

over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over."

Elder Amasa M. Lyman followed with an eloquent discourse on mental and physical culture. He remarked that he had been upon a mission, but did not feel that he had returned from one, for he realized that he was always upon a mission. His text was furnished him in the people he saw before him. Why all this mixed multitude, he asked. The mere gathering of the people is not an intellectual operation; it does not particularly inform the judgment or enlighten the mind; but that there might be something connected with this constituting a community, the gospel was preached. The people are to acquire a knowledge of God at home, where they live, they are not required to go abroad to learn the character of the Almighty. He then reasoned upon the proper method of acquiring a knowledge of the truth; the way he did he commenced living in the world without quarrelling, and his compliance with the laws of the gospel had saved him from quarrelling with his wife, or his child, his brother, his neighbor or with any man. In this way he found that so much of the gospel was true. Argued in favor of the development and education of the intellectual man, and the necessity of laboring for the building up of the kingdom of God. Admonished the Saints to live so as to woo the Spirit of God, not to be a casual visitor merely, but a constant and abiding friend. Instructed the sisters to remember when they were implanting in the minds of their children principles of truth and virtue, that they were determining and fixing their destiny in that great future of happiness, glory and ineffable bliss which we are all looking for; and it is our business to continue our labors in this great work until untold millions of earth's children shall repose beneath the banner of King Immanuel.

Choir sang
"On the mountains top appearing."
Benediction by Elder J. V. Long.

2 p.m.

Choir sang
"O God, thou great, thou good, thou wise."
Prayer by Elder Franklin D. Richards.
Choir sang
"Ye wondrous nations now give ear."

Elder Wm. C. Moody gave a brief account of his late mission to Europe, and of his experience in the Church of Christ. Made some remarks on the importance of those who have means assisting to gather the poor from the old countries.

President Brigham Young observed that with regard to the poor he would say if there was any man that would take his property, which consisted of mills, houses and lands, and give him one half of what it was worth he would donate every farthing of it towards the gathering of the poor. Some might say that he was perfectly safe in making such an offer, for there was nobody able to buy his property, but he knew and contended that the Lord was just as capable of raising up a man to do it, as he was to give him the property. Some of the Elders are anxious to go on missions, but it never enters into their hearts to think that they are called upon to gather the poor, and help to build up Zion. Referred to the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, the principles upon which it is based, showing that the brethren who were in debt to that fund should do all in their power to square up their accounts, so that the Preside cy might be able to send the money to Liverpool to help to gather others. Spoke of the doings of the Almighty in regard to the people in their first settlement here; when they were destitute he caused the gold in California to be discovered, a vast emigration to come from the east, bringing with them large quantities of clothing and other necessities of life, which they sold here at less than St. Louis prices. The Latter Day Saints should remember the maxim, "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord," for it is a true one. It is for us to strive to gather the poor, to exert on selves all we can for the attainment of this desirable object. The Lord deals with, dictates and brings forth the result of the acts of the children of men. Called attention to the Scripture which says, "They shall all come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them; I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born." As Joseph was a Savior to his father's house, so is Ephraim to the house of Israel, and, said he, this congregation I am looking upon, are nine-tenths of them Ephraimites, yes I will say 999 thousandths. We shall gather them first, then others, until they are all gathered from the nations of the earth. It is all folly to suppose that there are Jews in this Church; they will not believe the gospel at present; they are in the same position as the Cainites are, they cannot come in until the rest of the family come in and receive their blessings, then they can have an opportunity. Let us not trouble about our trials, but be determined to overcome them. Counseled the brethren to look at their blessings, and not occupy all their time in looking at their troubles and trials. He had been in the habit of using tobacco, but he had left it off; he did not drink whisky, brandy, rum, wine, tea nor coffee, and he felt so much better for his abstinence that he would recommend others to follow his example.

Elder John Van Cott said that he realized his imperfections and also his inability to instruct the Saints, without the aid and assistance of the Spirit of God, still he rejoiced in being home again, and once more in the society

of the people of God in Zion. Reviewed his experience in the Church and his mission abroad; bore testimony to the truth of the gospel, and said that he had long seen that the Lord controlled the hearts of the children of men for the good and benefit of his people. Gave a concise account of his experience in his travels in Scandinavia while upon his last mission.

Choir sang
"Glory to God on high."
Elder Wm. W. Phelps dismissed with benediction.

Half-past 6 p.m.

A Conference of the High Priests was held in the Tabernacle in the evening, John Young presiding, at which most of the the priesthood attended.

The meeting was opened by the Choir singing

"Sweetly may the blessed Spirit,"
and Counselor Woolley offering prayer.
Singing:—

"Lift up your heads, ye scattered Saints."
President John Young said that he rejoiced in the society of the Saints, in the blessings of the holy gospel which have been revealed unto the Saints. He knew that the priesthood was restored to man, and that the Lord had set his hand to build up his kingdom. He then called for the business, all of which was transacted in a few minutes, after which Counselor E. D. Woolley made some remarks on the duties of Presidents and Clerks of the branch quorums in reference to their half-yearly reports.

Bishop Lorenzo D. Young rejoiced in the privilege of meeting with the High Priests, and in such a Conference as the present one. He often thought that every Conference he attended was the best he had ever been at, and he felt precisely so in reference to this.

President John Young quoted the text "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation," and then offered some timely and instructive remarks upon it. He testified that we were living in the day spoken of by John the Revelator, when an angel should fly through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth. Referred to his coming into this valley fifteen years ago, and felt to rejoice in the prosperity that had attended the Saints since that time. In speaking of Patriarchal blessings, he said, he could testify to the truth of his br. Brigham's remarks in reference to the blood of Ephraim, for in all the blessings he had conferred he had only found two of the blood of Ishmael, but few of the tribe of Manasseh, and all the rest of the blood of Ephraim.

Elder George D. Watt delivered a short address, in which he spoke of the temporal and spiritual organization of the kingdom of God in the last days.

Elder James McAllister sang "O Zion."
The meeting was dismissed by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Wedn sday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.

Choir sang
"Jesus, thou all-redeeming Lord."
Prayer by Elder A. M. Lyman.
Choir sang
"The glorious gospel light has shone."

Elder Orson Hyde was called upon and presented the authorities of the Church as follows:

Brigham Young President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Heber C. Kimball, his first, and Daniel H. Wells, his second counselors.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards and George Q. Cannon, members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the whole church.
Daniel Spencer President of this Stake of Zion, and David Fullmer and George B. Wallace, his counselors.

William Eddington, John V. Long, John L. Blythe, George Nebeker, John T. Caine, Joseph W. Young, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, Thomas B. Broderick, James H. Hart, John Squires and William H. Folsom, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests Quorum, Edwin D. Woolley, and Samuel W. Richards, his counselors.

Joseph Young, President of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies, and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge Jacob Gates and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

William Squire, President of the Elders Quorum; James Smith and Peter Latter, his counselors.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop; Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little, his counselors.

Samuel M. Moore, President of the Priests Quorum; Richard W. McAllister and George Openshaw, his counselors.

McGee Harris, President of the Teachers Quorum; Adam Speirs and David Bowman, his counselors.

John S. Carpenter, President of the Deacons Quorum; Samuel G. Ladd and Warren Hardie, his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works.

William H. Folsom, Architect for the Church.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather the poor; Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells and Edward Hunter, his assistants and agents for said fund.

George A. Smith, Historian and general Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff his assistant.

The foregoing quorums and authorities were all voted for separately, and each and all unanimously sustained by the conference.

President Brigham Young said no man had any business to enquire whether he would apostatize or not, nor should any Latter Day Saint ask what the Almighty was going to do with him when he got him into the kingdom of heaven. He had made some remarks relative to the blood, or lineage of individuals, and he would further say that there were a very few in the Church who had in their veins the blood of Judah, but they could not stay in unless that was purged out, but if they were faithful the Holy Ghost would come upon them of the Ishmaelitic blood that br. John spoke of, as well as those of Judah, and it would purge that blood out of their systems.

Elder Orson Hyde next addressed the conference, speaking upon the renovating influence of the Holy Ghost on those who obey the fullness of the people.

President Heber C. Kimball arose and gave some instructions on the present situation of the Churches in these valleys, showing that the present calling of the Twelve Apostles is among the settlements and stakes of Zion, to instruct the Saints, and to direct their energies in the building up of Zion.

He then said that President Young and his brethren felt like shouting Hosannah after the order taught by the Prophet Joseph in Kirtland, and invited the congregation to join with him that he might teach them the correct order. The vast concourse of Saints rose to their feet in mass and shouted Hosannah, Hosannah, Hosannah, to God and the Lamb, to God and the Lamb, to God and the Lamb, Amen, Amen and Amen. This increased the heavenly feeling that already existed in the conference, and caused every heart to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

On motion of President Kimball the conference adjourned, to meet in the Bowery, at 10 a.m. on the 6th day of next April.

Choir sang that excellent anthem

"God is my King."

Patriarch John Young was called upon to pronounce the closing benediction, which he did as follows:

I have felt during this Conference that I wanted to bless the people, but more particularly since yesterday, and I was almost upon the point of asking the President if I might have the privilege, but the Spirit told me that if it was my privilege I should be called upon. I have been called and ordained to that calling, and it is my delight to bless the Saints of God.

I am naturally of a diffident turn of mind, and, notwithstanding I have been laboring in the vineyard almost from the commencement, there is some impediment to my boldness and confidence that I have never been able to overcome.

I feel the importance of my mission, and delight to bless the Saints of God; my heart is always full of blessings for the people of God, for the poor pilgrims that are struggling through this veil of tears, to work their passage back to our Father's kingdom from whence we came. I have wet my pillows many times in consequence of the feelings I have had for my fellow men, and in feeling this I have not forgotten myself.

I feel in the name of Israel's God to bless the First Presidency of the Church of Christ; but can the greater be blessed by the lesser? Yes, they can. I feel to bless my brother Brigham, my brother Heber, and my brother Daniel, and to say that the blessings of God shall rest upon them, in connection with the Apostles of the Lord Jesus, who have stood forth in vindication of the Church of the living God, and I say they shall be blessed from this time forth and forever, in their fields and flocks, in their gardens and vineyards; these and all needful blessings shall rest upon them like the dew of heaven; they shall go forth as mighty chieftains, for they are mighty men of God, and I can say that to them and to their increase their shall be no end; but their posterity shall be as numerous as the stars of the firmament, or as the sand upon the seashore, and the time never shall come when their shall be an end to their increase in time nor worlds without end. I feel to bless all the Saints and faithful children of God. My brother Brigham has been the Joseph of his father's family, and to this people he has been a Moses in connection with brother Heber, who has been long associated with him. He told me when I was sick at the Buffalo, and nigh unto death, if I would rise up and go to the Valley I should live many years. Has it been fulfilled? It has, to the very letter, and I have been privileged with the enjoyment of the blessings of the Saints of God.

I feel to bless the Saints of latter days, and I say you shall go from this place rejoicing in the things of God; and I ask my Father to bless you, for you love the truth, and you are right on the way home to the enjoyment of the blessings of heaven, and the river of life shall flow unto you, and you shall be blessed with every thing that you can desire, even beyond what you can now comprehend, and the Holy Ghost shall thrill through you, and it shall be like the river of life within you and round about you.

Be of good cheer, my brethren and sisters, we are Christ's, and Christ is God's. May the blessings of heaven and earth rest upon

every man, woman and child that love the truth and wish to do right. Let us put our trust in God, and all is ours; let us do all we can for the gathering of Israel, and the establishment of righteousness upon the earth, and continue so to do until he shall reign whose right it is, and rest assured that the day of his appearing is not far distant, and blessed are they that look for his appearing. I have rejoiced in spirit, and as some of the brethren have expressed themselves, I have felt like shouting hosannah to God and the Lamb, for ever and ever. Why do I feel like shouting? Because God has had mercy upon us, and because I have had the privilege of living in the days of the Prophets of God; in the days of the Apostles, and I have seen the handy-works of the Almighty in bringing his people out of Babylon to this promised land. Who can comprehend it? We did not see, to be sure, when we left Nauvoo the great blessings that were hid away in these mountains, but the Almighty had us sit under the pavilion of his wings, and he will sustain us, we are being sustained, we are growing and thriving, and in a little time the armies of Israel will become as terrible as an army with banners, and the power of God will rest upon his servants to a wonderful degree, they will be clothed with the power of the priesthood, and their faces shine like that of Moses of old. Let us hold up the hands of our file leaders by our faith and prayers, and we shall all be blessed and prospered together, from this time henceforth and for ever.

I do not feel to detain you, but I bless you, and I bless everybody that are in the faith of the Lord Jesus. I see people before and around me that have brooked the storm, persons that I have been with, and I have seen a great many things that I cannot now take time to relate in the history of the building up of the kingdom of God. When I look back for fifteen years to the time when the first conference was held in this valley, and that too under the shade of a hay stack, and see the blessings which the Almighty has bestowed upon us, I feel to say roll on the mighty work, my prayer is for thy kingdom to come, and thy will to be done upon the earth as it is in heaven. May God bless you brethren and sisters, and I bless you all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen.

J. V. Long,
Clerk of the Conference.

THE BATTLE OF CORINTH.

According to statements which seem to be very generally believed, a battle has at length been fought at Corinth, where last spring it was confidently expected one of the most bloody and decisive conflicts of the war would take place, in which Gen. Halleck would measure or test the strength of the army then under his command with that of the Confederates under Gen. Beauregard, but the looked and hoped-for collision was prevented by the evacuation of and retreat from that stronghold of the enemy by the Confederate hosts, which, after having been taken possession of and held by the Federal army of the Southwest for about five months, has been attacked by the Confederate army under Gens. Price, Van Dorn and Lovell, and a terrible slaughter has taken place.

Skirmishing is said to have commenced on the last day of September, between the pickets of the enemy and those of Gen. Rosencrans, commanding at Corinth, but there was no serious fighting till the 31 of October, when it appears that the Confederate generals attacked Gen. Rosencrans about seven miles north-east of Corinth, and forced his columns back inside the entrenchments surrounding the town before night set in. The conflict was renewed the next day, and for a time the enemy had the advantage, who after charging over the fortifications entered the town, but were subsequently repulsed with great slaughter, and retired towards the Hatchie, where another battle of seven hours duration was fought on the 5th, Gens. Hurlbut and Ord commanding the Federal troops on that occasion. Victory finally crowned the Federal arms with "glory," and the Confederates fled pursued by the conquerors.

How many men were killed in the several engagements cannot be determined from the meager accounts which have been published, but the fighting is represented as having been of the most desperate and bloody character, that the Federal loss was great, particularly in officers, but the casualties of the enemy are said to have greatly exceeded those of Gen. Rosencrans' army.

THE IMMIGRATION.—No companies have arrived from over the plains within the last seven days, but those of Captains Miller and Canfield are expected to-day or to-morrow. Capt. Haight's company will probably get over the mountains in the course of the week, and Capt. Dame's soon after.

THE SEASON.—Of late, the weather has been delightful.