

GREAT REFORMATION.

On Saturday 13th September inst., Presidents Jedediah M. Grant, and Joseph Young, in company with Elders D. D. Hunt, Gilbert Clements, Thomas Grover, and William Willes, (home missionaries) held a conference at Kaysville, Davis county; the proceedings were opened in the usual manner.

President Joseph Young delivered a discourse on the necessity of faithfulness in the kingdom of God. Br. Willes spoke on the unity of the faith, and pleasures of associations with the Saints, and concluded by singing the following song:

HOPE OF ISRAEL.

Fear not ye Saints of latter days, our "Father's at the helm;"
With patience walk in wisdom's ways, no foes can overwhelm;
We hear their threats, but heed them not,
They envy us our happy lot;
In Deseret we're free to act, and magnify our calling.

The wicked nations' cup doth fill with deeds of darkness
Which doth the Prophet's words fulfil, for deadly is the strife;
Sweet peace is banished from their land—
They've lost the power to command;
But Deseret knows all the Saints will nobly do their duty.
Our Prophet they have basely slain, and drove the Saints away,
And now their blood boils hot again, the same foul game to play;
But plains and mountains intervene,
Which makes the saints feel all serene,
And Deseret is sure that they will nobly do their duty.

Our trust is in the living God—no arm of flesh we fear:
He'll smite the wicked with his rod, when they in wrath draw near;
But let not boasting fill our hearts
Nor envy hurl her fiery darts,
For Deseret expects that all the Saints will do their duty.

Here, peace and plenty crown our days throughout these valleys fair,
And joyful sounds the song of praise, and deep the fervent prayer,
That we may be preserved and blest—
That mobs may never us molest,
For Deseret is sure that all the Saints will do their duty.

President Grant arose and stated, that he had come with his brethren, under the counsel of Prest. Brigham Young, to build up churches, and delivered a discourse on faith, repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, exhorting the Saints to be patient, and not hurry the conference, to learn to let the things of the kingdom of God be first, and all other things in their times and seasons.

Meeting adjourned till 2 p. m.

2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder Richard Cook (home missionary) being on his way to the city, was requested by the President to remain and preach a gospel sermon to the saints. He made some excellent remarks upon the necessity of making all things subservient to the will of God.

Elder G. Clements followed with some highly useful remarks on the subject of water and irrigation, dwelling on the wealth-producing capabilities of the practice in ancient and modern times, in Egypt and Deseret, the past and future granaries of the world, closing on the subject of re-baptism, and the increased responsibilities entailed thereby on the Saints.—
Meeting dismissed till 6 p. m.

6 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prest. J. Young made some remarks upon the necessity of the brethren's storing their minds with the intelligence of heaven, and the necessity of prayer.

Elder Hunt followed on the necessity of the Saints gathering into forts.

Elder Willes compared the ancient practice still followed by the shepherds in India, of leading their flocks instead of the modern one of driving them, making a practical application of the subject to the shepherds of Israel, concluding by singing the following song, descriptive of his feelings on entering Great Salt Lake City:

THE CITY I LOVE SO WELL.

TUNE—"The Mormon Boy."

When first I saw the city, 'twas low, in a low place,
Big tears of joy swelled in my eyes, and trickled down my face;
My heart felt cheer'd, my hopes rose high,
To think that my home was nigh.
As long as I live I will think of my home in the city I love so well.

Oh! when my feet began to tread upon this sacred ground,
Wife, children, friends did warmly greet, when they were gathered round;
My every want they did supply,
In our sweet mountain home.
As long as I live, &c.

Her habitations peaceful are, her streets are broad and fair,
And streams of living waters flow to fertilize and cheer;
The mountains grand surround our home
And screen from mobs and strife.
As long as I live, &c.

'Tis here the oppress'd a refuge find—the tyrant's galling chain
Is burst asunder—east away—and ne'er will gall again;
The Saints are free, and do rejoice
Within their mountain home.
As long as I live, &c.

No orphan's tears nor widow's moans do here salute our ears;
Nor debtors pining in their cells through long and tedious years;
No standing army drains her purse—
No loafers here are found.
As long as I live, &c.

No drunkards stagger thro' her streets, no harlots throng her courts;
No beggars whining at her doors, no thieves have their resorts;
No parsons strut in white cravats—
Few lawyers clutch their fees.
As long as I live, &c.

'Tis here "THE KINGDOM" Daniel saw, should rise in latter days,
And here we find the kingdom grows, for which we render praise;

Here Brigham, Heber, Jeddie dwell,
And o'er the Saints preside.
As long as I live, &c.

Adjourned till Sunday morning, 10 a. m.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Br. Willes delivered an address on the principles of education, and the necessity of keeping faithful and systematic records in each ward, and the value and utility of keeping correct memoranda of public transactions and private contracts; concluding by recommending the establishment of Sabbath schools, and literary institutions.

Prest. Grant followed, remarking that the Lord would not hold parents guiltless who neglected to inform the minds of their children.—He delivered a soul-stirring address on the text of Br. Brigham, "Saints, live your religion;" holding sacred their covenants, observing cleanliness in their persons and dwellings, setting their families in order, carefully cultivating their farms and gardens, and not to feel so anxious to have more land than they could attend to themselves; to gather into and build up the fort and settlement, and concluded by praying that all those who did not feel to do right might have their way opened to leave this people and Territory, and that those who did not come forward and do their first works, let them be unto you as heathen men and publicans, and not numbered among the Saints.

Prest. J. Young remarked that he fully responded to the sentiment of Prest. Grant, observing that the spirit of avarice would lead many of this people down to darkness and apostasy. Meeting dismissed till 2 p. m.

2 P. M.

Prest. Grant called upon the people to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins; advised that the teachers in each district of the ward report to the bishop at least once a month the standing of the members. He threw out a number of texts for the brethren to preach upon, calling upon Br. Clements to take up the subjects of repentance and baptism.

Elder Clements delivered a discourse on the necessity of bringing forth fruits meet for repentance, and commencing a general reformation, faithfully paying their tithing in kind, attending to the duties of family worship, and the royal law: "Do unto others as you wish they should do unto you;" and dwelt at some length upon re-baptism.

Br. Thomas Grover spoke upon the many advantages of the gathered in comparison with the scattered state of the people, and concluded by blessing them in the name of the Lord.

Bishop William Smith, (Centerville) bore testimony to the truth of the instructions the brethren had delivered, and exhorted the Saints to faithfulness and perseverance.

Prest. J. Young endorsed the remarks of the brethren, commenting on the proverb "little foxes spoil the vines," remarking that our vines have tender grapes, making a practical application of the subject to the too frequent practice of borrowing and not returning.

Bishop Allen Taylor arose, and said that he wished at all times to be obedient to counsel, and exhorted the Saints to follow in the same course.

Prest. Grant spoke at length upon the necessity there was on the part of the Saints to purify and sanctify themselves preparatory to their attending to the ordinances for their dead in the House of the Lord; to purify their lands, their houses, their persons, and dedicate themselves and their substance to the Lord. Upon calling for a vote as to whether they were willing to renew their covenants, it was given unanimously.

Dismissed till 7 p. m.

7 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Animated addresses were delivered by Presidents Grant and J. Young, and Elders Hunt and Willes.

Adjourned to meet at 7 a. m., at Weinle's mill to attend to baptism.

MONDAY, 10 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prest. Grant enjoined upon the Saints to observe the utmost decorum and reverence while the sacred ordinance of baptism was being attended to. After prayer, he proceeded to baptize Bishop Allen Taylor and his counselors, Reddick N. Allred and Dorr P. Curtis. Nearly 500 Saints were immersed under the direction of Prest. Grant, aided by Bishop Taylor, Elders Clements, Allred, Curtis, Weinle, Wm. Booth, jr., Payne, and Dinsdale; Prest. Grant baptized upwards of 80 with his own hands. After baptism the Saints repaired to the bowery, where the ordinance of confirmation was attended to by Presidents Grant and J. Young, assisted by Elders Clements, Willes, Hunt, Taylor, Allred, Curtis, Ellison, T. Squires, Payne, S. Henderson, Dinsdale, Weinle, McPherson, and Matthews. The Spirit of God was poured out to a great degree, and peace and happiness characterized the whole assembly. Prest. Grant arose and blest the people in the name of the Lord God of Israel. Adjourned to 6 p. m.

6 P. M.

The brethren and male members of the ward met pursuant to adjournment.

Prest. Grant called for a representation of the Priesthood, when the following officers were present, viz: Presidents of Seventies, 4; Seventies, 42; High Priests, 13; Elders, 27; Priests, 16; Teachers, 11; Deacons, 7; Lay members, 35; total, 155.

The following motions were then moved, seconded and carried:

1st. That we uphold by our faith and prayers, Allen Taylor, as Bishop of this ward; also Reddick N. Allred as his first and Dorr P. Curtis as his second counselors.

2nd. That we sustain John Ellison as Secretary, with Wm. Burton and Charles Evans as assistants.

Prest. Grant imparted some valuable instructions in relation to government in the branch and family circles; counseled the Bishop to call upon the brethren to follow a systematic course to sustain the home missionaries who stood in need of assistance, taking care to credit each contributor to the fund, and deliver an annual report of the same in writing to Prest. B. Young and his counsel, and to forward the contributions of the people to the houses of the home missionaries. He gave the same counsel to the Seventies in relation to Prest. Joseph Young.

Prest. J. Young poured forth the fullness of his soul for the great manifestations of the power of God during this conference, followed on the same subject by Elder G. Clements.—Motion was made that we hold a fast on the morrow and continue the conference.

TUESDAY, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Animated addresses were delivered by Presidents Grant and J. Young. The twelve teachers of the ward were called upon to pray and speak in turn, which they did under the influence of the Good Spirit, in power. Powerful testimonies were delivered by Elders Phillips, Green, Gadbury, Wilson, Holmes, King, and others.

The Bishop and his counselors expressed their great joy at the proceedings of this conference. During these proceedings the sick were administered to and children blessed by Elders Willes, Clements, Curtis, Allred, Henderson and others, in the school room adjoining the bowery.

Father Allred, President of the High Priests, addressed the conference.

Prest. Grant delivered a powerful address, at the conclusion of which he called upon all the home missionaries to arise in turn and bless the people, which they did in the name of the Lord, and by the power of the Holy Priesthood poured forth the blessing of the new and everlasting covenant on the congregation. Every heart was made glad and the people were deeply affected by the power of God.

During the conference the greatest kindness and hospitality were shown by the people to the home missionaries.

Prest. Grant adjourned the conference till Saturday, 14th December, blessing the people in the name of the Lord.

WM. WILLES,
G. CLEMENTS.

P. S. The minutes of the special conference at Farmington will be communicated next week.

W. W.
G. C.

HOME MISSIONS.

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY CONFERENCE HELD IN LAKE CITY, UTAH COUNTY, AUGUST 30, and 31, 1856.

August 30, 10 A. M. Present, Patriarch John Young, Elders Joseph G. Hovey, and Daniel D. Hunt, home missionaries, and Bishops L. E. Harrington, D. Evans, and H. Walker.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Thomas Crooks. Voted that Joseph G. Hovey preside over the Conference, and that William Greenwood act as clerk.

Elder Hovey made a few introductory remarks.

Patriarch John Young spoke on the necessity for Saints to be inspired with the Holy Spirit at all times.

Elder Hunt spoke on upholding our Bishops and bore a strong testimony to the truth of brother Young's remarks.

Elder Hovey bore testimony to the truth of the remarks made by the brethren, and urged the necessity of attending the Conference.

Singing. Prayer by brother J. Young. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Singing. Prayer by Bishop David Evans. Elder Hunt bore testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that the mantle of Joseph was upon Prest. Brigham Young.

Bishop Evans spoke upon the importance of preserving our grain, and paying our tithing.

Elder Hovey spoke of the peaceful times we enjoy in the valleys of the mountains, yet some murmur. Exhorted us to pay our tithing in season.

Singing. Benediction by Bishop Walker. Adjourned until to-morrow at 10 A. M.

Sunday morning, 10 A. M. Singing. Prayer by Patriarch John Young.

Prest. James C. Snow and Bishop Blackburn of Provo, were present, also many from the surrounding settlements.

Elder Hovey spoke of the good feeling prevailing, and of the good prospect before us.

Elder Hunt referred to the coming immigration, and exhorted us to be ready to assist them, and pronounced a blessing upon all present, in the name of Jesus, for their union, good feeling and good order.

Bishop Blackburn expressed his thankfulness for the privileges of the gospel, and alluded to our having to be tried in all things.

Singing. Prayer by Prest. J. C. Snow. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Hunt.

Patriarch John Young said that every man and woman creates to themselves a heaven or not, and that no person can govern without they submit to be governed, and that the priesthood is a perfect system of government. Also spoke of family order, &c.

Prest. James C. Snow said that he had been pleased with the remarks that had been made, and exhorted all to pay their tithing, that the temple may be built, that we may redeem our dead.

Elders Hunt and Hovey expressed their gratification with the good order and spirit that

prevailed in the congregation, and with the principles taught.

Sunday evening the High Priests had a meeting, and much good instruction was given by the home missionaries, and Patriarch John Young.

Monday evening, a social meeting was held at the school house, the home missionaries still being with us, much good feeling was manifested, and much excellent instruction given.

WILLIAM GREENWOOD, Clerk.

MINUTES OF A QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, HELD IN CITY BOUNTIFUL, AUGUST, 17, 1856.

Meeting assembled in the Bowery, at 10, p. m. Missionaries present, Elder Parley P. Pratt, and Elders Gilbert Clements, Horace S. Eldredge, and J. W. Johnson.

Singing. Prayer by Br. Johnson.

Elder Parley P. Pratt spoke at length upon salvation. Urged the importance of home manufacture, and its adoption as a spoke in the wheel of salvation.

Elder J. W. Johnson expressed himself much edified by the remarks of Elder Pratt, stating that from personal experience he could fully appreciate the justness of his remarks, in reference to our agricultural and home manufacturing societies.

Singing. Prayer by Elder D. Carter. 2. p. m.

Elder Horace S. Eldredge stated that he felt gratified with the privilege of talking to the Saints upon the great and important principles of the kingdom of God. The principles taught in the forenoon were to him a source of comfort and instruction. Hoped that home manufacturers, while operating in their several professions, would not consider it essentially necessary to make themselves rich the first year of their operations.

Elder Gilbert Clements said that the trials through which the people have passed, and will have to pass, have a tendency in fulfilling those purposes God designs for the perfecting of His people in the last days, &c.

Adjourned until Saturday, Nov. 16.

The Conference was well attended, and a good spirit prevailed in the meeting.

THOMAS F. FISHER, Clerk.

AGRICULTURAL.

CHEAP WATERING A GARDEN, AND MANURING IT FOR NOTHING.—We have a kind of experimental plot of nearly one-fourth of an acre, upon which we put out a large variety of seeds, roots, plants, &c., of both old and new varieties. As we did not get possession until after the 1st of May, and were then hindered by rains and other pressing business from working it for ten days more, most things put out had a late start. We added no stable manure, and the ground had never received but one slim coating. We procured a barrel of fine bones, (sawings from a factory) which cost us, delivered, \$3 75 per barrel. A small portion of this was mixed with soil, and put into the hills and drills with the seeds. The main manuring is still to be given as follows:

In one corner nearest to the house, we have sunk a pine hoghead; the top of it, from which the head is removed, is even with the surface of the ground. The removed head is used as a cover, a strip of board being nailed across the top, which projects from the sides far enough to prevent it from falling in, and at the same time answer for its handles. The hoghead is an ordinary one in which crockery came packed, and which would not have held water were not the soil packed firmly around it, and not even then, if used for clear water. Into this hoghead all liquids from the house, from the kitchen, from wash-room and chambers are poured. The fine materials sifted from coal-ashes also go into the same common receptacle. The coarser cinders are dug into a piece of heavy clay soil. The dish-water, including waste food, the soap suds, urine, &c., all furnish rich fertilizing materials. The alkaline "suds," and ashes, serve to keep down disagreeable odors. Should these arise in very hot weather, we shall add a trifle of chloride of lime. Probably 25 cents worth will serve for the whole season.

From this tub the roots of every plant in the garden will receive an occasional dose during the entire Summer. If the liquid gets too strong by evaporation, or by an unusual accumulation of strong liquids from the kitchen or chamber, it will be thinned, adding water from the cistern. The material is raised from the hoghead with a small bucket having a long handle nailed upon one side. From experiments of a similar character, we are quite sure our garden plot will need no other application to make it as flourishing as could be desired. The slops, instead of running from a sink-spout into a sluggish drain, to breed, if not a pestilence—at least a noisome stench, are by this means all got rid of conveniently and even neatly, and this alone will pay for all trouble, while our plants, trees, &c., will get at least twenty dollars worth of manuring for—NOTHING.

We are fully prepared by both experience and observation to strongly recommend this plan, or a similar one, to all. When we get time to erect our "home-made poultre factory," we will describe that also.—[American Agriculturist.]

PRUNING.—An error is often committed by those who have the care of fruit trees, in lopping off large limbs which appear unsightly, or unfruitful. It is supposed that the sap which now flows into these limbs, after they have been removed, will nourish others. Such, however, is not the fact. Sap does not more readily turn out of its accustomed channel than the blood in the veins. Cutting off one leg does not increase the size of the other.

DISTANCE TO PLANT TREES.—Standard Apples, 30 feet apart each way; Standard Pears and Cherries, 20 feet; Peaches, 18; Dwarf Cherries, 18; Dwarf Pears, 8; Plums, 10; Currants, Gooseberries and Raspberries, 3 to 4.