

CONFERENCE WORK ENDED YESTERDAY

Concluding Sessions Were Largely Attended
—Apostle Rudger Clawson Promoted
To First Presidency.

The Seventy-second Semi-Annual Conference came to an end yesterday, and, as predicted, one of the record-breaking conference throngs was in evidence. The capacity of the Tabernacle was exhausted, but, of course, the sessions yesterday, but, of course, the greatest crowd was in attendance upon the afternoon session. If the capacity of the Tabernacle had been doubled it then could not have accommodated the eager people, hundreds of whom stood on their feet throughout the long session, thus evincing a remarkable desire to hear what was being said. The overflow meeting in the Assembly Hall was attended by as many people as could crowd through the doors.

When President Snow announced that he had chosen his second counselor the congregation was on the qui vive and when it was proposed that Apostle Rudger Clawson be sustained in that exalted position the hand of every Latter-day Saint in the congregation went up, although behind them were surprised looks. During the latter part of the afternoon and evening Apostle Clawson was receiving the congratulations of friends in the simple modesty which he habitually wears.

THIRD DAY.
Sunday, October 6, 10 a. m. The choir sang:
Praise ye the Lord; my heart shall join in work so pleasant, so divine.
Prayer by Elder Moses W. Taylor.
Singing by the choir:
How are thy servants blest, O Lord.
How sure is their defense!
Eternal wisdom, thy guide,
Their help, O Lord, befriend.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG was the first speaker. He said the labors of the brethren had prepared the people for what would be presented to them in this conference. He had recently attended a fast meeting, at which a number of children who were sick were prayed for. From that hour they began to amend. In reference to the sick it is our duty to do all we possibly can for them, and trust in God for the power being in His hands. Our faith leads us to call in the Elders to administer to the afflicted and thus draw upon the mercy of the Lord. My heart has greatly rejoiced to see many of the sick healed.

I rejoice at the improvement visible among the people in the stakes of Zion. They have listened to President Snow and have made great progress in the payment of their tithes, according to the law of God. Yet there is still room for improvement in this and other things.

The opening up of missions is being extended in all the world for a witness, before the coming of the Redeemer. The speaker here reminded the congregation of remarks made at the last previous conference by President George Q. Cannon on this subject, and which were endorsed by President Snow and President Smith.

There are many temptations existing in this city, with special reference to the young people. All must shun such places, and manifest that they are above such temptations.

The speaker bore testimony that the Prophet Joseph Smith was called of God to establish His work. He had portrayed the future of Zion and of the world. The time will come when the earth will rest, and peace extend over the world, but first there must be a reformation. We should be full of the spirit of peace, and be righteous in all our ways.

ELDER RULON S. WELLS addressed the Conference. He said that he and his brethren who had attended the conference thus far, had been strengthened in their faith by what had been presented to them by the speakers. He said he had a testimony from God that the work of the Lord was built on the rock of revelation. He referred to the incident related in the New Testament, when Christ asked His disciples who men said he was, and finally inquired of them who he was, resulting in Peter saying: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The Savior then said Peter was blessed, as his Father in heaven had revealed this to him, and that His church should be built upon this rock, and the "gates of hell" should not prevail against it. The Church of Christ, revealed anew in our day is likewise being built on the rock of revelation.

The question had been asked of him how he knew that Moses was a prophet. A conclusive evidence exists in the mighty work he performed, the impress of which continues to this day. It began upon the stupor of divinity. Such results have arrived from every dispensation from God to mankind, as for instance, that of the Savior, the impress of whose work extended to every part of the earth, and could not be without divine assistance. It could not be the work of man. He would cease to be a man.

So with the work established through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith. It is a power in the earth, and its influence that will continue and enlarge itself in full purpose will be accomplished. It means the final gathering of Israel from all the nations and the complete preparation for the coming of Christ. The speaker related some striking evidences to the effect that God is with the Latter-day Saints.

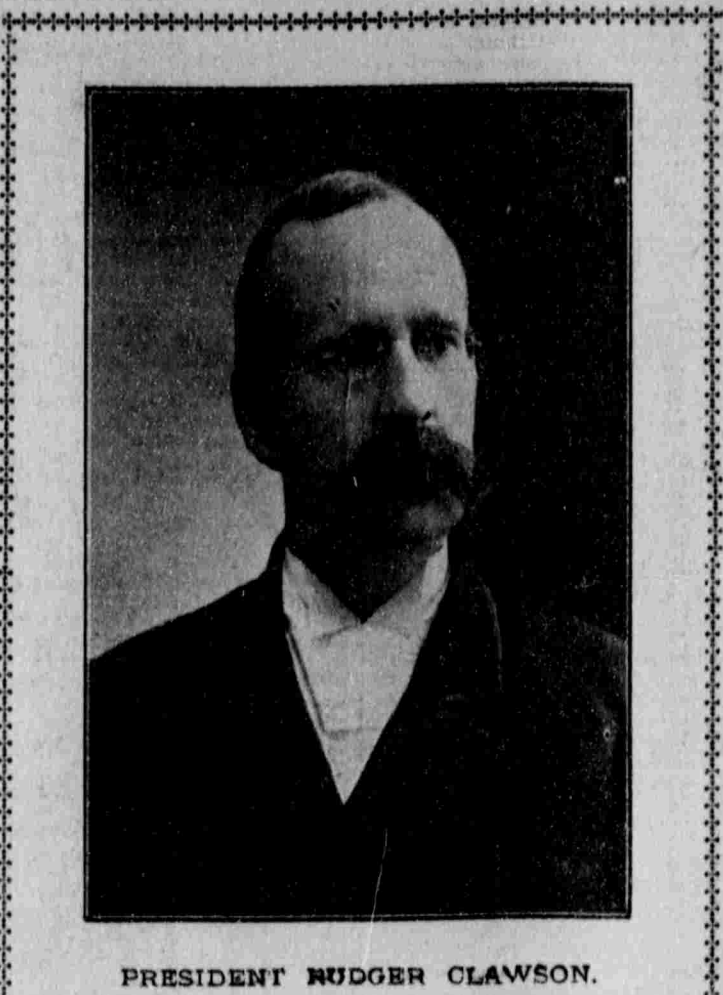
ELDER GEORGE REYNOLDS was the next speaker. He believed that at the present time the Lord was manifesting His power in a most unusual way. There is an unusual manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit among the Saints. There is an unusual manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit among the Saints. There is an unusual manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit among the Saints.

He referred to the Latter-day Saints' University. There had been long contributions made by liberal minded men to this institution, and this would stand forever as a monument to their names. Mrs. Barrett, in compliance with the wishes of her deceased son, had contributed a sum large enough to erect a splendid building. Brother Clark of Farmington had contributed one thousand dollars towards establishing a library of natural science. So President Young had left a valuable piece of property which this institution now owned. In this way these men had left their names, but bestow incalculable blessings on untold generations of the future. He exhorted those who had wealth to devote their means to such purposes, and then future generations would bless their names.

We believe in education. We should be the best educated people in the world. The teachers in our schools should be the best in the world, for they are directed in their work by the Spirit of the Lord. He concluded by reading a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

The choir sang the anthem, "Light and Truth." Benediction by Elder Charles O. Card.

OVERFLOW MEETING.
Elder Anthon H. Lund presided at the overflow meeting held yesterday in the Assembly Hall at 2 p. m. The Temple choir and congregation which packed the building to overflowing.



PRESIDENT RUDGER CLAWSON.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 1, 1857.
Educated in the district schools, Brigham Young Academy and University of Utah.
Was the private secretary of John W. Young when latter was president of Utah Western railway.
Went on a mission to Southern States in 1879 and was laboring in Georgia with Elder Joseph Stoddard when the latter was murdered. He remained in Georgia for four years' imprisonment for unlawful exhortation and fined \$500, but was pardoned by President Cleveland after having been denied his liberty for three years and one month.
On December 23, 1887, he was chosen by President Woodruff to preside over the Boxelder Stake of Zion.
During his presidency new meeting houses were erected in eleven of the fourteen wards of the stake, and the Brigham City Tabernacle, destroyed by fire, was rebuilt, paid for and dedicated.
He was called to the Apostleship at the general conference held in October, 1895, and was ordained under the hands of President Snow.

"Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation, No longer as strangers on earth need." Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas E. Taylor.
The Temple choir sang:
"Our mountain home so dear."

ELDER BEN E. RICH, of the Southern States Mission, was the first speaker. He rejoiced in the instruction received during the sessions of the conference and was greatly interested in the remarks of Apostle Anthon H. Lund the preceding day relating to the Apostle John's Revelation concerning the papal authority attached to one adding to the words of that revelation. He knew there was a desire on the part of many to know the truth about the faith of their fathers and he desired to call their attention to Paul's letter to the Galatians, where he said that the junction there given not to preach any other than the Gospel he declared unto them, under the terrible penalty of being accursed.

The Saints should seek diligently to instill into the hearts of their children the great truths of the Gospel, and prepare them to meet the sophistry and cunning of those who come among them as pretended teachers of Christ who acknowledge their inability to do anything to turn the older heads among the Mormons but are seeking with all the power they possess to turn the children from a solid, beautiful Gospel structure, to the meaningless so-called Christian doctrines they assume to teach.

Sister Maggie Hull and Elder Martin Lenzle sang a duet entitled: "The Better Land."

ELDER ABRAHAM O. WOODRUFF, of the quorum of the Twelve, was the next speaker. He said he rejoiced to know that the revealed word of God as taught by the Latter-day Saints was a word of change. There is no necessity for a convention of leading men in the Church to consider a revision of our creed, to discuss the kind of God we worship; whether He is material, or immaterial or whether man is made in His image. There is no necessity to change the articles of our faith, the faith desired to be of our mind and will and man has no right to change God's word.

But it is different with the churches formed by man. They are not united together and revise their creeds, their idea of God and forms of worship, to conform to modern light and the researches of science. What a difference is found in the man-made systems, and the grand, simple, eternal principles revealed by our Father in heaven. A tree is known by its fruit, and with the Latter-day Saints, marriage is not done for time but reaches into eternity. With the world, marriage is until death doth them part. With the Latter-day Saints, the promise of an everlasting increase is held out for the righteous. With many of the people of the world it is none or two children.

ELDER JONATHAN C. KIMBALL was the next speaker. He rejoiced in the spirit prevailing among the Saints and said that as clouds give way for sunshine so trials are overcome by the spirit of truth, and the soul of man is raised to contemplate glories of eternal life. There are some who worry and distress themselves over affairs in which they have no concern, and the greatest trial he said, this people has ever been called upon to pass through has been the actions of man.

There are some who never pay their tithing, but are constantly worrying lest the authorities of the Church do not use it in the proper way. There are some who make good progress in intellectual pursuits for a time, then they cease to grow. Missionaries upon their return home should not only keep their armor bright, but will continue to grow, their faith will increase and they will hunger and thirst after righteousness until they have made their calling and election sure.

Sister Maggie Hull rendered the solo, sang at the funeral services of President Wm. McKinley, entitled, "Sometime We'll Understand."

Elder Anthon H. Lund presented the General Authorities of the Church. All were unanimously sustained.

ELDER B. H. ROBERTS of the First Council of Seventies was the last speaker. He had contemplated during the singing and speaking of this session of the conference the great things that had been revealed to us in the past, and while a great many important subjects had been dealt with, the one great feature overruling all the others had been the emphasis placed upon the doctrine of proper respect and reverence for the name of Deity, for the Priesthood and for fatherhood and motherhood among the Saints.

The subject of the Godhead had been outlined as a special study for the Y. M. M. A. the coming year, and it was felt that reverence for the

This is the duty, not of the Apostles, but of the presidents of Stakes. It is the duty of the High Priests, Elders and Priests to look after the interests of the Church in Zion. Do not lay this duty on the Apostles. They have too much already. They cannot look after the things of which I have been speaking occasionally at least.

Now, the Lord has ordained a certain channel through which He is going to exalt His children. He is going to exalt them through the Priesthood, and uplift righteousness. This channel is the holy Priesthood—His authority to men. And the Priesthood has various offices the duties of whom He has clearly shown. The special duty of the Seventies and the Apostles is to look after the world. The duty of the High Priests and Elders is to look after our home interests—to build up the waste places of Zion. The time is coming when you cannot have the Twelve to depend upon when you will have to do these things yourselves. They will have other duties to perform. I want you to remember this.

It is a tremendous responsibility. This matter of the Priesthood. You presidents of Stakes, know how the Lord is obeyed in your district of Zion. Know whether the people keep the Sabbath day, whether they violate the name of Deity, whether they pay their tithes, use tobacco, build meeting houses and school houses—know everything they do. God will hold you in judgment for it is what He requires of you. But when you are depending on the Apostles to do these things you are doing what you have no business to do. Let the High Priests visit the wards with you, that they also may know what is the condition of the people. Be lively in performing these duties.

God bless you all, brethren and sisters. I am glad to see such a vast multitude of people. I am delighted, as I said in the beginning, at the good spirit that has been poured out upon you. I thank you for exercising your faith and prayers in my behalf. When I got up here, I did not think I could say half a dozen words. But I have been enabled to say what I had on my mind. Of course a great deal more might be said. It might be expanded and made much more of.

There is another subject that I wish to bring before you. It is the subject of the Latter-day Saints. I have chosen President Cannon died. I have chosen a new president. I have chosen a man who has been sought after by the guidance of the Lord in the matter, and the Lord has directed the choice. I have chosen a strong, energetic man, and I think he will be a great help to myself in the Presidency. I hope therefore you will sustain him. God bless you all.

PRESIDENT RUDGER CLAWSON was the next speaker. He said that the call just made of him was a surprise as much to him, perhaps, as to the people. He felt his inability to perform the duties of this calling, but would try, with the help of God, to fulfill these duties. To this end he also endeavored to be a real help to President Snow and President Smith, and he endeavored to devote his energies to this end. He realized that no office in the Priesthood was permanent. Only the Priesthood itself was so. Officers may come and go, but the Priesthood is permanent. He ended his remarks with a prayer for the people.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG, of the quorum of the Twelve, addressed the assembly. He said he rejoiced at the spirit that had been maintained throughout the sessions of this conference. He was glad to hear the voice of President Snow here this afternoon, and desired that God would continue to bless him as He had done in the past.

THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES were presented for the votes of the general assembly by President Joseph F. Smith, as follows:
Lorenzo Snow, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
Joseph F. Smith as first counselor in the First Presidency.
Rudger Clawson as second counselor in the First Presidency.
As members of the council of the Twelve Apostles: Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Albert Smith, Heber J. Grant, W. Taylor, Martin W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff and Reed Smoot. The counselors in the First Presidency were: Joseph F. Smith, as President, and Lorenzo Snow, as first and second counselors.

CLOSING SESSION.
Sunday, 2 p. m. President Lorenzo Snow was the first to present this afternoon, to the great gratification of the assembly.
The choir and congregation sang: "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet, To guide us in these latter days." Prayer was offered by Elder Frank Y. Taylor.
The choir sang the anthem: "The Mountain of the Lord's House."

PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW, addressed the Conference. He said, in substance: I marvel that I have ventured out today; but I have something to say to you, and I trust that I may have sufficient strength of voice, and time enough to say it. And I hope you will give me your faith and prayers that I may address you.

I am delighted to hear that there has been such a good spirit at the Conference. I think that has enabled the brethren to speak of the glorious promise the Saints have made. The Saints have not been idle during the past six months. They have been doing their duty to a great extent. They have exercised their faith in behalf of the brethren during this conference more than in any other conference. They are improving in this respect. And if they continue to improve in this, the brethren at the next conference will have still more of the Spirit by which to speak to them.

During the past day or two I have had a distressing cold, rendering me hoarse; and I feared that I should be unable to be here at all. But through the blessings of the Lord and your faith and prayers, I am here.

I want to say something to you about a subject which has been a subject of deep concern to the High Priests, Presidents of Stakes, you Bishops of wards, and you Elders, High Priests, and the High Councilors. I wish you to remember what I say. It is of interest to all the officers in the Church. There are fifty Stakes in Zion, presided over by a president and counselors. In each of these Stakes there is an average of at least eight wards, each having a tremendous responsibility. The details of all these organizations depend on the High Priests. There is something, therefore, for each of them to do. There is a great deal for them to accomplish. This responsibility is sacred and extensive. Though these presidents have been faithful, they have not been as faithful as they could be as they ought to be. They have not sensed their responsibilities as they should do.

The Church is now seventy-two years old, and during this period we have improved. This is right. We ought to be doing greater things than we did in our youth. The Lord is coming in what you officers are doing. You presidents of Stakes should attend to the affairs in your districts. Look after the interests of the people whom you oversee as you would look after the interests of your own families—your own wives and children. You should think of them day and night. When you go to rest you should devote half an hour before you sleep in thinking of the people in your wards, and where you can help them. See whether you can advise them in their spiritual and material affairs. Ascertain whether they are spending too much or too little of their wealth. Try to find out, and whether they can spend their money to better advantage. Then, too, the Bishops have to be looked after. Bishops, however wise—and many of them are wise—have to be

All the voting was affirmatively unanimous.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH, of the quorum of the Twelve, was the next speaker. He believed that the spirit of the conference had been such that the people would have a fixed determination to do all they could for the common welfare.

Much had been said about the character of the language some of our young people use, and also concerning the use of strong drinks. He thought that the Saints who had heard the instructions on these subjects would take it to heart. President Snow had called attention to the responsibility of the Stake and ward authorities in correcting these evils.

The work of the Lord is growing. Those of the authorities of the Church who visit the outlying districts see this growth. There is an onward movement to be seen in all the institutions of the Church. Officers are chosen from the best men to be found. The high councils are composed of men who are known for their wisdom and sound judgment. Then there are all these Stakes many wards presided over by men who have had extended experience in the knowledge of God's will, and men that have been proved in their integrity to the truth. It sometimes occurs that the High Priests do not manifest the same zeal in their work as they exhibited in missionary labors. But in view of what President Snow had said, there would be a closer attention on the part of the presiding officers.

There were in all wards young men who appeared to be ambitious, and these young men should be used. There was something wrong with the presiding officers who could not utilize the talent in their wards.

The Lord has guided the destinies of the Church. He has controlled the elements for our benefit. He exalted the Priesthood, he called upon the Saints to keep the commandments of God's purposes. He called upon the blessings of the Lord upon the people.

The choir sang, "Arouse, O ye Mortals."

THE SCANDINAVIAN MEETING.
The Scandinavian meeting in the Assembly Hall at half past four yesterday afternoon was the largest gathering of its kind, the spacious building being well filled both on the floor and the galleries. The speakers were Bishop Provo; Andreas Peterson, Logan; George Christensen, Mt. Pleasant; Thoren, Hyrum; Patriarch C. Liljenquist, Elder Peter Anderson, Ogden; Apostle Anthon H. Lund, Elders Andrew Jensen and J. M. Sjodahl. The short addresses were very instructive, and followed with marked attention throughout. The singing by the choir was an excellent feature of the meeting.

TEMPLE NOTICES.
The Salt Lake Temple will close on Thursday evening, October 3, 1901, and reopen on Tuesday morning, October 4, 1901.
St. George, Sept. 6th, 1901.—The St. George Temple will close on September 7th, and reopen on October 24th, 1901.
Manti, Utah, Sept. 18, 1901.—The Manti Temple will close Friday evening, Sept. 27, 1901. Reopen, Wednesday, October 3, 1901.
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