

CONFERENCE OF SALT LAKE STAKE

Three Interesting Meetings Held
Sunday in Assembly Hall
And Tabernacle.

EXCELLENT ADVICE GIVEN.

Reports of an Encouraging Character,
Showing Stake to be in Good
Condition.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake stake convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Assembly Hall. Of the general authorities of the church there were present Elders John R. Winder and Anthony H. Lund of the First Presidency, and Elders Francis M. Lyman, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, and George Albert Smith of the quorum of Apostles. President Nephi L. Morris and counselors presided.

The stake choir sang, "The happy day has rolled on." Prayer was offered by Elder Elias S. Woodruff. Singing, "We're not ashamed to own our Lord."

President Morris reported that the stake continued to be in a prosperous condition. There was now an elders' quorum in each of the 10 wards of the stake. Eight wards had religion classes, and these organizations were doing an excellent work. The general and stake authorities were voted upon and were unanimously sustained.

Counselor George R. Emery, speaking of the lesser priesthood, advised the bishops to give the Priesthood an opportunity to acquire a practical knowledge of their duties by assigning them to administer the Sacrament and perform the ordinance of baptism.

Counselor Edward T. Ashton urged the young people to conduct their entertainments in such a way that their social gatherings would be congenial to the old as well as to the young.

President Anthony H. Lund addressed the conference on the mission and destiny of the church. Elder Francis M. Lyman showed how well the church had provided for all the spiritual needs of its members. President John R. Winder, commenting upon the remarks made by Counselor Ashton, suggested the advisability of giving those who were no longer young an opportunity for recreation in the amusement halls of the wards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elders Clawson and Smith Preach on
Practical Religion.

The afternoon session was held in the Tabernacle, with an attendance of nearly 3,000 souls. The speakers were Elders Rudger Clawson and Hyrum M. Smith of the council of the Apostles, the former dealing principally with the mission of "Mormonism" and the latter with the practical work needed to rid communities of existing evils.

The choir sang the hymn:

Lo, the mighty God appearing,
From on high Jehovah speaks.

Prayer was offered by Elder R. C. Badger.

The choir further sang:

Again we meet around the board,
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord.

ELDER RUDGER CLAWSON.

Elder Rudger Clawson was the first speaker. He said he regretted that all present had not been in attendance at the morning meeting, for the spirit of the Lord was there felt in rich abundance and all who assembled had a most enjoyable time.

The speaker referred to a section in the book of Doctrine and Covenants wherein the Lord says, "And behold, it shall come to pass because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked." This clause, said the speaker, made it appear that the Lord was not as merciful as He should be; that He lost sight of the fact that many were begotten in sin, and therefore were not wholly responsible for their unrighteous acts. But such was not the case, for the Lord continued stating that such vengeance would only come upon them provided they did not repent, and further that it would not come until the cup of his indignation was full. This was strikingly exemplified in the days of the Prophet Noah, who preached for 120 years warning the world of the judgments that would come upon them provided they did not repent of their sins.

The Lord, said the speaker, had ever been merciful unto His people. After His crucifixion Jesus Christ went and preached to the spirits in prison, which some time were disobedient when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. Such a time was being renewed in this day. For more than 75 years the servants of God had been abroad in the land, preaching the Gospel of repentance unto all the world. It was not the purpose of God to take advantage of His children. Rather did He desire to bring them all to a knowledge of His truths, to sound a warning voice before his judgments should be poured out upon them.

It was a mistaken idea to suppose that the blood of Jesus Christ was applicable to the sins of those who sought not to do the will of God. The Scriptures plainly declared that men should walk in the light, even as God, the Father, is in the light, and if they did so then the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, would cleanse them from all sin. Elder Clawson commended the Priesthood of God and the painstaking efforts to advance the cause. The Priesthood of God and the painstaking efforts to advance the cause. The Priesthood of God and the painstaking efforts to advance the cause.

ELDER HYRUM M. SMITH.

The choir and soloists sang the anthem, "Why Do the Nations Rage?" which Elder Hyrum M. Smith addressed the meeting. He spoke of the tendency among the Christian ministers of the day to derry from their pupils, the evils existing throughout the world. To what extent their utterances were bearing fruit could best be judged by the conditions which surrounded them at the present time. It was a well known fact that the congregations of the day were fast diminishing and that many who once were devout religionists were falling by the wayside, a slave to the conditions so frequently spoken against.

Elder Smith alluded to the operation of saloons and gambling houses, many of which were conducted and upheld by men who were foremost among those who declaimed against them. The drunkard was not alone responsible for his condition. A good degree of the responsibility devolved upon respected church members, who owned and operated breweries, distilleries and whole-

sale liquor houses. As well decline against divorce and support those who divorced, as to cry out against the evils of intemperance, and support those who directly contribute to its existence.

The world is in need of practical moralists—men who have the strength of their convictions and who refuse to fellowship those who indulge in the evils complained of. The church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints would not tolerate those who indulge in evil practices. It mattered not how prompt they were socially, how wealthy they were or how much they contributed to church funds. The Gospel of Jesus Christ admitted of no compromise. It had but one object in view, the suppression of sin, and those who would not comply with its requirements would be cut off. This was one of the distinctive features of "Mormonism." There was no half-way business about it. It stood for purity, for civic righteousness. It taught correct principles and the people governed themselves. It was the belief of the world that a mere confession of the lips was sufficient to save men in the Kingdom of God. This was a doctrine of devils and perhaps did more to perpetuate and encourage wickedness than any other one thing.

Elder Smith referred to the practice of refusing to innocents children the holy communion, and administering the same to the murderer condemned to death. The absurdity of such a doctrine was pointed out and the statement made that such a practice was an abomination before God. The holy Sacrament was intended for the pure in heart, for those who were righteous before the Lord. It was not intended for the scum of the earth, and the Lord would not approve of such a practice.

The speaker deprecated the existence of the evils referred to, but felt that such would not be overcome without practical effort in the direction indicated. The church of Christ did not wink at sin, nor would it fellowship men or women who practiced sin in any form. It was the duty of those holding the Holy Priesthood to correct any evils that might exist in the church. This should be done in love, patience and long-suffering. But when these virtues had been exhausted, then they who persisted in such evils should be cut off and permitted to take their own course.

President Morris announced the centennial anniversary of the Prophet Joseph Smith to be fittingly celebrated in the Tabernacle on Sunday next. "The choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel," and the benediction was pronounced by Elder A. W. Asper.

EVENING SESSION.

Religious Classes and Stake and Ward Choirs Reported.

The third and last session of the conference was held in the Assembly hall at 7 o'clock in the evening. The meeting was devoted to the work of the religion classes and the stake and ward choirs.

A typical Religion class exercise on the parable of the sower was presented under the direction of Sister Aid William T. Nuttall. The praying, singing and speaking was done by the children in a manner that elicited the warm approval of those present.

Several selections were sung by the stake choir and by ward choirs. Stake Religion Class Supt. Henry B. Elder and Stake Chorister Alvin A. Beasley spoke of the progress of the work under their charge.

President Anthony H. Lund, general superintendent of Religion classes, praised the exercises that had been given by the children, and pleaded with the parents to give their hearty support to the latest of the auxiliary associations of the church.

WANTS CASE REOPENED.

Minnie Fischropp Claims Husband Took Snap Judgment Against Her.

From all indications August Fischropp took snap judgment against his wife, Mrs. Minnie Fischropp, when he secured a divorce from her in this county on Oct. 23, 1904. At least Mrs. Fischropp claims that he did. She stated to Deputy County Clerk David A. Smith on Saturday afternoon that she heard nothing of the divorce case until she arrived from Chicago several days ago, where she had been visiting her husband's relatives for some time.

The complaint in the case alleged that Mrs. Fischropp had deserted her husband because she refused to leave her home in Great Falls, Mont., and come to this city to live with him. The return on the summons showed that Mrs. Fischropp could not be found at Great Falls, hence a decree of divorce by default was rendered against her. She claims that she was in Chicago visiting his relatives at the time the attempt was made to serve her with a summons, and that she knew nothing of the matter until her arrival in this city. She saw Fischropp in Chicago about six months ago but she declares that he said nothing to her about the divorce proceedings. She wanted to know what could be done and was advised to see an attorney with a view to having the decree set aside and the case reopened. This she will probably do.

WAS NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Wonder is that Stuff Did Not Explode While Being Handled.

Among the articles found in the hat of the gang of burglars captured by the authorities last week in "Bergertown," near Murray, was a small bottle containing a colorless and harmless looking fluid which was turned over to City Chemist Harms for analysis and found to be nitro-glycerine. That a serious explosion was avoided while the chemist was being analyzed around among the citizens of officials and finally to the chemist is certainly a wonder, and had the liquid exploded it would have shaken the entire city and probably destroyed considerable valuable property. The bottle contained about three-fourths of a pound of the nitro in its most concentrated form.

The deputy sheriff who found it in the hat examined it and then gave it to County Attorney Christensen, who then requested that it be turned over to City Chemist Harms for an analysis. The chemist put it through several tests before he discovered that it contained nitro acid. He then put a few drops in a capsule and took it out back of the building in which his office is located, where he

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AMEND THEIR COMPLAINT.

Messrs. Musser and Smurthwaite Re-
vive the Tithing Case.

A second amended complaint has been filed in the district court by Don Carlos W. Musser and Charles A. Smurthwaite against President Joseph F. Smith and his counselors, and Bishop

W. B. Preston, in which plaintiffs again seek to compel defendants to account for the tithing fund received by them from the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also to enjoin them from investing such funds in secular institutions.

Judge Morris recently sustained the demurrer of defendants to the first amended complaint and allowed plaintiffs to amend the same. The second amended complaint was filed with a view to complying with the ruling of the court on the demurrer. It alleges that it is unlawful for the trustees of the church to use the church funds in his hands for the purchase of commercial stocks and bonds, as said funds are to be used for church purposes only, and the trustees have no right to invest or speculate with them.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Andrew Olson, Well Known Janitor,
Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Andrew Olson, who has been employed for three years as janitor of the Squires Barber shop on east First South street, was found dead in his room at 181 west South Temple street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Olson was a hunchback and was known to suffer from attacks of heart failure on account of this deformity. It is thought that death resulted from this cause, and that there was no attempt at suicide. However, Olson had expressed a feeling that death would be a welcome release for him and that he did not care to live. Saturday night he retired, complaining of feeling ill, and Sunday

morning the proprietor called him at 1 o'clock. He did not respond, and at 3 o'clock the proprietor decided to investigate, and found him lying dead in his bed. His clothes were arranged on a chair, indicating that he had retired the night before according to his regular manner. Deceased has no relatives in this country, although a number reside in Sweden. He was a member of the Swedish brotherhood and took some part in socialistic affairs.

FAITHFUL WOMAN GONE.

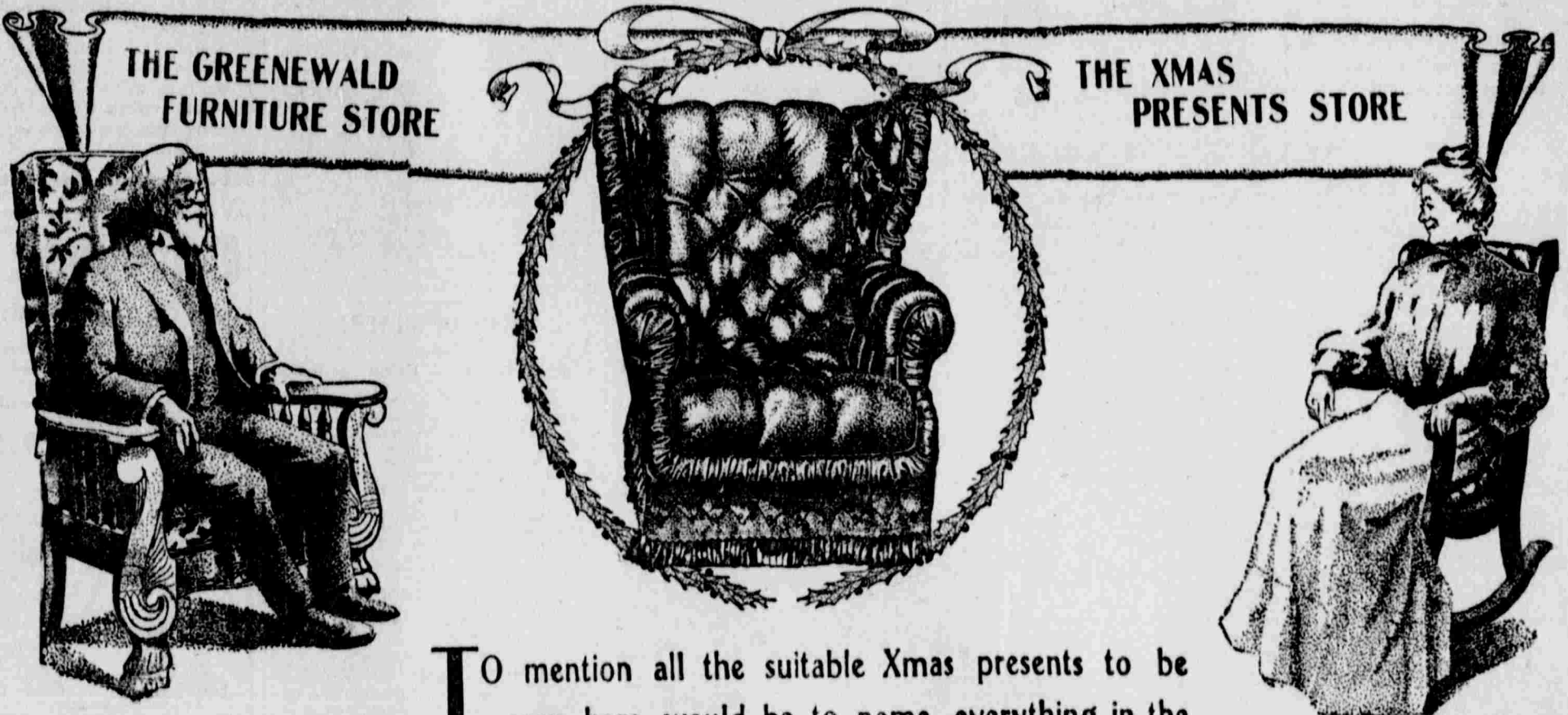
Mrs. Martha Read Smith Passes Away
At an Advanced Age.

Martha Read Smith, an old-time member of the Church, and one who did much for the Elders in her native

land, passed away Sunday at the home of her grandson, Edgar V. Anderson, in Sugar House ward, at the ripe age of 86 years. The deceased was born Feb. 28, 1819, at Ilford, Essex, Barkingside, England, and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about 1850, since which time she has been true to her religious belief. The funeral will be held at the undertaking parlors of Joseph E. Taylor, tomorrow at 1 p. m., with interment at Logan the day following.

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