

we any time to waste with these outside characters? Have we any time to dally around grog-shops and play in billiard saloons? No, my brethren and sisters we have not. It is our duty to be alive to our work, day by day, knowing that the eyes of God are upon us. It is he that will do all things marvellous well for us, it is he that will fight our battles for us. Then the only way for us to gain deliverance is to remain devoted to his service, that we may help to build up his kingdom and be found worthy of that assistance which he has promised to render us in the time of need.

There are two sides to this question. Peradventure it may be necessary that our enemies should carry out the works of their father, the devil, that they may show sooner or more fully to the heavens when the purpose and measure of their wickedness is full. As to the ultimate establishment of truth on the earth, there is no question. The prophets have all prophesied of it, the angels have looked forward to it with glorious anticipation, and we have the testimony of the Holy Ghost that this work shall be accomplished. The thing for us to do is to live true and faithful to our religion, irrespective of what may be going on around us.

That the Lord may inspire us by his Spirit to be faithful to our duty, to draw near to him, leave the wickedness of the world alone, and sanctify ourselves before him, is my earnest prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EASTERN ARIZONA STAKE CONFERENCE

Quarterly Conference of the Eastern Arizona Stake of Zion, held in Snowflake, commencing Saturday, 10 a. m., September 27th, 1879.

Present on the stand—President Jesse N. Smith; the bishops, their counselors, and most of the presiding Elders of the Stake. Among the visiting brethren were Pres. Lot Smith, of Sunset, Brothers Allen, Gibbon, Bushman and others. After singing and prayer the Bishops and presiding Elders verbally reported their several wards and districts, which betokened good feeling and prosperity generally, there being an abundance of grain raised the past season for the sustenance of the Saints in this Stake.

Bro. Allen spoke of a recent visit to the village Indians of New Mexico. There were some 32,000 of them, he regarded them as a very superior race of Lamanites.

Pres. Lot Smith made a few remarks, urging the necessity of laboring among the children of Israel. Thought if we had less of the Gentile polish and more of the Spirit of the Lord we would take more interest in the matter.

2 p. m.

Brother L. H. Hatch made remarks upon the necessity of living up to the laws which the Lord had laid down for the Latter-day Saints and the blessings derived therefrom.

President Jesse N. Smith spoke of the blessings in store for the faithful Saints. There was nothing compared to the greatest gift of all, that of eternal life. We should hold ourselves ready to undergo anything for the sake of the gospel, and under no circumstances to compromise a holy thing to keep out of trouble.

Brother Allen made some excellent remarks, urging the Saints to be faithful, and never give up a true principle for the sake of honor.

Sunday, 28th, 10 a. m.

After the sacrament was administered, the statistical reports of the Stake were read, and the general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Brother Lorenzo H. Hatch and Oscar Mann were presented and unanimously sustained as counselors to President Jesse N. Smith.

Quite a strong force of missionaries was called to labor among the Lamanites and native races, and, with the home missionaries, were unanimously sustained.

Brother Allen made a few encouraging remarks explaining the duties of the Saints.

Brother Gibbon related some of his experience as a missionary among the Lamanites. Had spent 25 years in this labor, and had experienced nothing but pleasure and satisfaction.

Brother Bushman made a few remarks encouraging the Saints to be faithful.

2 p. m.

After sacrament was administered Bishop Mann spoke upon our duties as Saints of the Most High.

President Lot Smith referred to the blessings of God upon this land since the Saints had settled it.

President Jesse N. Smith made a few closing remarks; he had always made it a rule to enjoy himself on all such occasions. Hoped the saints would have sufficient faith to gain a knowledge of the divine laws and serve God with our whole soul and might.

Conference adjourned until the last Saturday and Sunday in December, 1879.

Benediction by Brother Allen.

JOHN R. HULET,
Clerk pro tem.

A Latter-day Saint's Defense of Mormon Patriotism.

From the Sacramento Record-Union.

The following is from the pen of a leading business man of Salt Lake City, who is also an influential adherent of the Mormon faith:

Editors Record-Union: In a late issue of your paper I find a reference in a leading article to the "Mormons" and their religious ceremonies in the Endowment House in a manner that conveys a very erroneous and false impression to the public mind. As I have heretofore found the Record-Union fair and truthful, I hope it will sustain that character, and as I have passed through said Endowment House and you or your informant as to the aforesaid article perhaps have not, I felt that a few words from one who knows may be of interest to your readers.

Your article asserts that we swear enmity to and vengeance against the United States Government. What nonsense! Did you or any of your friends ever attend a Latter-day Saint meeting or Sabbath school, and hear the Elders or teachers in glowing language describe the heavenly inspiration of the Fathers who framed the Constitution, and by inspired wisdom from on high, and determination, perseverance and hard knocks here below secured liberty for these United States? And further as regards the trouble, corruption, rascality and rebellion, which in the near future will overflow this goodly land, at which time these saints will step forward when least expected and save and preserve the flag, Constitution and liberty for all who dwell or shall in the future dwell on this continent? If not, I can inform you that such ideas we believe in, and they form a part of our prophecies and expectations, as much so as the gathering of Israel, the rebuilding of Jerusalem, God's punishment of the wicked, the second coming of the Messiah, and the near approach of millennium. Again I say, what nonsense to talk about our disloyalty or treason; just as well talk about treason in George Washington. You may possibly think I did not understand or comprehend what I heard or saw in the Endowment House, or you may doubt my reliability. In regard to the first, I will simply say that I have gone through a school which, your readers who know anything about it will undoubtedly say, should have prepared me with the Lord's blessing to understand all that may be understood therein. I have gone in Masonry to and including the Royal Arch Degree. In Odd Fellowship I had passed through all degrees in the Subordinate Lodge, including Rebekah, and the office of presiding; also, the Encampment, even through the highest chairs; also, through the several degrees of K. of P. As for trustworthiness, I may mention that I was Trustee, both in the Masons and Odd Fellows, besides special custodian of funds for Trustees in Odd Fellows; also, as to my standing for honesty and veracity, it is second to no man's in this city or any other place where I am known. For proof I refer you to the Deseret National Bank, Wells, Fargo & Co's Bank, McCornick & Co's Bank, Salt Lake City, or Mr. Harrison, proprietor of the Hotel Gazette, San Francisco.

I have as an officer in societies often given the obligations, in fact remembering most of them perfectly by heart, which is one of the duties of a presiding officer. I think I would be apt to detect anything of a treasonable or odd nature going on in the Endowment House. But brethren there is nothing of the kind! I would ask any Mason or Odd Fellow or Knight, what you think of a man, or what weight can be attached to a man's word, who professes to have taken the most solemn and sacred oath of obligations, pledging his honor, which should be the most valuable part of a man, to keep secret matters intrusted to him, and then comes forward professing to tell it all, for the sake of a few dollars gain or a brief notoriety, or from pure innate cussedness in the animal. Any one who has seen the so-called exposure of our societies, either Masonic or Odd Fellows, know how far from the truth, as a rule, these beings are. Why should not the same held good in regard to the secret ceremonies of the Saints? As for our teachings and instructions in the Lord's House, any one entitled to receive them will find sublime truths, divested of mockery and ribaldry, and be impressed in a manner not likely to be forgotten, and if practiced in daily life will make a man of God, a true father, husband and citizen, who can help redeem a fallen world by the blessing of our Heavenly Father.

Having said so much in all honesty, and desiring that the same may be published in your valuable paper, I remain yours, respectfully and obediently, an old Californian and an old-time SUBSCRIBER.
Salt Lake, Oct. 14, 1879.

Correspondence.

SPRINGDALE, October 7, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

This has been quite an eventful season with us. To commence with, the earth has been almost ready to burn for the want of a little rain; one child was drowned in our water ditch; two wagons, two sets of harness, one plow, a lot of bed clothes, with a quantity of other stuff was burned to the ground; the little squash bug destroyed nearly all our squashes, melons and cucumbers. We have raised but very few peas and other garden stuff in consequence of the almost innumerable hosts of ground squirrels. The grape fly sapped the foliage of our vineyards until they assumed a very unhealthy appearance. And, finally, the winged tribes of various kinds sallied forth from their fruitless mountain retreats, so that we had to gather our grapes before we were hardly ready for the vintage. And, finally, to wind up for the growing season, the frost came about a month earlier than it has for fourteen years past, depriving our cotton, beans, etc., of their common yield. Wheat and corn crops were poor. Cane is the only good crop in Springdale, (excepting our lucern hay). If the next frost does not come too soon, there will be about 1,500 gallons of molasses made in this little town this season. But of all the calamities that have reached our settlement is that loathsome disease, chills and fever, with which we were nearly all laid upon our backs. The sick had to take care of the sick. But our Bishop came from Rockville oft and anon with soothing words and helping hand. In fact, Bishop C. N. Smith has been a father to the people in their time of distress, but, nevertheless, the people have lost courage and some are about to abandon our once flourishing, but now almost desolate settlement. But I see nothing to discourage a Latter-day Saint, though I have been one of the greatest sufferers, so far as sickness and the loss of property are concerned. I think if we were restricted in our water as they are at some other settlements, the chills would disappear. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

Your brother in the gospel.
S. K. GIFFORD.

PAHREAH, Kane Co., U. T.,
October 8th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Allow me a small space in your paper, to give you a few lines in regard to our Sunday School. We have a very good Sunday School at this place, although our numbers

are few. Our superintendent, F. Kerby, takes a lively interest in the Sunday School.

Superintendent A. Frost, of Kanab, and Brother W. D. Johnson, of Johnson, and Sisters Olephant and Brandt, of Kanab, were with us this morning; they are visiting the different wards in the Kanab Stake of Zion, in the Sunday School cause. They held a meeting on Sunday School, at this place, in which they gave many good instructions regarding our Sunday School and our religion.

Our Sunday school at present numbers about 50 pupils, with an average attendance of about 35. As a general thing the children take a lively interest in the Sunday school, and are trying to advance the kingdom of God here on the earth, and to establish Zion and extend her borders, and fit and qualify themselves to help to bear off the kingdom of heaven. For they are beginning to find out the responsibilities that are resting upon the rising generation. Our fathers and mothers will soon pass away, then if the young are prepared to take the places of their fathers and mothers it will be an honor to them, but if they are not, it will be a dishonor.

Praying for the welfare of the Sunday school and of Zion,
I am your brother in the gospel,
C. W. SMITHSON,
Secretary S. S.

HYDE PARK, Lacka Co., Pa.,
October 11, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Brothers Siddoway and Van Tassel, of your city, visited our branch on Sunday, we had a good talk from the brethren. It was their last visit prior to their departure for home. Their mission has been a very successful one, and they have endeared themselves by their genial deportment, to all whose esteem is worth securing.

Our branch, though few in numbers, still lives, we hang together very tenaciously and feel we are on the Lord's side.

One of our Elders, John W. Evans and his son, Frank, were badly burned in the mines about two weeks ago, from a fire damp explosion. It was one of the most terrific explosions that has ever occurred in these coal regions. It was surprising how those men escaped so well. They are improving rapidly. Bro. Evans has a brother living in Spanish Fork. Mining in this region is becoming more dangerous every year on account of the increasing depth of mining operations.

Secretary Everts' circular to foreign governments on Mormon immigration is laughed at by our liberal friends in this locality. He might as well have issued a proclamation against the rising of the sun. What a comment on our government, "the most powerful on earth," that it has to go on its banded knees and beg for assistance from all the powers of Europe to stay the progress of the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands, i. e. Mormonism. Why do the nations rage? We know.

The NEWS comes regularly to hand—contents well digested, I assure you. Elder Standing's martyrdom created a profound sensation in our midst as a little branch. Georgia has sown the wind and is even now reaping the whirlwind.

Yours as ever in the covenant,
E. HOWELL.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An eastern exchange remarks that "The Mormons do not seem to be seriously disturbed over the crusade against them." True, we leave all the worrying to the crusaders. Let 'em fret.

The Cincinnati Times, published in the Porkopolis of America says: "Congress could build a wall around Utah and then declare it a penitentiary. How would that do?" Congress could build a wall round Cincinnati and declare it a hog pen. How would that do?

The latest decision of astronomers in regard to the mean distance of the sun from the earth is 93,101,000 miles. This determination has been reached by a computation of the solar parallax from calculations of the distance of Mars from the earth, based on the observations of David Gill, of England, who went to Ascension Island for

the purpose in 1877, and the equatorial semi-diameter of the earth determined by Col. Clarke. Prof. Newcombe and Leverrier, differ slightly from Gill in their conclusions, as also with each other.

A new impostor, or religious fanatic has made his appearance in the neighborhood of London. He announces himself as Elijah the Prophet. He claims to be the forerunner of the Day of Judgment, which, he declares is upon us, and he points to the thunder-laden sky and perishing crops as evidence of evil. His outer garment is a sheep's skin; and written upon photographs which are sold of him are references to the fourth chapter of Malachi, particular stress being laid upon the words, "Behold, I send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." The Saints understand that Elijah has already come, having appeared to Joseph the Seer in the Kirtland Temple.

"Edward," said Mr. Rice, "what do I hear—that you have disobeyed your grandmother, who told you just now not to jump down these steps?" "Grandma didn't tell us not to, papa; she only came to the door and said, 'I wouldn't jump down those steps, boys,' and I shouldn't think she would—an old lady like her!"

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