

the mode of settlement brought about by the payment of seventy-five thousand dollars, which appeared to him the best way of settling such an unpleasant affair, he called on the Conference for an expression of their feelings on the subject, and the settlement was endorsed by a unanimous vote. Other remarks he wished to make, but reserved them for a meeting of the priesthood, and all others who desired to attend, this evening at 7 o'clock.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON read statistical reports from the various Stakes of Zion.

The choir sang an anthem,

O Lord, most merciful.

Conference adjourned until tomorrow, (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder C. C. Rich.

Tuesday, 7 o'clock p. m.

A general meeting of the priesthood in connection with the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Associations, &c., was held in the large Tabernacle.

President John Taylor presiding. After singing, prayer by Elder Brigham Young, singing.

President JOHN TAYLOR said he had been waited upon by Brother Junius F. Wells, the general superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, who asked permission to hold their meeting in this house to-night, and it was deemed wisdom to associate with a general meeting of the priesthood, and the members of the Relief Societies and all others who feel interested in the general welfare of Zion. He wished therefore for Brother Wells to make such remarks as he might be led, and if any of ladies of the Relief Societies would like to make any remarks, they would have the privilege as far as the time would permit. He spoke very encouragingly of the labors of those who are in any way connected with the moral and religious teaching of the children. He also pointed out some of the leading traits of character that should be exhibited by the Elders of Israel.

Elder JUNIUS F. WELLS said arrangements had been made to hold the semi-annual meeting of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, for the purpose of presenting the organizations of the various Stakes, but at the suggestion of President Taylor, all the details of the meeting will be postponed for a future meeting. He then spoke of the encouraging success that has attended the young men in preparing the tithing labor for usefulness. He felt grateful for the good results that had accrued to many who had been called and sent forth on missionary fields of labor. He also rejoiced in the opportunity of setting forth some of the leading characteristics of the Association before President Taylor and the Apostles, that their labors might receive their inspection, and, if approved, sanction and blessing; and he would be glad and thankful to receive such counsels and instruction that they might wish to impart.

Elder MOSES THATCHER said the youth of Zion in their various organizations, are receiving a knowledge of the things of God, which are above all price. He then spoke of his early experience when first called by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, to take a mission in California, when only 15 years of age. While on that mission he received a knowledge from God of the divinity of this work, and that testimony has never left him. He named this circumstance to encourage the young now before him to seek after that great blessing. He also alluded to the benefits that have resulted to our youth from their connection with the Sabbath Schools. He referred with much pleasure to the benefits derived from the various Improvement Societies, and prayed that God would abundantly bless Brother Junius Wells in his efforts.

He spoke with much emphasis on the evils of intemperance and the necessity of keeping temptation from our youth, by the enforcement of city ordinances, quoting Elder C. C. Rich as an example. On co-operation he said we cannot be thoroughly united spiritually unless we are united temporally. But our union in temporal things will never be established among us on such business principles as are practised by the world. "Do unto others as we would they should do unto us," would be our motto. Co-

operation was first started among us for the benefit of the many, and not the aggrandisement of the few. He also spoke of the advantages resulting from the establishment of Boards of Trade. As an illustration, the article of eggs yielded to Cache Valley Stake in one year ten thousand dollars more to the people than before the Board of Trade was established. He also related the immense advantages that accrued to that Stake recently by the building over 200 miles of railway, under the united arrangements of the Board of Trade.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON spoke on the subject of co-operation and the United Order, said he had enjoyed much of the spirit of God while speaking and advocating the principles thereof. A lack of confidence is the great barrier to the establishment of the system of things revealed to us from the Lord. God has established the law of tithing and those who honor that law know that they are blessed. It is our duty to pay our tithes and offerings and respond to other calls according to our ability.

He then bore testimony that God was with this people, and spoke of the deep schemes that had been laid to entrap our feet, and engulf us in trouble, but God has been so merciful to us even in the midst of our many weaknesses as to deliver us from these snares and thus made his heart to rejoice and be filled with gratitude.

President A. M. CANNON made a few remarks, showing the advantages of the Board of Trade.

Sister ZINA YOUNG said the daughters of Zion were united in sustaining the hands of the priesthood. She bore testimony to the truth of the celestial order of marriage; the time would soon be when no sister would be living to whom the Prophet Joseph taught that principle, but she desired to bear her testimony to all the world that Joseph Smith taught that grand and holy principle to her, and which had for its object the protection and exaltation of woman. She touched on the benefits of silk culture. She rejoiced in the moral courage of the priesthood in fully sustaining the virtue and protection of the sisters, and assured the brethren that the daughters of Zion would unite with them in the good work.

their feet and sang:

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning.

Benediction by Elder F. D. Richards.

THIRD DAY.

Wednesday, Oct 8th, 1879, 10 o'clock a. m.

The choir sang hymn on page 106,

With joy we own thy servants, Lord, Thy ministers below.

Prayer by Elder A. M. Cannon.

The choir sang hymn on page 197:

My soul is full of peace and love I soon shall see Christ from above.

Elder ANGUS M. CANNON said his heart was made to rejoice in reviewing the kind providences of our Heavenly Father since the Saints entered these valleys, by causing the rains to descend and the land to yield its increase. He was pleased to observe the improvement in stock, machinery, and other productions as displayed in our fair. He regretted that so many of our young men were inclined to mimic and mix up with the practices of the Gentiles, and show a disposition to associate with those who have no sympathy with the faith of the gospel, such as in base ball, philharmonic and other societies. We shall shortly be called upon to sustain the authorities of the Church, and he hoped the Latter-day Saints would well consider what they were doing when their hands were uplifted for that purpose. He closed his remarks by a few pointed exhortations.

Elder ERASTUS SNOW spoke of the spiritual nature of our religion, which can only be discerned by those who enjoyed the Spirit of God. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. He quoted and enlarged upon the parable of the virgins, five being wise, and five foolish. He then gave some good instructions to those who are placed in responsible positions as shepherds over the people, as Apostles, Bishops, Presidents of Stakes and of Quorums, if they did not

preside in righteousness and feed the people with the bread of life, they would have their portion with hypocrites and unbelievers. Spoke of the effort of those who are trying to induce the Saints to break their covenants, by placing barriers and threatenings in their way. God has a controversy with the nations, beginning with that to whom the fullness of the Gospel was sent. He rejoiced in the testimonies of his brethren who have previously broken. Dark clouds may gather around us from time to time, that is the time when the Saints should cleave to the Lord with full purpose of heart. And the sunshine of our prosperity will soon appear again. Let us keep fast hold of the rod of iron.

In speaking of the effort being made to check our emigration from foreign countries, he rejoiced however that we are not entirely confined to that kind of emigration, for through the great law which God has revealed to us, a far greater increase in number is filling our ranks from above, by carrying out the command given to our first parents—to multiply and replenish the earth. He then gave instructions to Presidents of Stakes, especially in utilizing the abilities of both brethren and sisters wherever they are best adapted and qualified to labor. Encourage honest labor among our young men, instead of loafing and wasting precious time. He mentioned many waste places adjacent to various stakes of Zion where it would be well to gather up our young men and new comers sprinkled with a few experienced brethren, to go out and make homes for themselves. He called on Presidents of Stakes to look out for all such opportunities for the benefit of those under their charge, and not wait for the Apostles to lead out in these enterprises, also to set good examples to the people, and discourage every species of rowdism and evil.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON presented the Authorities of the Church before the Conference, all of whom were unanimously sustained by uplifted hands.

John Taylor, as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as one of the Twelve Apostles, and of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As members of the Quorum of Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Joseph F. Smith, Albert Carrington and Moses Thatcher.

Counselors to the Twelve Apostles—John W. Young, D. H. Wells.

The Twelve Apostles the presiding quorum and authority of the Church, and, with their counselors, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch of the Church—John Smith.

As the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates and John Van Cott.

The Presiding Bishop of the Church—Edward Hunter, with Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton as his Counselors.

Elder Cannon put the following: "It is motioned that John Taylor be and he is hereby appointed Trustee-in-Trust for the body of religious worshippers known and recognized as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to hold the legal title to its property and contract for it, and that he execute bonds."

Carried unanimously. "It is motioned that we accept and approve a bond in the sum of one hundred dollars from the Trustee-in-Trust, with the Apostles as his sureties, and that said bond be made payable to the Presiding Bishop of the Church, for the use and benefit of said Church, said bond to be executed before and attested by the General Church Recorder."

Carried unanimously. Contrary votes were called for; time being given for objections and none being offered, the motions were announced as carried without dissent.

Elder CANNON explained that there had a question arisen as to whether or not the Church was a corporation. This question, he said, had not been judicially decided, but whether it should be decided or not it would make no difference to us. We are a religious body and as such have a right, whether

incorporated or not under the law, to elect a Trustee-in-Trust to hold our property, and it was in order that we should exercise this power which we hold as a Church, as a religious body of worshippers. The motion was put in its present form so that there should be no question hereafter as to the legality and right of our Trustees to act independent whether we are a corporation or not.

The following were also sustained unanimously:

The Twelve Apostles, their two Counselors and Bishop Edward Hunter as Counselors to the Trustee-in-Trust.

Albert Carrington as President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund for the Gathering of the Poor, and the following as his assistants: F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, H. S. Eldredge, Joseph F. Smith, John W. Young, Angus M. Cannon, Moses Thatcher, William Jennings, John R. Winder, Henry Dinwoodey, Robert T. Burton, A. O. Smoot and H. B. Clawson.

Orson Pratt as Historian and General Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff as his assistant.

Truman O. Angel as General Architect of the Church, and T. O. Angel, Junr., and W. H. Folsom as his assistants.

As Auditing Committee—W. Woodruff, E. Snow, F. D. Richards, J. F. Smith.

George Goddard as Clerk of the General Conference.

The following names of missionaries were also presented and sustained:

FOR EUROPE.

Wm. W. Jackson, American Fork
Henry A. Dixon, Provo
Joseph Wm. Vickers, Nephi
Alonzo G. Barber, Smithfield
John L. Jones, Cedar

UNITED STATES.

Thomas Farr, Ogden
Wm. R. Jones, Spanish Fork

AUSTRALIA OR NEW ZEALAND.

John P. Sorensen, City
Niels J. Grundland, City

FOR PLACES TO BE DESIGNATED.

Moses Thatcher, Logan
M. J. Trejo, San Pedro
J. Z. Stewart, Draper

Counselor L. W. HARDY spoke on the subject of tithing, said Bishop Hunter and counselors were agents were appointed to assist the Presiding Bishop in looking after and taking care of the tithing. God instituted the law of tithing in the beginning, Abraham paid tithing of his substance and when God raised up his Prophet Joseph Smith he introduced the law of tithing and offerings and those who strictly observe them the Lord will abundantly bless. He regretted that in some Stakes, according to the statistics read yesterday, so small an amount had been paid in as fast offerings to feed the poor. He then made a fatherly appeal to the Bishops, to be kind and respectful to the poor, and strongly urged upon the Saints to pay their honest tithes and offerings, and secure to themselves the great and inestimable blessings that God has promised.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then read the following names of missionaries, whose fields of labor would be hereafter designated:

Ammon M. Tenney, of New Mexico
Wm. A. Tenney,
Ernest Tietzen,
Luther C. Burnham,
Peter J. Christensen, Arizona.

August Wilchin,
Andrew S. Gibbons,
Wm. Gibbon,
Jacob Hamolin,
Llewellyn Harris,
Ebenzer Thayne,
Joseph Cluff,
Joseph Edwin Cluff,
— Lewis, of Round Valley, Arizona.

John H. Perkins, Arizona.
Brigham Y. Perkins,
Clark Owens, Jr.,
Jefferson Hundley,
Henry Walter Despain, Arizona.
Edmund Richardson,
Thos. Walters Brockbank,
Daniel McAllister, of St. George.
Nephi Johnson, Jr., Kanab.
Joel H. Johnson, Toquerville.
Lorenzo Slack, Toquerville.
John Hiltin, Virgin.
Napoleon Roundy, Kanarra.
Mormon Shumway, Johnson.
Wm. W. Eager, Hillsdale.
Joseph Hyrum Watkins, Ogden.
Wm. Francis James,
A. F. Burnham, Richmond.

The following notices were then given out:

All the missionaries now in this city will meet in the Council House to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

A Seventies' meeting will be held in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms at 7 o'clock this evening.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR, in conclusion said: I think we are now pretty much through with the business of this Conference. I am very pleased to have witnessed the feeling and spirit that has been manifested in our midst, and I would again call upon the Presidents of Stakes, the Bishops, the High Councils, the Priests, Teachers and Deacons, to carry out the instructions that have been given here in their several Stakes; and to see that the order of the Kingdom of God is sustained and maintained; that we individually and collectively seek for a closer union with the Lord; that we see that the principles of honesty, truth, integrity and virtue are maintained in the several Stakes; that we operate in a way that we may always have the smile and approbation of God; see that in your several Stakes you maintain pure principles and put down anything that is contrary to virtue, contrary to righteousness, contrary to integrity, and see that the laws of God are maintained, that the Church is purged from iniquity, that we may be prepared to present ourselves before the Lord with confidence that he may sustain us in all our acts; that we may approach near to the Lord instead of getting further off; and that we may follow the counsel given in regard to co-operation, and more especially in regard to manufacturing. We want to encourage home manufacture, in all its various branches, that we may be self-sustaining. And let us try to live our religion and keep the commandments of God, and the blessings of God will rest upon us, but if we neglect these things they will not. I want to repeat again what I said yesterday in relation to this matter, that no president, no Bishop, no Priest, no Teacher, no Deacon can be justified in allowing the laws of God to be trampled upon with impunity within his jurisdiction. If they do—if they wink at iniquity of any kind, God will require iniquity of him, and if he will not, and the Twelve will not. It is for us to do the will of God and keep His commandments, and if we do, the spirit, and blessing and power of God will be with us from this time forth, but if we do not, we may expect his hand to be over us for evil. Let us then look for men that occupy offices to be men of honor, of truth and of integrity. We do not care for the covetous and fraudulent and dishonest, let them pursue their own course, but let us look for truth, integrity and honor, that we may be the children of our Heavenly Father, who is pure and holy and cannot look upon sin of any kind with "the least degree of allowance." God bless you. I feel to thank the brethren for the good work that has been manifested, and I feel to appreciate the labors of my brethren the Twelve, and I also feel to thank the choir for their attention, and all who feel an interest in the welfare of Zion. May God bless you and lead you in the paths of life. Amen.

Conference was adjourned until April 8th, 1880.

The choir sang an anthem:

I will extol thee.

Benediction by Elder Orson Pratt.

GEORGE GODDARD,

Clerk of Conference.

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