

the discouraging report of Fremont concerning this region, who said that nothing could grow in it the frost was so heavy in summer, the visible alteration in the climate since the Saints came here, and the manifest providence of the Lord over His people. He stated that for seven years he had never camped on the Sevier river in the summer but there was frost there, yet now there are fields of waving grain along the same river. Fruit grows here in abundance of excellent flavor and quality; yet in the once fine fruit raising districts of Western Virginia, around Nauvoo and Kirtland and other places where the Saints had once located, rust, mildew, worms and other causes were all but destroying the fruit. He showed that the "Mormons" had pioneered this western country; California is indebted to them for her glory; they discovered her gold mines, commenced the first settlement from the eastern States, made the roads for her emigrants and gold-hunters to travel over, and fed them on their journey. The Saints had established the first printing presses in Western Missouri, in Western Iowa, in Nebraska, in the Rocky Mountains and in California; they had broken a road across the vast plains and taught the traveling trains of emigrants how to pass through the Indian country in safety if they would only accept the teachings. He referred to newspaper reporters and, with some few honorable exceptions, to their tremendous capacity for lying; to a like disposition and capacity, well proven and established, manifested by certain Federal officers that had been sent here; and stated that we had done all that has been done in this Territory for educational purposes without aid or even a word of encouragement, while millions of dollars of government funds had passed into other States and Territories not any older than Utah for this purpose.

Singing by the Logan and Providence choir. Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow. 2 p.m.

By the hour for commencing service the immense bowery was crowded in every part, great numbers being compelled to go away, unable to find standing room within hearing of the speakers.

Singing by the Smithfield choir. Prayer by Pres. Joseph Young. Singing by Spanish Fork choir. Tabernacle choir sang "Children of Zion."

The Sacrament was administered by Bishop Hunter, his counsellors and other Bishops.

Pres. D. H. Wells referred to his recent mission to Europe, and to the ignorance that prevails in the world concerning God and the principles of truth. He had taken pleasure in speaking of Utah and the blessings of peace, plenty and liberty enjoyed by the Saints here, in various nations where he had traveled. Spoke of the protection extended to all religious parties in Britain, and of the growth of infidelity among the intelligent people because of the glaring inconsistencies of the various sects of professing christians. He continued in a very instructive discourse on various principles of the gospel, sustaining his reasoning by numerous quotations from the Bible.

Singing by the Ogden choir.

Pres. B. Young, pointing to the vast congregation before him, said that all present would see the necessity of completing the New Tabernacle, and hoped that in one year from now we would be able to meet in it, when all could be accommodated with seats; and wished the people who might come to Conference to come feeling willing to remain a week or ten days or longer if the Spirit of the Lord so dictated. He called attention to certain items of doctrine touched upon by previous speakers, explaining various points. Speaking of God, he showed that He is a Spirit, but He is a personage of tabernacle—of glorified tabernacle.—He is a spiritual, resurrected, glorified being. He instructed the Saints on legitimate authority, teaching that there is no potentate or ruler among the nations of the earth but exercises his authority and power upon an illegitimate basis; there is an authority upon the earth that is legitimate, but it is owned and recognized of God and is in accordance with the united feelings and expressed wish of the people governed. God formed and organized the earth, and His only is the right to rule.

Singing by the Logan and Providence choir: Prayer by Elder H. S. Eldredge. Monday, 9th, 10 a.m.

Conference assembled in the Tabernacle, the rain which had fallen during the night and which still continued to descend, rendering the Bowery unfit to meet in.

Singing by the Tabernacle choir.

Prayer by Elder A. M. Musser. Singing by the Logan and Providence choir. Elder W. W. Phelps read the following original hymn, and related an anecdote.

THE SPIRIT.

BY W. W. PHELPS.

O bless us with that Spirit,
Whose form is like a dove:
That we may all do better,
And live in peace and love.

CHORUS.

So, fill us with that wisdom
The world doth never know,
That we may please our Father,
In all our acts below.

Though Asia gropes in darkness,
Where virtue's lowly priced,
And christians sin in secret,
We'll honor Jesus Christ.

CHORUS.

Though Africa's colored servants
May lack celestial right,
We'll honor God in glory
And let the nations fight.

CHORUS.

Though millions serve the harlot
And sin in every breath;
We'll keep the Holy Spirit,
And shun the second death.

CHORUS.

Sure, heav'n and hell hold millions,
Yet let us save the crumbs;
The wheat and tares must ripen,
Before the harvest comes.

CHORUS.

O may the Saints be perfect
As God our Father was,
When he got back to Eden,
By her celestial laws.

CHORUS.

President B. Young spoke of the calling and ordination of the Twelve Apostles. They were called by revelation, through the Prophet Joseph, and Oliver Cowdrey, David Whitmer and Martin Harris officiated in the ordination in the beginning of 1835. He referred to the washing of feet, in the solemn assembly held in the Temple of Kirtland that was called together by the Prophet. Gave instructions on the principle of adoption, teaching that a man by being adopted, to connect the chain of the Holy Priesthood, loses nothing which he has; and treated on the continued growth and increase in capacity to receive and enjoy given blessings, and of the continued blessings bestowed upon those who live according to the principles of the holy gospel.

Singing by the Smithfield choir.

Elder F. D. Richards spoke of the evident shortening of the apparent distance between us as Saints and our Father and God, as a consequence of an increased knowledge of His character and being and of the principles by which we can obtain an exaltation to His presence. He dwelt at length on some of the principles of the theology, showing that duties of a temporal nature were the first that were enjoined upon our First Parents when they were placed in the garden of Eden; and touched upon the laws which demand obedience that our lives may be prolonged as were those of the ancient patriarchs.

Singing by the Spanish Fork choir.

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke of the limited number among the great mass of the human family who are willing to receive the truth, and of their blindness to the fact of the kingdom of God growing up in their midst. Yet so it had been in previous dispensations. Men cannot understand the things of God only by the Spirit of God. Exhorted the Saints, as Paul did in ancient times, to have the same mind in them as Jesus had, who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

Pres. Young said that the next Annual Conference would commence on Friday, the same as the present Semi-Annual Conference, and they would either have to appoint a two day's meeting before or have the people come together with the understanding of stopping a week. He continued, at every Annual and Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, held at head quarters, it is the duty of the Twelve Apostles, and of the Bishops and Presidents of branches and stakes of Zion in the mountains, to be present; and, we would like all the influential members of the church, who possibly can, to come from the islands of the sea and other distant parts, and attend these Conferences to make themselves acquainted with the business and instructions given, and to become imbued with the Spirit which prevails here, to be better able to disseminate it among the Saints over whom they preside.

Singing by the Ogden choir. Prayer by W. W. Phelps.

2 p. m.

Singing by the Tabernacle choir. Prayer by E. T. Benson. Singing by the Spanish Fork choir.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon made a few introductory remarks and read the article by the Presidency and Twelve published in the Deseret News of Aug 23d 1865. Pres. B. Young instructed the sisters on making their own bonnets, and hats for their girls, their sons, brothers, husbands and fathers, of straw and other material raised in these mountains. He told them it was the will of God that they should do so, and wished the Bishops to see that rye is grown in the various wards for this purpose. He taught the Bishops and influential men on merchandizing for the various cities and settlements, urging the necessity of our sustaining ourselves; and instructed the people on feeding and caring for stock and on the principles of practical economy. Proposed that we send 500 four yoke ox-teams to the Missouri river next season with good wagons, to bring up all the poor saints who want to come; a vote was taken and a perfect forest of hands was raised.

The case of Walter M. Gibson was presented before the Conference, and the motion, that he be cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and delivered over to the buffetings of Satan, was carried unanimously.

Convention to meet at 10 a. m. tomorrow morning the 10th inst.

The members of Zion's Camp with their wives to meet in the Social Hall at 2 p. m. to-morrow.

Elder E. T. Benson briefly exhorted the Saints to practice the counsels and instructions which have been given during this Conference by the servants of God, and bore his testimony to the work of God and the truth of the teachings that come through those whom the Lord has appointed to lead and guide His church on the earth.

President Young requested those who desire to go south to report their names, and asked an expression of the Conference if the Presidency and Twelve should select some to go down there, and if those called would go. A unanimous vote was the result.

Conference adjourned until the 6th of next April, at 10 a.m.; and previous to the commencing of Conference a two days meeting will be held here, beginning on Wednesday morning, the 4th April, 1866, at 10 a.m.

Singing by the Smithfield choir.

President Young then thanked the various choirs and the Ogden band for their attendance at the Conference, and for the sweet music they had made; and blessed them. He invited them to the next Annual Conference, and requested them to notify him before hand if they could come, or any other choirs that might be able to come, so that arrangements might be made for seating them on raised seats in their proper places. He then dismissed the Conference until the 6th of April, 1866, with the following benediction:—

"According to the authority that is vested in me, I bless you with all the blessings that are invested in me and in the Holy Priesthood, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as Apostles and as Prophets. I bless you as High Priests, as Seventies, as Elders, as Bishops, Priests, Teachers and Deacons. I bless you, my brethren and sisters, as parents, as children, as neighbors, as communities and as the servants and handmaidens of the Lord. I bless the musicians; I bless those who have made melody in our hearts by their voices and by their instruments of music, and I bless you with all that appertains to you, your houses, your fields, your flocks and herds; and may the blessings of Heaven rest down upon you and be around your homes and upon these mountains and valleys. I bless you and the land you occupy and the land round about you with all the blessings of heaven and earth, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

HOME ITEMS.

THEATRICAL.—East Lynne was splendidly performed on Saturday night to a house crowded from orchestra to ceiling. We have noticed Mrs. Deane Hayne and Mr. Waldron in this play before, and can fully endorse all we then said. The members of the Association in the east acquitted themselves admirably. On Monday evening Medea was presented, followed by the Husband of an Hour. Another crowded house witnessed the performance, which was in every way worthy the character of the pieces and the ladies and gentlemen engaged in them. The Ogden Brass Band, in addition to the Theatrical Orchestra, discoursed some fine music on each evening. Lack of space precludes a more lengthened notice this morning.

On Saturday evening the fine and very popular play of Ingomar will be presented, in which

Julia Dean Hayne will sustain the character of Parthenia. If "music soothes the savage breast," Ingomar shows what power love exercises on the barbarian's heart. A new farce will conclude the performance.

THE CONVENTION.—Convention assembled in the Tabernacle, pursuant to appointment, on Tuesday, 10th inst., at 10 a.m., Bishop Hunter presiding, when several of the delegates from various parts of the Territory, spoke with reference to the previous action of the Convention and the results, which they stated had been of a highly beneficial character. Addresses were delivered by Bishops Hunter and L. D. Young, Elder E. T. Benson and Pres. B. Young. President Young, in his remarks, stated that he wished it explicitly understood that he had not fixed the Convention prices, but the people through their delegates had done it. On motion the scale of prices previously adopted by the Convention was unanimously sustained, with the amendment added, "to the best of our ability." Adjourned till the day after the close of next April Conference.

THE IMMIGRATION.—Elder T. Taylor telegraphed to Pres. Young on the 9th from Bridger that he had arrived there. The teams ahead of him were at Ham's Fork ready to go on to the first company.

INDIAN TREATY.—Mr. D. B. Huntington, Indian Interpreter, informs us that Col. O. H. Irish, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Utah, met quite a number of Pie-edges, including several Chiefs, at Pinto and made a treaty with them on the 18th ult. Col. Irish gave them excellent instruction and advice, appointed Tut-se-gub-it head Chief, fed them well while together, made them a liberal distribution of cloth, blankets, hoes, spades, &c., and at parting gave each Chief a beef creature and all the flour his hand could carry away, when, with much satisfaction and many honest promises of continued good conduct, they left for their several localities in Washington and Iron counties and on the Sevier.

Were Government always as fortunate in the appointment of officers as it has been in that of Col. Irish, we should hear much less of "Indian difficulties," for then the customary defrauding, abuse and other gross wrongs would cease in transactions with the red men.

SPINNING WHEELS.—Br. Frederick Phister is making flax and wool spinning wheels and patent wheelheads and doing general turning work at his establishment on the south branch of Big Canyon creek, near Bishop L. W. Hardy's eastern mail station. Br. Phister's prices are moderate and his work excellent, as evidenced by some 2,000 wheelheads and other evidences of his skill scattered through the Territory.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Bishop John Stoker of Bountiful, Davis county, informs us that the house of Dr. Robert Marshall, who has the adjoining farm to Dr. Wm. Muir, caught fire—supposed to be from the stove-pipe—on Sunday, 8th., when about \$1000 worth of clothing was burned, with all the household furniture, except two beds, and about 80 bushels of grain. The entire loss is estimated at about \$5000.

THE OGDEN BAND, in the city attending Conference, were no niggards of excellent music while they remained, serenading the Presidency and other prominent citizens, and playing to appreciative crowds between meetings while the Conference continued. Cap. Parkman, the leader, is helping to extend a knowledge of instrumental music through the Territory, having under tuition bands in Kay's Ward, Plain city, Brigham city, Logan and Richmond, in addition to the Ogden Band.

GOOD THINGS FOR THE IMMIGRANTS.—Bishop Hunter informs us that a large number of packages, consisting of groceries, clothing, bedding, dried fruit, etc., provided by the friends of the incoming immigrants have been forwarded to them. Part went in charge of Elder T. Taylor, and the remainder were sent by the Tooele and Grantsville teams.

RAIN.—Commenced raining on Sunday night, kept it up on most of Monday and Monday night, gave us a specimen of a "Scotch mist," of the heavy order, during Tuesday, and continued on Wednesday.

THE STORM EAST.—It was storming eastward on Tuesday, to Laramie. The line was not working on Wednesday morning beyond Little Sandy, at which place there were then eight inches of snow.

SOUTHERN FOLKS please read the advertisement of Bently & Godbe. They are well known and need nothing said to commend them to public notice.

A NEW PAPER.—Major J. P. Bruce is in town purchasing materials for publishing a newspaper in Virginia City, Montana Territory, to be called the *Montana Democrat*. From his liberal views and past experience in the business we doubt not the *Democrat* will prove interesting and beneficial in its sphere, and have placed it on our list of exchanges.

IMPROVING.—The new cobble-paved water sect extension down Main street is an improvement that all are glad to see. Commissioner Sheets merits thanks for having those pleasant but erratic streams that meander down our streets confined in due bounds. Good sects and good foot-bridges will enable good folks to dispense with riding boots in dry weather when walking through the city.