

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Societies, Primary Associations and Sunday Schools, which were received by vote and placed on file.

There are 322 Sunday schools; 35,178 scholars; 5,977 officers and teachers; 41,155 total officers, teachers and scholars; making an increase of 1,400 over the previous year.

The officers of the Sunday School Union are: George Q. Cannon, General Superintendent; George Goddard, Assistant; Levi W. Richards, Secretary; George Reynolds, Treasurer.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said we have voted to receive these reports though some of them are very imperfect in consequence of the failure of some of the Stakes to report, and under these circumstances they will not be published. In future those who have charge of these matters will be expected to faithfully represent the organizations to which they belong. And the Presidents of Stakes should overlook these matters and see that the reports are furnished that every thing may be conducted properly.

ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS.

We have extreme occasion for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for our prosperity financially as well as our deliverance from the machinations of the wicked; this has been so manifest that none could fail to see the hand of God in our deliverance. The Savior said, "I am the vine ye are the branches." At another time, "I am the vine and my Father is the husbandman." Jeremiah in speaking of the vine said it was the greatest of all the trees of the forest, which was probably the reason why it was referred to in this way by the Savior. The Book of Mormon speaks of the Lord going forth to prune His vineyard for the last time, and I wish to say to the Elders of Israel that we are engaged in that labor. We are not laboring for ourselves alone, but for those who have gone before, those who now live and future generations, and will be held to account for the way we magnify the positions we hold. If we adhere to the vine we will bear good fruit. Jesus said every branch in me beareth fruit; and that which beareth not fruit shall be taken away and they are cast into the fire. The vine has many branches. First, and next to the trunk are three branches—the First Presidency; growing out and receiving sap and nourishment from them are twelve branches—the Twelve Apostles, and so on throughout the various branches of the vine. Where there is any abrasure or disease it affects adversely the whole vine. It is therefore important that all the branches should avail themselves of every opportunity of receiving nourishment. Every Stake should be represented at these Conferences that any items of instructions given may be distributed to the Saints over whom these officers are called to preside. The Presidents of the Stakes should be here and if this is not possible some one should represent them who will properly report the teachings and business of the Conference. We should feel dependent upon God, listening to and obeying the counsel of those over us, a contrary course has led to the apostasy and destruction of many. There is no other way of keeping alive but by abiding in the vine and receiving therefrom our due portion of nourishment and conveying the same on until it reaches the remotest twig. When a vine is taken up it will be found that the roots are nearly alike in form with the branches above, so also is the organization of the Church below to the Church above, and some should be in spirit at life living so as to enjoy the same spirit that exists above. The fruit of this tree is to be a nation of kings and priests unto God, and the Saviour when he comes wants to find men qualified to preside and minister in the different departments of the Lord's vineyard. Then let every man learn his duty and stand fast in the trust to which the Lord has called him to act, or he will be moved out of his place. May God help us to live so as to bear fruit to His glory and be worthy of His great salvation.

ELDER ALBERT CARRINGTON.

We have no business here but to learn and do the will of God. Yet though man is placed at the head of all the creations of our Father upon the earth, mankind are the only beings upon the earth who do not keep the law of their creation, and hence, instead of feeling proud and boast-

ful, we should be humble and teachable. We have great occasion for thankfulness to our kind, wise Father in the heavens, that of all the children of God upon the earth we have received the principles of life, and we should be careful to be faithful, that we may avail ourselves of all the blessings the Gospel promises. There are only two powers upon the earth; the powers of light and of darkness, and though we have our agency, we can but choose between the two; good or evil. Intelligent beings it would seem must know intuitively that the practice of good alone can lead to happiness. Knowing that God desires our welfare and to promote our happiness. How long then will it be before we learn to know His will and devote all our energy to do it? There is no slavery but in sin, and no freedom save in doing that which is right, so there is no happiness but in doing the will of God. While it is not expected that we shall be alike in property any more than we are in countenance it is expected that we shall be one in all things even as the Father and Son, holding all things subject to the direction of our Father in the heavens. We are far from that at the present day. There are pride and vanity and a greed of gain here. Yet I do not feel discouraged though I am aware these things are growing among us, for I realize that our children must pass through trials the same as their parents. Yet it is obligatory upon us to the extent of our ability to give good instruction and to set good examples. I tried once, for a very brief period to obtain the spirit of greed of gain, but at the end of that time was so disgusted and exhausted that I gladly gave it up. I feel to pity my brethren who are giving way to this spirit. I never have feared the days of poverty so much as those of prosperity. Kindness is more seductive than persecution, and when from an evil source is much more dangerous. In the fable of the sun and the wind who laid a wager as to which should make a man take off his cloak, the more the wind blew the closer he drew his cloak around him, but when the sun shone out he soon took it off. Yet I do not fear for the welfare of God's work, but am anxious to do all that I can to induce my fellowmen to take a course that leads to life, and hence I grieve when I see them take a contrary course. If we use all that we have as our kind, wise Father who gave us all, requires, will we not become one in all things? We can be one, and become perfect in our sphere as God is in His or we would not have been so commanded. Let us therefore go on improving upon our talents that they may be increased until we obtain a full and complete Salvation.

The Choir sang an anthem:

Rejoice in the Lord.

Conference was adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.
Benediction by Elder Erastus Snow.

Saturday, 2 p. m.

Choir sung:

Ye Gentile nations cease your strife,
And listen to the words of life.

Prayer by Elder John T. Caine.

The choir sang:

Come follow me the Savior said
Then let us in his footsteps tread.

ELDER MOSES THATCHER.

I feel happy and peaceful at the pleasurable circumstances that surround us here to-day, the contrast being very great to those of a year ago. When men make it a special mission of their life to persecute and plot mischief against the people of God, they do not understand how and by whom their plots and schemes are brought to naught. We came here to serve God and maintain our rights and liberties, and not to submit to a compromise with those who seek to destroy. There will always be a superior power than that of man and this people have the key to that power, which will overrule all the efforts of our adversaries. In the change that came over the power of Senator Edmunds in urging measures against this people in the Senate of the United States, we acknowledge the hand of God who marks the course of those that plot against the liberties of His Saints, and their course is not upward. The argument of Congressmen that unless they passed laws against the "Mormons" they could not satisfy their constituents, reminds us of the course taken by the Jews in relation to the Savior and

the results upon them. Over fifty per cent. of the men who put aside principle to satisfy popular clamor lost their positions in the ensuing election. Look at those who gallantly stood up for principle and the rights of this people, and see how different it was with them! God was in the political wave that swept over the country, and even the Democrats could not account for the tide in their favor. Joseph Smith came to stem the stream of infidelity which had set in and promote true faith in God. This is God's Kingdom, His theocracy. Who can stand against it? There is nothing that can injure this people but their own wrongdoings. I desire to speak a few words in regard to the evils coming in amongst the Saints, calculated to destroy their faith in God. Intemperance, the use of intoxicants is one. Look at the 200,000 in the insane asylums of England, 75 per cent. brought there through alcohol. According to reliable statistics the money spent in England during seven given consecutive years was enough to have paid off the national debt and leave over a billion dollars to spare. While the revenue from the liquor traffic in that country is \$150,000,000 a year it is insufficient to meet the expenses that grow out of its use. There is enough liquor drunk in the United States in sixty days to buy all the libraries of the country at an average rate of \$2 per volume. Enough is drunk in seven months to pay for all the property of the Churches in the country. About \$320,000,000 more is paid out every year for liquor than for national, state, county, school and municipal taxes. And the regulating enactments of the country have been a failure. We see it on every hand. More money is spent in Utah for liquor than is paid for education or for the sustaining of the Kingdom of God. It is paid out for infamy. Harlotry and licentiousness go hand in hand with intemperance. Liquor weakens not strengthens men. And any man who weakens his judgment by the habitual use of intoxicants is a dangerous element in society. It has separated husband and wife, dragged down innocence and virtue, and can we not see the terrible results of these things? No man can be a true servant of God and taint his heritage with the desire for liquor. Those who live according to the laws of God will have stronger bodies and stronger minds than others, and will yet rule the world, on natural principles. Let us come up on the higher plane of the celestial law and perpetuate our species according thereto. Men say we shall not, but I say we will! Let men and women be pure in heart and life, and bring forth children of promise like unto Samuel of old, serve the Lord and build up Zion and God will be with them unto victory and salvation.

President George Q. Cannon presented the following names of Missionaries, all of whom were sustained by unanimous votes of the Conference:

Names of Elders who have been called on missions since the October Conference, 1882, and are now in their fields of labor.

GREAT BRITAIN.

John Henry Smith, 17th Ward.
Samuel R. Western, Deseret.
William Groesbeck, 8th Ward.

UNITED STATES.

Soren Jacobson, Mount Pleasant.
Charles M. Eubanks, Brigham City.
Ephraim Jensen, "
John Robert Stubbart, Salt Lake City.
Joseph Layton, Salina.
Albina F. Hubbard, St. David, Arizona.
Peter Loutsch, Lehi.

SOUTHERN STATES.

W. L. H. Dotson, Minersville.
Adelbert Cazier, Nephi.
William Knight, "
Thomas Wright, Jr., "
John S. Linton, "
Charles P. Oster, "
Newell Whitney Kimball, Logan.
Homer C. Cail, Willard.
Joseph Belnap, Hooper.
William Hurst Crandall, Pleasant View.
Angus McKay, Huntsville.
John Styler, Deseret.
Wm. L. Ball, Maunassa, Colorado.
Frank McKinney, "
Robert Sellers, "
Samuel Eubanks, "
Baley Meyer, "

John Davidson, Berson.
John Smith Wille, Mendon.
Jens Jensen, "
Andrew Morrison Spence, Wellsville.
John Hill Mangham, "
A. M. Irrelson, Hyrum.
Orson M. Wilson, "
Robert Pearce, Jr., Paradise.
John Henry Gibbs, "
Thomas Griffin, Clarkston.
Charles Shumway, "
Thomas Godfrey, "
Hampton Sidney Beattie, Jr., 14th Ward, City.
William Frederick Rigby, Jr., Newton.
Alexander Richards, Mendon.

Jacob F. Miller, Farmington.
George Albert Biglow, Millville.
Joseph Morrell, Logan.
Joshua Hawke, Franklin, Idaho.
Joshua L. Ferron, Eden.
Jon Hicks, Jr., Logan.
Brigham Henry Roberts, Centerville.

HOLLAND.

Peter Jacob Lammeret, Ogden.
ARIZONA.

Arza E. Hinchley, Cove Creek.

Missionaries Called at April Conference, 1883.

GREAT BRITAIN.

William B. Bennett, West Jordan.
William Chappell, Ogden.
Edward A. Steed, Littleton.
Robert Johnson, Manti.
Fza F. Martin, 21st Ward, City.
Charles Edgar Angell, 3d Ward, City.
John Cartwright, 8th Ward, City.
Charles Denney, 11th Ward, City.
Robert Brady, 1st Ward, City.
John Willoughby, 11th Wd. City.
Samuel McKay, 11th Ward, City.
William Wright, Charleston.
Henry Goldsboro, Nephi.
Heber B. Oakey, "
Henry Yates, Clarkston.
Nathaniel M. Hodges, Laketown.
William Panter, Taylorsville.
William Jex, Spanish Fork.
John Keever, Ogden.
William D. Williams, Ogden.
Thomas Waddoups, East Bountiful.
James George Crane, Herriman.
Louis Peter Lund, Pleasant Grove.
Thomas Wilson, Lyne.
Robert Maw, Plain City.
George Condé, Hamilton's Fort.
Wm. D. Williams, Benson.
Llewellyn J. Mantle, North Jordan.
John A. Bruce, 12th Ward, City.
Herbert L. James, 7th Ward, City.
Henry Wm. Harris, Brigham City.
Wm. Reeves, Centerville.
Joseph Yates, Brigham City.

SCANDINAVIA.

Andrew Andersen, Ephraim.
Charles John Christensen, Ephraim.
Christian Nelson, Upper Portneuf, Idaho.
Niels Larsen, Montpelier, Idaho.
Soren Jacobsen, Mt. Pleasant.
Frederick Ludvigsen, Gunnison.
Martin Christoffersen, 4th Ward, city.
Ole Sorensen, Fountain Green.
John P. Ipsen, Manti.
Gustaf L. Roseengreen, Union.
Jorgen Hansen, Provo.
Frederick Julius Mayfield.
Hans Poulsen, Plain City.
Andrew Christensen, Fairview.
Martin Jensen, Manti.
Haken Anderson, Kanab.
George Daniel Olson, Fillmore.
Emil Erickson, Spring City.
Christian Nielsen, Spring City.
Joseph Monson, Richmond.
Samuel P. Nelson, Smithfield.
Thorwald A. Thorsen, Hyrum.
Charles J. A. Lindquist, Logan.
John H. Anderson, Jr., Logan.
Daniel Brown, Levan.
August Swenson, Spanish Fork.
Charles Knudsen, Brigham.

UNITED STATES.

Andrew Hendrickson, Levan.
Henry H. McConnell, Cedar.
Henry Peck, Manti.
Stephen B. Rose, 17th Ward.
Lars Jacobsen, Provo.
James Andrew Anderson, Hyrum.
J. J. Howe, Heber.
Charles L. Flake, Snowflake, Arizona.
Niels L. Lund, Mount Pleasant.

SOUTHERN STATES.

Andrew Lott Jensen, Moroni.
Charles B. Robinson, Montpelier.
Amos Cook, East Bountiful.
Brigham Holbrook, East Bountiful.
Joseph Wiley, East Bountiful.
Nephi Robertson, Fountain Green.
John A. Mower, Fairview.
Ransom M. Stevens, Fairview.
William N. Kirby, Fountain Green.
Thomas Vickers, Nephi.
George K. Heese, 2d Ward, City.
Jonathan Golden Kimball, 18th Ward, city.
Victor D. Cram, Kanab.
John R. Waite, Jr., East Bountiful.
James G. Wood, "
Lamoni Call, "
Joseph Smith, Centerville.
James Eldredge, Wood's Cross.
William B. Jones, Brigham.
Samuel Crandall Dunn, Raft River Bridge, Idaho.
Leo Albert Bean, Richfield.
Christian F. Christensen, Kanab.
McLaren Boyle, Ogden.
John Wm. Butler, Hot field.
Charles A. Walsh, South Morgan.
Israel Bennion, Vernon.
Newell A. Hill, 14th Ward, City.

CANADA.

George Wesley Beekstead, South Jordan.

SWISS AND GERMAN MISSION.

August Bieseyer, Providence.
James Edgar Jennings, 18th Ward, City.
Rudolf Hockstrasser, Providence.
Gottlieb Hirsch, Rockville.
Fragott Bitter, Logan.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Brigham Morris Young, Brigham City.

NEW ZEALAND.

Charles Heyborne, Cedar.
William Thomas Stewart, Kanab.
John Clarence Stewart, Kanab.

ABIZONA (St. Johns).

John Cox, Jr., and Sons, Fairview.

MEXICO.

Franklin B. Snow, St. George.
Heleman Pratt, 18th Ward.

President George Q. Cannon then read the statistical report, also a financial report of the Manti Temple and a financial report of the Logan Temple.

On motion the reports were received and placed on file.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

It is reiterated in our hearing that God cannot look upon sin with the slightest degree of allowance. We take the position that we are the servants of the Lord, teachers of righteousness; we ought to demon-

strate in our lives that we are converted to the principles which we profess. We have testified over and over again that God has revealed to us His mind and will; we ought to show by our actions that this is true. We must adopt in our lives those principles which Christ taught, otherwise our professions will be vain, being but theory. We must place our religion first and foremost in all things. We are under responsibility to be co-workers with each other and the holy angels to establish righteousness on the earth. By special revelation we have been required to put away our covetousness and all evil and set our houses in order. The very fact that we are here in Zion is evidence that we are required to labor for the kingdom, and that we must not waste our time in following the extravagance and follies and wickedness of the Gentiles. In the revelation to Enoch God told him that in the latter days there should be a Zion, and that the principles revealed to him and his people should be established, that there should be a Zion from beneath to meet and greet the Zion from above. If we have repented of our sins, been buried with Christ in baptism, received the Holy Spirit of promise, paid our tithing and attended to the requirements of our religion, we should be prepared to advance to the higher laws, by which we may be prepared to meet the Zion of Enoch. As for me I feel that I and all I have are on the altar, subject to the direction of the servants of the living God. I want to live by the counsels of the Lord, for there is no safety for us till we become like clay in the hands of the potter; then nothing can happen to us that will not be for His glory. I can trust my all in the hands of such men as those who preside over the Church. If we will hearken to them, divest ourselves of our pride, our covetousness, and all our evil ways, God will be with us, His promises will be fulfilled and we will secure a part in the first resurrection. I bear testimony that to all who live for it, God does reveal the truth of these principles. May we be established in the cause of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Conference was adjourned till Sunday at 10 a. m.

The Choir sang the anthem:

As the dew from heaven distilling.

Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, April 8th, 1883, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Choir sang:

Hark the song of jubilee!
Loud as mighty thunders roar.

Prayer by Counselor D. H. Wells.
The Choir sang:

Though deepening trials throng your way,
Press on, press on, ye Saints of God.

PREST. JOS. F. SMITH.

We have great reason for thankfulness for the blessings and privileges we have enjoyed during this Conference. There never was a time since the organization of the Church when the people were more prosperous or more numerous, notwithstanding the opposition of the wicked, from the press, the pulpit and Congress. We must acknowledge the hand of God in our deliverance, for it has not been our wisdom nor the wisdom of men. We should acknowledge the hand of God in all things. He has blessed us with an abundance of the good things of this world, making the sterile wilderness fertile for our sakes, and in addition to these things has revealed unto us the priceless riches of the principles of eternal life. And as He has been good to us in the past, so we may confidently trust to Him in the future. Therefore, there is no room for doubt, and no occasion for trembling. It would be an insult to His power, justice, goodness and mercy to doubt that He will carry on His work to completion. This is no time for faltering, fear, doubt, or misgiving. The main obstacles in the way of the Saints are pride and haughtiness and forgetfulness of our covenants, which are much more seductive than poverty and opposition. This cannot be charged to the whole people, but there are individuals who seem to be entirely engrossed in the things of this world. We are all alike before God, and the rich are as dependent as the poor upon the Lord for the blessings of eternity; but it is the willing and obedient.

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