

efforts made to gather the Saints this coming season, and urged a continuation of them until the work proposed to be done is accomplished. He exhorted the Saints to obedience and diligence in righteousness, and to hearken to the word of the Lord, that they might realize their desires and become indeed Saints of God. In advocating abstinence from stimulants and heating food, he cited the case of Daniel and his associates in Babylon, who refused to use the rich viands of the King's palace, and grew ruddy and fat on pulse and other simple articles of food. Other examples were cited to show the superiority of abstinence from strong drinks and of a simple diet, such being conducive to sound health and life. The work we have to perform is binding on every Latter-day Saint; it is that we obey the requirements of Heaven, purify ourselves, and carry out the counsels given unto us from the Lord through His servant, President Young.

Singing, anthem, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth." Prayer by Elder George Q. Cannon.

Tuesday, 2 p.m.

At the hour for commencing meeting, the immense building was crowded, a large number being compelled to stand.

Singing, "Ye ransomed of our God." Prayer by Elder Orson Hyde. Singing, "Great is the Lord and marvellous."

Elder Orson Hyde expressed his gratitude to God for the privilege of meeting with and having the opportunity of speaking to so vast a congregation. He spoke on the Word of Wisdom, and dwelt upon abandoning the use of swine's flesh, as soon as it can be done by the introduction of more healthy substitutes. Greater varieties of food must be obtained. Among these rice might be named. Upland rice can be produced here cheaply and with good results. We should grow more fruit and greater varieties, so that we can have fresh fruit all the year. He referred to the coming season's immigration, and exhorted the people to have liberal feelings in preparing for sending to the railway terminus to bring the immigration here.

Elder Hyde took up the subject of home manufactures, and gave a practical illustration of his faith in it, by the suit of clothes in which he stood to preach, the yarn of which was spun and the cloth made by his own family, and he took pleasure, he said, in wearing it for their sakes. He encouraged the culture of silk, and spoke in hopeful terms of the future, though the prospects are fair for a more than liberal supply of grasshoppers. He believed that the Lord would preserve His people, though they may be scourged a little to teach them to prize the counsels given them for their salvation, present and future. He urged upon the Saints the adoption of the principles of dietetics laid before them during the present Conference.

Elder Orson Pratt said the Latter-day Saints had covenanted to serve the Lord, not for a time, but for all time; and that meant to do the will of the Lord when it is known, whether commanded or not. The Word of Wisdom had not been given as a command when it was revealed, because of the weaknesses of the human family; for they would have risked the penalty of disobedience, sooner than obey it, had it been a command. Thirty-five years, on February last, have elapsed since the Word of Wisdom was given, and it is time we had learned to do the will of God in this matter, as well as obey His commandments, when made known to us.

The speaker reasoned at length on the relations of the lower animal creation to the human family, and the uses for which they have been made. He quoted various scriptures and revelations to show that they were made to be used by man with care and judgment, and not to be destroyed, when necessity does not require it. If we wantonly kill the wild animals around us that can be used for food, we might see the time when we would be glad that our sage plains were filled with them. The glorious time of peace that will be enjoyed in the millennium, will see the brute creation robbed of their ferocity and their savage nature changed; and we should now view them as the creatures of our Father and God, and not destroy them in wantonness.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Wednesday, 8th.

10 a.m.

Singing, "What wondrous things we now behold." Prayer by Elder Erastus Snow. Singing, glee, "Pull away cheerily."

Elder Erastus Snow reasoned on the foolishness of those who, having gath-

ered to these valleys from the nations to serve God and help to build up His kingdom, allow themselves to be led away after the things that perish, striving to find gold and precious metals, associating with the wicked and ungodly in seeking wealth, and casting away the pearl of salvation that they may lay hold of things of little value, and which, if obtained, soon pass from the possession of those who have sacrificed so much to gain them. All things are for the Saints; and though the wealth of this world has been claimed for so many ages by the Adversary, the Saints are the rightful heirs to it, and it will yet be given into the possession of those who remain faithful. How foolish then, for them to seek to obtain wealth in ways forbidden by the Lord! The development of manufactures and producing articles of usefulness and value, are of infinitely more worth to us, than the discovery of any number of gold and silver mines.

He recommended all who have not declared their intentions of becoming citizens of the United States to do so, and prepare themselves for exercising the right to express themselves at the ballot box for their representatives and rulers, when circumstances and legislation shall place the citizens of this Territory in that position.

This season's immigration was referred to, and continued liberality towards it was encouraged. Instead of dreading the locusts, we should exercise faith in God, who can control their movements. We have been tried in this way before, and if we should be again, all right; let us learn wisdom from experience. The speaker advocated the exercise of the gospel feeling of charity towards the Lamanites. Though savage, blood-thirsty and cruel, they have a work yet to perform in the future, and are preserved by the Lord for its accomplishment. But all who are exposed to Indian attacks and depredations should exercise the utmost vigilance, and yet with constant watchfulness they should possess generous feelings and be able to deal in justice with the savages.

He spoke in an interesting manner of the condition of the settlements on the Muddy, stating that those who had gone down south to St. Thomas last Fall are prosperous and doing well. A number of those who went to St. Joseph, were induced to go farther up the river to settle, and returned disappointed, which threw them back for six weeks or two months; but now they are bidding fair to do well. He advised those who were called to go there last Fall and have not yet done so, to honorably fill their mission, and preserve their usefulness and the spirit of the work of God.

President H. C. Kimball said if anybody wished to see a miracle they had only to look upon the congregation before him, and look back over the growth of the Church from the time when the entire members of it could be seated in a small room; and we are increasing rapidly. He urged the exercising of increasing watchcare over our growing sons and daughters. They should all attend meetings regularly, learn the principles of truth and grow up to be more useful. He was in favor of ordaining the boys to the priesthood, and watching and training them with great care, that they might learn of the power and importance of the blessing thus bestowed upon them. The spirit and sealing power of Elias are with President Young, to seal together the fathers and the children, that they may be one and that the whole people may be united in working out salvation. We should all take a course to save our offspring; and the man who cannot save his children—his family, cannot save himself.

Singing, seraph's anthem, "Our King is risen indeed, hallelujah!" Prayer by Elder Ezra T. Benson.

2 p.m.

Singing, "Come O Thou King of kings." Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow. Singing, anthem, "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord."

President B. Young presented the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles to the Conference; and Elder George Q. Cannon presented the rest of the Authorities of the Church in the following order. All were sustained and every vote was unanimous.

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

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

George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church. Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace and Joseph W. Young his counselors.

William Eddington, John T. Caine, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, William H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thomas E. Jeremy, George W. Thatcher, Peter Nebeker and Charles S. Kimball, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Edwin D. Wooley 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.

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

Samuel W. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; William Carmichael and Robert Price his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Henry I. Doremus and Martin Lenzi, his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacons' Quorum; Warren Hardie and Charles S. Cram his counselors.

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

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works.

Truman O. Angel, Architect for the church.

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

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

The names of the following brethren, who are called to go on missions to preach the Gospel were then read to the Conference, and a vote taken if the people would sustain them by their faith and prayers, which was unanimous.

Lewis Grant, Sessions' Settlement.
M. F. Barnsworth, Salt Lake City.
Wm. C. Thomas, Brigham City.
Wm. Jackson Bell, Provo City.
George Teasdale, Salt Lake City.
Haden W. Church, St. George.
Owen Dix, St. George.
John Hawley, Pine Valley.
Newton Adair, Washington.
James E. Fisher, Provo Valley.
John Albiston, Cache Valley.
Hans Peterson, Hyrum, Cache County.
Lucius Peck, Salt Lake City.
O. H. Riggs, " "
Lyman Shaffer, Provo City.
John Hindley, Salt Lake City & American Fork.
Peter Nebeker, Salt Lake City.
Theodore B. Lewis, Cottonwood, Salt Lake Co.
Edmund Eldredge, Coalville.
Josiah M. Ferren, Ogden Valley.
Hyrum B. Clemons, Coalville.
William Howard, senr., Big Cottonwood.

President Young then gave to all of the young brethren over twenty years of age missions to marry and make homes for themselves, and the young sisters to learn household and domestic duties. He recommended the sisters to organize societies for silk culture and other useful purposes, and to get straw and make their own hats and bonnets. He instructed mothers how to take care of their children, that they may be clean and nice and beautiful and pleasant to look upon; and he advised the Bishops to keep these counsels before the people. He instructed the congregation on various practical matters, showing the young people whom he advised to marry, how they can make for themselves comfortable and pleasant and happy homes. Fish culture, poultry raising, wool growing, flax culture, and other branches of industry, were dwelt upon in an interesting and most instructive manner.

During the course of his remarks, he strongly urged the brethren not to go hunting gold nor gold mining; but to stay at home and attend to the duties which are here for them to perform, and they will prosper.

Elder Lorenzo Snow touched upon the practical character of the counsels given and requirements made of us, showing a similarity, in this respect, between them and those given to ancient Israel, the results desired in either case being to communicate knowledge by which those who lack it can learn to take care of themselves, and organize from the elements around that which will sustain life and contribute to make it comfortable, enjoyable and happy. He treated upon the elevating nature of the gospel; and dwelt at some length on the evil results of going gold hunting.

Singing, "Lo, the Gentile chain is broken," with chorus.

The Conference was adjourned till the 6th of October next, at 10 o'clock in the

morning, to meet in the New Tabernacle. Benediction by Elder George A. Smith.

EDWARD L. SLOAN,
Clerk of Conference.

Correspondence.

PROVO CITY, April 4, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—The lectures of the past season, conducted by the Provo Library and Reading Room Association, terminated last Tuesday evening, the 31st ult., on which occasion the audience was addressed by Bishop Smoot, Elders D. John, President of the Association, and Isaac Bullock, and Bro. S. S. Jones giving a report of the lectures and lecturers during the winter. The time occupied at these meetings has been profitably spent. We have been regaled with a variety of subjects, such as: "Physic" and "Religion," "Laws of Health" and "Laws of Utah," "Superstition" and "Economy," "Physiognomy" and "Dietetics," burying us at times in so profound a reverie that nothing but the sweet voices of our Sabbath School choir could relieve us, and again, some mirth-provoking genius would amuse us in a manner to make loose waistcoats a perfect fit. Elder Geo. A. Smith gave the last lecture on the Ancient History of America, which was a most interesting and instructive one.

At our reading room, in the new Court House, we meet weekly and are receiving some eleven publications. The contentious, abusive and bittorrentious of these papers present a very strong contrast to men who wish to be guided to oneness of thought and action by the Spirit of God, and who realize to their full satisfaction that the same power and Spirit are influencing their leaders.

Efforts are being made to obtain a new selection of suitable books to add to the volumes which now form the Provo Library.

The "hoppers" are just beginning to make themselves visible hereabouts; they will find themselves well provided for.

Yours, very respectfully,

S. S. JONES, Secretary.

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