be prevented.

APOSTLE H. J. GRANT

said that on account of the imprudent nature of this meeting, it had not been convenient to administer the sacrament to the congregation.

He then presented the name of B. H. Roberts, to fill the vacancy in the First Seven Presidents of Seventies, caused by the death of Elder Horace S. Eldredge. He also presented the name of James Sharp, to fill the vacancy in the Board of Education, caused by the same death. Each in turn was unanimously sustained.

The general authorities of the Church were in a body presented and sustained unanimously.

The speaker expressed his satisfaction at the fact that 3,000 more Saints had been preached to today than would have been had not this overflow meeting been held. He then spoke, in an eloquent and powerful manner, upon the necessity of providing schools wherein the youth of Zion might be so educated that their moral as well as their intellectual natures might be developed. He declared that man had a physical, moral and intellectual nature, and where only one or two of these were educated, and the other neglected, the individual was deformed.

The speaker showed how absurd are the sectarian doctrines of death-bed repentance, and of the so-called teachings of science which profess to prove the Bible false.

He exhorted the Saints to pray for light and intelligence concerning the doctrine of Christ, and promised that if they would do this, wisdom would be given unto them. In conclusion he bore a solemn and impressive testimony that the signs promised by the Savior, follow and are enjoyed by the Saints, and that the latter possess the true Gospel.

The choir sang an anthem:

Praise God in His Holiness.

Benediction by Elder John Morgan.

JOHN NICHOLSON,  
Clerk of Conference.

## JOINT MEETING.

Of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations.

The meeting convened in the Tabernacle Sunday, October 7th, at 7:30 p. m. There was a large attendance and much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

The choir sang:

Earth is the place where Christ will reign.

Prayer by Elder M. H. Hardy.

Ye Gentile nations cease your strife.

ELDER JUNIUS F. WELLS.

It is very gratifying to see so large an assembly on this occasion. The intention was originally to have a meeting only of the Young Men's Association, but since this Association had held their regular conference very recently, it had been resolved to make this a joint meeting of the young ladies and young men. The exercises tonight would therefore be divided between the two.

We are just approaching another season of activity. It is expected that every association in Zion will resume their regular meetings and go to work on the best plans they can devise. Last June a vast amount of work was planned. It was resolved to introduce a course of reading, and it is now incumbent upon the officers and members of the various organizations to take this plan up with interest and endeavor to carry it out. Three thousand sets of books for a course of reading are being prepared and will be delivered at \$3 per set. What may we not hope for in future, if our young folks all over the Territory can be induced to read good books.

SISTER ALMIRA S. TAYLOR.

My heart is in this labor. I have endeavored to do what little good I could. Our organization is in good order, accomplishing a good work. We have reports from twenty-three of the Stakes, and they are all doing well. We desire that our sisters should cultivate themselves in every respect, that they may be able to discharge their important duties. Abroad the women have to fight for their rights. Here in Utah we have our rights. Of course, we understand that we are subject to the Priesthood, but we also know that we stand side by side with our brothers and husbands. In fact, I do not know but that our duties and responsibilities are the greater, since the women form the minds of both sons and daughters.

JOSEPH H. FELT,

of Salt Lake Stake: It is generally understood that during the summer we have had but few meetings. Our association was at the time of adjournment in a fair condition, but we hope that the interest will be increased in every respect. Experience has taught us what the object of the Association must be, namely, morality, intelligence and freedom. That we may each understand the principles of the Gospel, that we may be free men and women, realizing why we are here, and what influence our conduct will have upon our future life. As fathers and mothers we teach our children often at sacrifices, in the teaching of the world, and we feel pride at their advancement. Why should we not desire in the same way that they may learn the ways of God, and manifest the same desire for them to learn what is assigned to them in their association meetings?

SISTER MARIA DOUGALL.

I feel my weakness very much, but I trust that I may have your faith and prayers. I thank God for the Mutual Improvement Association, realizing the benefit they have been to me individually. The associations throughout Zion are performing a marvelous work and a wonder among the young women. We must be faithful in order to make the work a success. We must have the co-operation of our parents. My testimony is that we are doing the work of God. I have received this testimony while engaged in this labor. Singing by the choir.

LYMAN R. MARTINEAU

of Cache Stake: Our field of labor in Cache Valley has many bright minds and many who are full of faith and it has been a source of anxiety among us what to do to teach them the ways they should walk in. New members are added every year, and many of our young brethren have gone into the mission field filled with important positions in the priesthood. We are said to be an intelligent people and well posted, but many try to live upon this reputation, without the struggle necessary for justifying it. Many of our young men go out of the territory to earn money, and they come back with many bad habits and sentiments. Our work therefore requires great efforts. I feel like resolving tonight to do better for the future than I have done before. I wish something could be done to procure work for our young men at home. Many go abroad for a livelihood, but this is not always good for them. May God help us and inspire us to do right.

SISTER MATTIE H. TINGEY,

of Salt Lake. I feel thankful that this conjoint meeting has been called, because I believe this will have a good effect upon both organizations.

The real object of meeting together in our Ladies' Associations is not that we may become rough or masculine, nor make public speakers. As women we have got to work out our salvation as well as the men. We must become acquainted with the principles of the Gospel and our duties. This is the chief object for which we come together. If we expect to gain exaltation we must have a testimony, and we must work for it. Without this testimony the women could not bear their trials. We know that if we can be all that women ought to be, our highest ambition will be satisfied.

N. ALLRED,

of Sanpete: The young men are understood by the people of Sanpete, and I can say that our Associations are doing well; not all our young men, but the majority of them. All the Associations meet jointly with the ladies. We have a fine Temple, and many of our young folks meet jointly there too. Our conjoint sessions are looked forward to by the young people, and the old people meet with them. We expect to carry out the wishes of the General Superintendency. And I pray that God may bless us all.

SISTER MINNIE SNOW,

of Box Elder Stake: It is in deep humility I rise this evening. I realize the necessity of the culture of woman and feel thankful for this meeting tonight. I take a pride in reporting the satisfactory results of our associations in Box Elder Stake. The sisters are laboring with great zeal and faith. We realize the influence of woman and feel it necessary to keep pace with the chosen ones of God in culture, refinement and knowledge of the Gospel. There is no virtue in ignorance. The youth in Zion are tempted in many ways. We must therefore establish faith in the hearts of the young men and women.

GEORGE C. LAMBERT,

of Salt Lake: I have had great pleasure in the work of the Improvement Associations and hope to continue to labor in the future. I know that this work will be conducive of much good and ask God's blessing upon it.

SISTER R. E. MONCH,

of Weber Stake: I have been much pleased at the reports we have heard this evening. I remember Sister Eliza R. Snow prophesied that the work would grow to a large extent and accomplish much good. This has been fulfilled. Our associations are doing very well. There is a willingness among the ladies to obey counsel, and, this, I consider, to be a great key of success. May God aid and assist us in the great work.

G. W. BRIMHALL,

of Utah Stake: To me it is a very grave

position to fill, as superintendent of the young men in any part of Zion. There is a class of young men that need looking after as tenderly as one would a bruised finger. We find that good, faithful deacons do not need calling to come to the meetings. They are to be relied upon in every ward. But there are others who do not seem interested. We have endeavored to look after such. We propose this year to take a census of non-members, to try to find out why those young men are not members. The field is wide. We have a noble work, and I pray God to bless us as officers and members, that we may so live that we at evening can look back on a well spent day and say: It is good.

SISTER MARY A. FREEZE,

of Salt Lake Stake: I take great pleasure in representing this Stake. We have thousands of faithful laborers, and they are doing a good work. Many of our ladies are not enrolled, and I am sorry to say that they do not rejoice in this gift. I would be thankful if some plan could be devised whereby such could be gathered into the fold of our association. May God bless us to fulfil our work.

BROTHER JUNIUS F. WELLS

mentioned a plan for introducing a regular course of musical exercises. This plan will be further considered before being sent out to the associations throughout the Territory.

The choir sang:

The earth is the Lord's.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder J. E. Talmage.

## REPUBLICANS FOR REVENUE REFORM.

By the introduction of the new tariff bill in the Senate, the Republicans virtually confess judgment against themselves. They have attacked the Democrats with vigor for passing, in the House, a measure for tariff reform, now they propose a measure similar in purpose though differing in detail. If reducing the duty on some articles and removing it altogether on a few, is "a free trade measure," as declared of the Mills bill, then the bill now introduced by the Republicans in the Senate is also a free trade measure.

Again, the Democrats have received no end of ridicule from their opponents because they were anxious to reduce the surplus. Now the Republicans aim at the same object, proposing to reduce the income from customs about \$75,000,000. Is it foolishness when Democrats want to reduce the surplus, and wisdom when Republicans try to do the same thing?

We will not here attempt to discuss the relative merits of the two bills for tariff reform; that is not our present purpose. It may be that in some things the latest bill is an improvement on its predecessor; that the Republicans have profited somewhat by the opportunity afforded them to revise and alter the provisions of the Mills bill. Either measure may have excellent features not to be found in the other.

But the fact remains that both bills were formed for revenue reform, and that this purpose was avowed by the Democrats and they were opposed by the Republicans, who now turn round and, by similar means, though somewhat different tactics, attempt to do the very thing they at first derided.

If the Democratic party does not use this right-about-face movement of their opponents to good advantage in this campaign, it will be because they are not very bright and let slip an excellent opportunity.

There is a mighty deal of humbug in this game of politics, and between parties, in this respect, there is often not very much to choose.

## Butterville M. I. A.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 30, the following were chosen officers of the Butterville M. I. A.:

William Haddfield, president; Mark H. Blazard and Charles Ritter, counselors; Mary Ritter, secretary; Edith Butler, assistant secretary; Emma Butler, chorister. Meetings held every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock.

## STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FROM THE SPRINGS NINE MILES north-west of Lehi, last spring, a chestnut sorrel MARE, with blaze face and one of her hind legs stiff. Said Mare is 15 years old and has no brands visible. Information that will lead to recovery of same, given to Angus M. Cannon, Salt Lake City, will be rewarded. ds & wt

## MARRIAGE LICENCES.

TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF the lately-enacted Territorial law, providing for a marriage license being issued by the Clerk of the Probate Court of the county in which the intended bride and groom before a marriage can be legally performed, there has been issued from the press at this office a supply of licenses of approved form, which Probate Clerks will do well to avail themselves of. The law also requires that the person performing the ceremony return with the license, within thirty days after the marriage, a certificate over his own signature and countersigned by two or more witnesses present at the ceremony stating the date and place of the marriage. These certificates, suitable for either a civil officer or an Elder of the Church to use, can be had at this office in any quantity, and Probate Clerks ought to keep some of them on hand also, so that if necessary they could supply the person applying for a marriage license with a certificate also, to provide against the possibility of the person who is to officiate in performing the ceremony not having one to furnish them with.