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GENERAL CONFERENCE.
FIFTH DAY.

SUNDAY, April 14th, 10 a.m.
According to adjournment of Tuesday, April 9th, the Forty-second Annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, re-assembled this (Sunday) morning, April 14th, at ten o'clock, in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City.

Conference was called to order by President GEO. A. SMITH.

The choir sang:

"The towers of Zion shall rise
Above the clouds and reach the skies."

The opening prayer was offered by Elder L. W. HARDY.

"Come, listen to a prophet's voice,
And hear the word of God."

was sung by the choir.

Elder JOHN VAN COTT addressed the

Conference. He was aware that the

Latter-day Saints were a discriminating

people, being in possession of a

spirit which enabled them to judge

correctly as to that which was true

and that which was false. This spirit

enabled them to perceive that God still

manifested his power and wisdom at

the head of his kingdom, and that he

continually inspired his servants, the

leaders of the Saints, with the revela-

tions of his will. The speaker had

known for many years that he was

identified with a work which was of

divine origin. It was that knowledge

which brought him to Utah. In his

experience in the Church he had seen

many manifestations of divine

providence in behalf of his servants, the

leaders of the Saints, and he was not

doubting that there was another man on

earth who would have done as Presi-

dent Young had, in voluntarily deliver-

ing himself up as a living sacrifice to

write to be an apostle upon him. It was

not only an evidence of the absolute in-

nocence of President Young, but to him

it was an evidence that God directed

his movements.

Whatever the future political status of

the Saints might be—whether Utah be-

came a State or not—was a matter of

the result, so far as the work of the

Lord was concerned, would be the same.

Zion would be built up and those who

engaged in that work would be blessed.

All should seek earnestly for the

word of the Lord, that they might be able

to understand the dealings of the Al-

mighty with his people, and with all

the people of the world. The Kingdom

of the Latter-day Saints was not in

numbers, neither in the arm of man, but

in the arm of the great Jehovah.

Elder THOMAS TAYLOR was the next

speaker. When he first heard the mes-

sage of the everlasting gospel, he saw

no reason why that message should not

be true, and he was not at all deterred

by the fact that he had been a member

of the Church of Christ for many years.

He felt certain that if the

Lord did so, it would be such a

system of government as would far ex-

ceed in every respect every other gov-

ernment. He was of opinion, if those who

were so much opposed to it would lay

aside prejudices and reason with us, that

they would not so much, unblinded

against us as they were. The constitu-

tion of this republican government was

a most liberal and excellent instru-

ment. The principles of the Kingdom

of God were liberal also. Men did not

apostatize from this work because the

principles of the gospel did not allow

them the exercise of the utmost free-

dom. Those who broke out in rebellion

against the work of God generally did

so because in the Church of Jesus

Christ there were not permitted to take

advantage of the ignorant and other-

wise were not unrighteous. The opposi-

tion of the Saints were not the good among

men, but the reverse. They had been

opposed generally by men who were

actuated by other motives. Some

opposed us because per chance their

craft was at stake, and who thought

that if let alone the Saints would, by

their faith in God and their unity, be-

come a great and a powerful people.

Those who had thought their interests

were at stake had invariably been

among the first to vilify and mal-

treat the Latter-day Saints. If people

thought we were deluded, their best

course would be to lay the principles

they had to offer side by side with

those we possessed, and see how they

compared. It indicated a lack of con-

fidence in their own systems when

they refused to do this, and they did re-

fuse almost invariably.

The speaker next commented upon

the nature of the circumstances through

which many of the Saints had been

called to pass, and he said that he

tried to trust in God as their only source

of deliverance, and who had never failed

them. Hundreds of sick, by the exer-

cise of faith and the administration of

the ordinances of the gospel, had been

healed by the power of God. He had

been cognizant of many instances of

this kind in his personal labors, and ad-

ministrations.

laying a foundation for eternal bliss and

glory in the future, for we believed in

the eternal nature of the family union

and the formation of righteous families

in this life. The Kingdom of God was an in-

destructible system and would stand for-

ever, notwithstanding the powers that

might be arrayed against it.

The choir sang:

"O praise the Lord."

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Prayer by President D. H. WELLS.

SUNDAY, 2 p.m.

"Great God, indulge my humble claim;
"Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest."

was sung by the choir.

Prayer by Bishop JOHN W. HESS.

The choir sang:

"Spirit of faith come down,
Reveal the things of God."

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper

was administered.

Elder DAVID CANNON addressed the

assembly. He said that he was a

peculiar stranger to hear the Elders

of Israel talk so much about the King-

dom of God, which was established on

the earth; yet those who were some-

times expressed antagonism from this

cause had been tutored, from child-

hood, to repeat the form and words

taught by Jesus to his disciples in his

day, in which the desire was expressed

that the Kingdom of God might come,

that his will might be done here as it

was in heaven. When we talk of the

Kingdom of God being inaugurated, we

did not mean that the constitutional or

other liberties and privileges of any of

the human family would be abridged

or taken away. The instituting of a

divine system of government was for

the benefit of the human family, and

not to bring them into bondage.

The speaker was surprised that peo-

ple should be blinded with the belief

that the canon of Scripture closed with

the Bible, when it was distinctly de-

clared in the latest record that this

was not the case. It was stated there

that the work of bringing the ancient

Israelites out of the land of Egypt and

through the Red Sea would be compar-

atively Israel's work, and that the

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