

the choir and congregation united in singing the hymn commencing:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.

Elder George Goddard offered the opening prayer, after which the choir sang the hymn beginning:

Lo! the mighty God appearing,  
From high Jehovah speaks!

The statistical and financial reports of the Stake and various organizations therein were read by

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in the following order, and were accepted by unanimous vote of the congregation:

General report of officers and members residing within the Stake: Of the First Presidency 3; Apostles 5; Patriarchs 12; Seventies 1322; High Priests 458; Elders 2116; Priests 466; Teachers 380; Deacons 1567; members 16,909. Total officers and members 23,238. Children under eight years of age 8023. Total souls 31,261. Families 6182.

Report of High Priests' quorum, showing number of meetings held, class of exercises, attendance, etc.

Report of Elders' quorums with similar showing. This was supplemented by the remark that there were many who had come before the Stake Priesthood meeting and had agreed to observe the duties of Elders, but who, after ordination, had not attended a quorum meeting.

Report of Fast offerings for half year ending December 31st, 1892, showing receipts: On hand July 1st, \$3,627.19; received from Fast offerings \$4,902.86; Relief society \$3,032.89; other sources \$1,071.35; titling fund \$12,496.85. Total \$25,140.94. Disbursements to charity account \$21,579.08; balance on hand December 31st, \$3,551.86. Number of individuals who received support 1925.

Report of Relief society, with 46 branches in the Stake, having a membership of 2963. The receipts and disbursements for the last half year of 1892 were also shown.

Report of Y. M. M. I. associations, showing 49 organizations with 2404 members; and of Y. L. M. I. associations, 39 organizations with 1138 members.

Report of Sunday schools for 1892, showing 54 schools with 898 officers and 10,348 pupils.

Report of Primary associations, 44 organizations with 150 officers and 8285 members.

#### THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES

of the Church, as sustained at the general semi-annual conference in October last, received the unanimous vote of the congregation, as did also the

#### STAKE AUTHORITIES

of the Salt Lake Stake, which were presented by Elder Joseph E. Taylor, as follows:

Stake Presidency—Angus M. Cannon, president; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Eddington, Theodore McKean, George J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Anders W. Winberg, John T. Caine, Jesse W. Fox, James P. Freeze, Milando Pratt, Henry P. Richards, Elias A. Smith, Joseph D. C. Young.

Alternate High Councilors—John Nicholson, John Clark, David L.

Davis, Orson A. Woolley, Wm. W. Riter, Edward Snelgrove, John Kirkman, Frank H. Hyde, Spencer Clawson.

Presidency of High Priests' quorum—Elias Morris, president; George B. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar, counselors.

Patriarchs—Lorenzo D. Young, Wm. J. Smith, Wm. Draper, Joseph C. Kingsbury, Alonzo H. Raleigh, Washington Lemon, Joseph Horne, Joseph Harker, Archibald N. Hill, Samuel Priday, William H. Walker, Homer Dnncean and Ezekiel Holman.

#### HOME MISSIONARIES:

Anderson, James H.	McKenzie, David
Anderson, Wm. N.	Mills, George B.
Anderson, Adolph	McMurrin, Joseph W.
Burrows, Josiah	Movie, Oscar W.
Bull, Joseph, Jr.	Nicholson, John
Binder, Wm. L.	Naisbitt, Henry W.
Bird, Henry N.	Nelson, Joseph
Blair, George E.	Olson, Thorwald N.
Bean, Joshua B.	Phillips, William G.
Barber, Horace D.	Poulton, Walter J.
Cannon, George M.	Pierce, Eli H.
Carlson, August W.	Parry, Henry E.
Cannon, Lewis M.	Richards, Samuel W.
Christenson, Joseph	Riter, William W.
Cannon, Angus J.	Richards, Franklin S.
Cannon, John M.	Romney, George, Jr.
Carlisle, Joseph R.	Reid, John B.
Cummings, Arthur F.	Ross, Charles J.
Cornwall, Samuel	Sjodahl, Janno M.
Cannon, Hugh J.	Summerhays, Joseph W.
Davis, David L.	Stewart, Joshua B.
Dougall, Wm. B.	Sharp, James
Davis, David F.	Saunders, John W.
Done, Willard	Savage, Charles R.
Deaz, Joseph H.	Seefeld, Nepht Y.
Davis, David J.	Sloan, Edward L.
Emery, David S.	Sharp, Joseph C.
Flashman, James T.	Smith, James G.
Ferguson, Barlow	Spry, Wm.
Grether, Herman	Sanders, Sandra, Jr.
Gregg, Wm. O.	Smith, Elias A.
Groebbeck, Joseph S.	Sandberg, John O.
Hughes, Francis D.	Spencer, Claudius V.
Hintze, Ferdinand F.	Talmage, James E.
Hansen, John E.	Taylor, Robert B. T.
Hayes, John	Tobiason, Theodore
Hanson, Wm. L.	Taylor, James A.
Haslam, James N.	Tovey, Wm. H.
Hull, Thomas	Thornap, Joseph
Harrington, Daniel	Taylor, Moses W.
Jenson, Andrew	Woolley, Orson A.
Jones, Nathaniel V.	Wells, Joseph S.
Kimball, Solomon F.	Wells, William, Jr.
Keddington, John W.	Wilcken, Charles H.
Kelsch, Louis A.	Wells, Gershon B. F.
Lambert, George O.	Wilcox, Charles F.
Lovett, George D.	Wells, John
Lee, William O.	Wright, Elias S.
Lewis, Thomas D.	Walton, John J.
Lambert, James C.	Young, Richard W.
Lyman, F. M., Jr.	Young, Willard
McMurrin, James L.	Young, Joseph A.
Moyle, James H.	Young, Brigham S.

Clerk of the Stake and of the High Council—James D. Stirling.

Reporter—Willard Done.

Relief Societies—Mary Isabella Horne, president; Elmina S. Taylor and Helen M. Whitney, counselors.

Young Men's M. I. Associations—Joseph H. Felt, president; Royal B. Young and James W. Eardley, counselors.

Young Ladies' M. I. Association—Mary A. Freeze, president; Mary Pratt Young and Nellie Colebrook, counselors.

Sabbath Schools—Thomas C. Griggs, superintendent; Richard S. Horne and Willard C. Burton, assistants.

Primary Associations—Ellen C. Clawson, president; Camilla C. Cobb and Lydia Ann Wells, counselors.

Tabernacle Choir—Evan Stephens, leader; Joseph J. Daynes, organist, and all the members of the choir.

Scandinavian meeting of Salt Lake City—Anders W. Winberg, president; S. P. Neve and Martin Christopherson, counselors.

German meetings—Arnold H. Schulthess, president; Henry C. Reiser and Christian Willey, counselors.

Board of Education—Angus M. Can-

non, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, David McKenzie, J. M. Sjodahl, William W. Riter, Richard K. Thomas.

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
was sung by Miss C. J. Mecara.

ELDER WILLIAM B. PRESTON, Presiding Bishop, addressed the congregation. He was pleased to note that the reports made indicated steady growth and progress among the Latter-day Saints. One feature that had impressed him was the statement in the Elders' report, that some had not kept the promise they made, before ordination, to attend to their duties. This was a serious matter. The Lord will visit the covenant-breaker with severe punishment. The Teachers should take up a labor with those complained of and show them the importance of keeping their covenants. As a people the Latter-day Saints have the reputation of keeping their agreements in their business relations. Yet there is room for improvement in this regard. The people should exercise great care in keeping all covenants, both in business and religious matters.

The Saints, as a people, are increasing in faith and good works, as shown by the records. Yet we have not perfected ourselves in the Gospel. We are subject to the ills of mortality, and to the foolishness of men. We ought to be more careful and diligent in seeking to build up Zion, in making our homes better, and in keeping our covenants as husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters. The presiding officers and people should strengthen the home industries of the various wards. If we would bend our energies more carefully to this object, we would be better off. We would not send so much of our means abroad, nor be looking so much after the fashions of the world, but would have fashions of our own, taught by the revelations of the Lord. If we did this we would improve more rapidly, both temporally and spiritually.

The Lord has greatly blessed us. We would be prospered more abundantly if we lived nearer to Him. Wherever His people have done His will. He has made them rich in the things of this life as well as given them the riches of eternity. But when they permitted class distinctions, and some have become lifted up above their neighbors, the blessings of the Lord have been withdrawn and destruction has followed. Are we any more His people than those in whose history these examples are given? We have been gathered here to serve the Lord, not to seek the riches of earth any more than the Lord sees fit to bestow them on us. Our only salvation is in learning the will of the Lord and doing it.

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spoke of the large number in the Stake who hold the Priesthood, and of the duty which rested upon them to labor for the salvation of the people. The Bishops should utilize these men of activity and zeal, to instruct and encourage the Saints. Those who were delinquent should besought after, and, if possible, be induced to perform their duties. If they would not do this, the quorums should withdraw fellowship from them, and report them to the Bishops.