

themselves and pray to God in their apartments for their little ones.

It is the mothers in Israel that have the charge of children, the men of Israel are abroad among the nations of the earth to preach the gospel and fight the battles of Zion, to go abroad and return once in a few years, perhaps, to visit their family and become acquainted with their children. God wishes the mothers in Israel to assume that responsibility and assume it by the Holy Ghost, that there may be a generation raised up that shall be fit for the Lord to use.

Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, ye mothers in Israel, and fast and hunger and thirst after righteousness, pray for and with your little children in your apartments. Is it enough for a father to gather together his wives and children when he is at home and pray with them? That is his duty, and every mother should take pattern by his example, and with their own offspring follow his example and call down the blessings of heaven upon them and they will learn from her; while they listen to her prayers they will learn to listen from her mouth the words of prayer and thanksgiving to God, and faith will rest upon them and the Holy Ghost will rest upon them, and they will be inspired with faith and power and draw down blessings upon her and upon their father and the blessings of God will rest upon them from their mother's womb, if they pursue this course.

May the God of Heaven help us to pursue this course, one and all, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

## MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, CONVENED IN THE POWERY ADJOINING THE NORTH END OF THE TABERNACLE, GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, AND COMMENCING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 1857, AT 10 A. M.

President Brigham Young presiding.  
On the Stand: Pres. Brigham Young.  
Of the Twelve Apostles—Orson Hyde, Wilford Woodruff, Amasa Lyman, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow and Franklin D. Richards:

Seventies—Joseph Young, Zera Pulsipher, Benjamin L. Clapp:  
High Priests—John Young, President:  
Presiding Bishop—Edward Hunter:  
Patriarchs—John Young, Isaac Morley:  
Presidency of the Stake—Daniel Spencer, David Fullmer:

Clerk of Conference—Leo Hawkins:  
Reporter—J. V. Long.

Pres. Brigham Young called the conference to order.

The choir sang a hymn.  
Prayer by Pres. Joseph Young.  
Singing by the choir.

Pres. B. Young said, that contrary to usual custom he should present the authorities of the Church and do up our business the first thing.—He then spoke of the benefit and necessity of having an experience in this world in order to prize and appreciate the happiness and bliss we are now in possession of; and urged the brethren to secure their crops and be ready to defend themselves if their enemies come upon them.

Pres. B. Young then presented the authorities of the Church, as follows:—

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Prophet, Seer and Revelator, Heber C. Kimball, First Counselor, Prophet, Seer and Revelator: Danl. H. Wells, Second Counselor, Prophet, Seer and Revelator:

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franking D. Richards, members of said Quorum:

John Smith, (eldest son of Hyrum) Presiding Patriarch:

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum:

Joseph Young, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, Albert P. Rockwood, Benjamin L. Clapp, Horace S. Eldredge and Levi W. Hancock, Presiding Presidents over all the Seventies:

John Nebeker, President of the Elders' Quorum:

Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion:

Herman Hyde, Eleazer Miller, Phineas Richards, Levi Jackman, Ira Eldredge, John Vance, Edwin D. Woolley, John Parry, Winslow Farr, William Snow, Daniel Cam and Ira Ames, Members of the High Council:

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop of the whole Church:

Lewis Wight, President of the Priest's Quorum:

McGee Harris, President of the Teachers' Quorum:

Alexander Herron, President of the Deacons' Quorum:

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works:

Truman O. Angel, Architect for the Church:

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather the poor; H. C. Kimball, D. H. Wells and Edward Hunter his assistants, and agents for said fund:

George A. Smith, Historian and General Church Recorder; W. Woodruff, his assistant:

Who were unanimously sustained.

Elder Phineas H. Young made a few remarks pertaining to his late mission.

Elder Jacob Hoffstins gave an account of his mission to the Germans in the United States and stated that they are so bound down in the Eastern States that they can scarcely make a living.

Elder A. M. Musser related some particulars of his experience in India and gave some items of the mythology of the Hindoos, Mahomedans and Parsees.

Choir sung, "How firm a foundation."

Benediction by Elder Erastus Snow.

Singing by choir:

Prayer by Bishop E. D. Woolley.

Singing by the choir:

Pres. Orson Hyde invited the recently returned missionaries who had not yet spoken to come to the stand, and made a few remarks.

Elder James Carrigan gave a short account of his mission to Europe; spoke of the treatment he received on board the steamship "Glasgow," and a prediction he made in reference to sail ship; stated that he was satisfied with his mission, had done the best he could, and that God has blessed him in all things. Alluded to opposition from the ministers in England.

Elder James A. Little spoke of his foreign mission. He considered that from the time he was baptized into this Church he had been on a mission all the time.

Elder David W. Rogers spoke in brief of his mission to Canada.

Elder George Thurston made a few remarks relative to his late mission to England.

Elder Edward Holden spoke of his experience in the valleys of the mountains since 1847 and gave an account of his mission to England.

Elder D. B. Dille related a dream he had in relation to the Saints in England and spoke briefly of his mission to England and his journey across the plains with a hand cart company of Scandinavian brethren.

Elder William Walker made some remarks respecting his first associations with Latter Day Saints in Manchester, England, and spoke of his late mission to England.

Pres. B. Young spoke on the fulfilment of prophecy, the effects of the Holy Spirit, &c.

Choir sung, "Guide us oh thou great Jehovah."

Benediction by Elder C. C. Rich.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1857, 10 a. m.

Singing by the choir:

Prayer by Elder Amasa Lyman.

Singing by the choir:

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke of the presence of our enemies and said we need not be surprised to see the war clouds gathering, for where there is no trial there is no glory, honor or exaltation. Alluded to the course pursued by the United States Government towards this people. Predicted that if the wives of those brethren now in the mountains would be united and let their prayers ascend to heaven in their behalf their husbands should be preserved and returned to them in safety.

Elder Israel Evans gave an account of his mission to Europe.

Elder Matthias Cowley bore testimony to the truth of the work of God, &c.

Elder David Curtis spoke in brief of his late mission to the nations and said that he had seen the people mourn because they have wicked rulers, but here they are happy because they have righteous rulers.

Elder Benjamin Ashby spoke of the experience he had gained while on his mission, and said that that experience would richly repay him for all he had gone through.

Elder Albert Tyler bore testimony to the work of the Lord and that the men who are chosen to lead and guide the Latter Day Saints are men of God; testified that all the predictions and promises made concerning him when he went on his mission had been literally fulfilled.

Elder Joseph Kelly gave a brief account of his mission to Australia.

Elder Homer Duncan spoke of his mission to Texas and the wickedness of the people there; testified that he had felt the power and benefit of the prayers of the saints in Zion while absent on his mission; bore testimony that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God; that he had known it for 25 years.

Elder Christian Christiansen spoke of his mission in the United States; the different kinds of Saints he met; some of them had decided to wait there until the Church came back; testified that the blessings of God attended the hand cart company which he led across the plains. At Pres. Young's request he addressed the congregation for a short time in Danish.

Choir sung, "Glorious things of thee are spoken."

Benediction by Patriarch John Young.

2 p. m.

Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Judge Phelps.

Choir sung, "All hail the glorious day."

Pres. Orson Hyde said that as the returned missionaries had occupied most of the time thus far, it was his mind for the brethren of the Twelve who had not spoken yet to address the congregation.

Elder Charles C. Rich proved that the gospel of Jesus Christ contains every thing that is necessary for salvation, if we live up to all of its precepts.

Elder Amasa Lyman argued that the line was soon to be drawn between the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world; that the time had come when the Kingdom of God should be built up and become a kingdom upon the earth, and would prevail over all the other kingdoms that oppose it.

Elder Erastus Snow expressed his great pleasure in hearing so many of the returned missionaries speak, and to feel the good spirit which they have with them. Said that the Lord will suffer nothing to come upon this people but what will be for their salvation. The Lord will, as he has all ways done, give us the general outlines of the trials through which we shall be called to pass, but the minutiae and final result he will reserve to himself.

Elder Neilsen spoke briefly of his recent mission in the United States.

Pres. B. Young proved that nothing but the testimony of the Holy Spirit would touch the hearts of the people and bring them to repentance; bore testimony that this is the Kingdom of God upon the earth; said that the Kingdom might have been given to the Saints years ago if they had been able to receive it; exhorted the

Saints so to live that they could have the Spirit of the Lord to be with them all the time; prophesied that the law that would go forth from Zion would be the law of the whole earth yet. Spoke on the importance of union in families, that their prayers might avail with God, &c. Prophesied that if this people will live their religion, the thread that is now cut will never be united and you and I will soon have the privilege of saying, 'Here is the Kingdom of God.'

On motion of Pres. Orson Hyde, the conference adjourned to meet on the 6th of April, 1858, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at this place.

Choir sung, 'Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,' when the Conference closed with Benediction by the President Brigham Young: Our Father who art in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray for thy blessings to rest upon each one of us at this time and on this congregation. As we have come to the close of our conference, we pray that the spirit of revelation and intelligence may be in us and abide with us, that we may treasure up in good and honest hearts the truths we have heard from each other from this stand since we assembled in this capacity. Help us to seek unto thee day by day, that we may learn wisdom from our Father in Heaven. Be thou our counselor, we pray thee, and let the influence of the Spirit of the Lord rest upon and abide with us. Bless this congregation, Father in Heaven, I pray thee; inspire each and every heart that is now before thee in this place. Bless our families, our friends and our brethren, those that have gone East to preserve the interests of this people, and O God, let thy angels be round about them and lead them unto victory and lead thy people to victory and glory. Bless and preserve thy servants that are among the nations of the earth; help them to be faithful unto thee and accomplish a good work and may they return in safety unto us. Bless thy Saints in the Valleys of the Mountains; pour out thy Spirit upon us; be thou a munitions of rocks round about thy people; hide us in the chambers of the Lord, where thou hast gathered thy people, where we have rested in peace for many years. Preserve us from every sin within, preserve us from outward temptation; preserve us from the hands of wicked, cruel men. Heal up the sick among thy people and comfort their hearts. We dedicate ourselves to thee, with all that pertains to us. Bless the interests of thy Kingdom in every nation, land and clime. Take the oversight of us; be thou our Father and our friend; guide us by thine unerring counsel that we may come off victorious and be prepared to receive our inheritances with the sanctified in thy Celestial Kingdom, and the glory and honor be thine for ever and ever: Amen.

God bless you, brethren and sisters.

LEO HAWKINS, Clerk.

182 FIRES, in each of which the loss of property exceeded \$10,000, occurred in the United States during the first six months of the present year; total loss, \$8,455,000.

WHEN a man passes a day without reflection, he may well exclaim at night: "I fear that I have done something wrong."

KNOWLEDGE is proud that he has learned so much; wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

The tongue was intended for a divine organ, but the devil often plays upon it.

LOST, STRAYED, &c.

STRAYED.

FROM the 16th Ward pasture, a black OX, branded on the horns W W, with star in the forehead and a white spot on the left shoulder about as large as a man's hand. Also one white STEER, three years old, thin in flesh, with one shoe on a claw or the fore foot, which was left on the bench east of the City, on the 7th last. Any person that will give information that will lead to the recovery of those cattle, or deliver either of them to me, will be rewarded.

WM. WALKER, 16th Ward.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned forbids all persons from trusting his wife Hannah on his account and he will pay no debts of her contracting.

PETER MADSDEN.

Provo, Oct. 1, 1857.

WHEAT AND CLOTHING.

BRING along your substantial Clothing and Exchange on liberal terms for wheat, corn, cattle, pork and other domestic products, at the Deseret Store.

For the purpose of a more equal distribution of clothing throughout the settlements, it has been suggested by the First Presidency that clothing of every description be deposited at the Deseret Store, and those who are in need to bring in their grain, &c., and be prepared to make the exchange for the articles needed.

Let everybody look over their wardrobes, turn out their drawers and boxes, and see what can be collected to supply the present wants of a large portion of this community.

P. S. In consequence of the Annual State Fair being held at the Deseret Store, the premises will be closed on Friday the 25th inst. and re-opened for business Oct. 6th.

TO ALL THE SAINTS

WHO have, or have had luggage in my charge. I would be very glad if all who have received their goods and have found any articles with their goods that do not belong to them, would forward the same to me without delay, in order that the lawful owners may be put in possession of them. Also if they have any articles missing to send me a list of the same, not of those they sold at Iowa City to pay their freight, but those that they are positive were delivered into my care, so that if anything was misplaced at the time the goods were opened and dried at Iowa City, the same may be replaced.

I am happy to learn that the most of the brethren and sisters are reasonable and feel that I have done them a great favor by bringing their goods through, when they had not means to advance only about half what it was worth to bring them through. At the same time I am sorry to learn that some few are rather hasty and seem disposed to misrepresent the matter, after I have done all that I possibly could, to get their goods through, and in good order.

WM. WALKER, 16th Ward.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

### TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

ENTRANCE, Deseret Store.—GARMENTS Cut and Made to order by N. H. FELT.

### WAGONS EXCHANGED.

HEAVY AND LIGHT WAGONS exchanged for Stock on early application to GILBERT & GERRISH.

### UTAH LIBRARY.

ALL Persons having Books belonging to the Library are requested to return them forthwith. (35-11) W. C. STAINES, Librarian.

### FURNITURE.

WANTED—In exchange for Furniture—SCRIP, WOOD, LUMBER, PRODUCE, &c.

H. W. NAISBITT

### ROPE AND TWINE.

W. A. McMASTER, Rope, Twine, Lasso, Girth, Broom and Weavers' Twine Manufacturer, 11th Ward, informs the public that he will break and dress Hemp and Flax, or spin any of the above named to all who wish, on cheap terms, &c. 27tf

### J. L. HEYWOOD,

HAT, Cap and Muff Manufacturer, 17th Ward. WANTED in exchange—all kinds of Furs, Sheep and Lamb's wool; also all kinds of produce, County and Territorial orders.

### SHEEP, CATTLE & HORSES

WILL be taken by us on Bingham Creek south to herd or raise on shares, at the usual rates, length of time immaterial with us. We shall prepare to feed our stock when necessary during the winter. (74c) BLAIR & BROTHER.

### Brand Sheets! Brand Sheets!

NOTICE is hereby given that the Brand Sheets, now neatly bound, can be had by calling at the President's Office, price \$1 cash or wheat at cash price taken in payment. Persons having cattle estrayed, or those purchasing, will find it to their advantage to have the Brand Sheets by them for reference.

H. B. CLAWSON, Recorder of Brands.

### W. BALLAN,

WATCH-MAKER, respectfully informs the inhabitants of Great Salt Lake City and vicinity, that he intends carrying on his business in the house formerly occupied by A. L. Hale, North Temple st., 17th ward, and will warrant all work done by him to give satisfaction, as he understands his business in all its branches. Jewelry neatly repaired; charges very moderate. 43-1f

### ENGRAVING SHOP.

A. T. J. M. BARLOW'S, 1st door east of the Deseret Store, where all kinds of engraving may be done. Names engraved on guns, watches, rings, spoons, knives, &c. Public Hands and others please take notice. Any kind of available pay taken. Terms moderate. DAVID MACKENZIE, Engraver.

### NAILS! NAILS! NAILS!!!

D. SABIN has Machinery in operation for making all kinds of Nails to order. He will exchange Nails for Wheat, Corn, Potatoes, and other Produce. Come on with it—now is the accepted time!

WANTED!—Tire and Band Iron, for which he will pay in Nails or work in his shop. Encourage Home Manufactures! 44tf

### NOTICE.

THE Subscriber, having purchased the Woollen Factory at Jordan Mills, formerly owned by Mr. Gaunt, has repaired and fitted it up in good order and has it in successful operation.

Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Fulling and Dyeing done to order at short notice, and on reasonable terms. With a new set of cards and good workmen, he flatters himself that he can do as good work as can be done in the Territory. Wool worked up on shares, if desired. 20-1f A. GARDNER.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AD-

MINISTRATOR of the Estate of Thomas Tennan deceased, by the Judge of the Probate Court for Great Salt Lake county, the undersigned hereby requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate, to come forward without delay and cancel the same, and those having demands against said estate will please file them with the Judge of the aforesaid Court, properly authenticated, as soon as circumstances will permit and within the time specified by law.

DANIEL SPENCER, Administrator.

### ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE!!

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate for Great Salt Lake county Administrators of the Estate of A. W. Babbitt, deceased, hereby notify all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to come forward without delay for settlement; and all persons having claims against said estate will please file them with the Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge, on or before the first day of June, A. D., 1857.

JULIA ANN BABBITT, W. H. HOOPER, BENJ. F. JOHNSON, Administrators.

Great Salt Lake City, Dec. 20, 1856. 42-1f

### Clog and Patten Manufactory.

I wish to inform the inhabitants of this city and territory that I am now manufacturing CLOGS and PATTENS, and having all the requisite tools and a long experience in the trade, I hope to give satisfaction to all who may patronize me.

Brethren, gather up your old boots and shoes and bring them early to me, and I will make you good clogs out of them, that will keep your feet warm, dry and comfortable all the winter.

Any kind of available pay taken. Terms moderate. Wanted, old boot and shoe tops, for which I will pay in work.

HENRY CLEGG, Clogger, South Temple Street, one block south of Jennings & Winder.

### Cows, Sheep and Herding.

I AM now keeping a herd at Santaquin (or Summit creek) and prepared to take cows and sheep on shares, or any kind of stock to herd, both summer and winter, and to make myself responsible for all losses sustained by neglect or mismanagement. I will give one half the butter, cheese and increase from cows, and one half the wool and two thirds the increase from sheep, and will deliver without expense the butter, cheese and wool as it becomes due. Our range for stock, both for summer and winter, is unsurpassed in the valleys of these mountains. Those in or near G. S. L. City having stock to let or to be herded can inquire of or leave their stock with D. T. Le Baron, Mrs. A. W. Babbitt's residence, G. S. L. City; and any one desiring to trade sheep for good wool oxen can by him be accommodated.

B. F. JOHNSON.