

from the quotations that the people of the earth will be judged out of the books written in their several generations; that through the loss by the children of Israel in their exodus from Egypt, of their records, certain persons were prohibited from acting in certain offices in the priesthood because they could not prove their lineage; referred to Daniel vii, the coming of the Ancient of Days, and the numbers that shall stand before him when the "books are opened." He then referred to a revelation published in the new book of Doctrine and Covenants, specifying the land called Adam-ondi-Ahman, or the Valley of God, where Adam dwelt, situated in Davies County, Missouri, about 50 miles north of Jackson County; where the Ancient of Days shall sit in fulfillment of the prophecy, that being the same place where Adam before his death called together his posterity and prophesied concerning his seed to the latest generations. The speaker showed that many blessings were inherited by the children of men in consequence of promises made to their fathers, generations before they were received. He then referred to the sayings of the Savior to the Twelve at Jerusalem, and to the Twelve on this continent concerning their judging the twelve tribes of Israel and the seed of Nephi respectively, and spoke of the Temple to be built at Jerusalem by men raised up by the Lord, in which a throne shall be erected upon which the Lord shall sit when he visits the earth.

Lisbon Lamb, who made assault upon Brother David Saunders, in Morgan Co. with intent to kill him, was by unanimous vote cut off from the church.

The authorities of the Stake, Wm. R. Smith, president, Christopher Layton and Anson Call Counselors, Arthur Stayner clerk of the Stake, and the Bishops and Counselors of the various wards were then presented to the people and unanimously sustained.

After singing

Wait on the Lord, by the Farmington choir, and benediction by Patriarch John Smith, the quarterly Conference of Davis Stake of Zion dismissed.

A. STAYNER, Clerk.

MINUTES

Of the Quarterly Conference of Utah Stake of Zion held at Provo City, Oct. 13th, 1877.

Present—John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff and Erastus Snow of the Twelve Apostles; A. O. Smoot and Counselors, Patriarch Zebedee Coltrin and many of the Bishops of the Stakes.

President A. O. Smoot called the attention of the meeting.

Choir sang, "God moves in a mysterious way."

Prayer offered by Zebedee Coltrin.

Singing hymn on page 124.

PRESIDENT A. O. SMOOT,

In a brief manner, stated the object of the meeting to be in part for the presentation of the General Authorities of the Church, and also the Authorities of Utah Stake before the people in Stake Conference, and also for instructions in the duties of the Gospel.

The Clerk then read the monthly report of the several Wards for the month ending September 30th.

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW

Addressed the meeting, alluding to the necessity of promptness and accuracy on the part of the officers in their monthly reports, that they might constitute a true statistical report of the several Wards, and, when combined, of the Stake, extending his remarks to the visiting duties of the teachers, which labor should be performed in all the kindness, tenderness and loving care of the father in the family government; alluding to the training of children, quoting "as we sow so shall we reap," the children would in their future lives make apparent the care or neglect of their parents in that particular.

Benediction by Bishop Brigham.

2 p.m.

After singing, prayer was offered by Pres. L. John Nuttall, of Kanab.

The General Authorities of the Church, and also the Local Authorities of the Stake and of the several Wards, were presented for the vote of the people, and were accepted and sustained unanimously.

Organization of Utah Stake of Zion.

Abraham O. Smoot, President; David John, First Counselor; Harvey H. Cluff, Second Counselor.

High Council—James E. Daniels, Warren N. Dusenberry, S. P. Curtis, W. O. Sperry, George M. Brown, B. K. Bullock, Albert Jones, James Dunn, Alfalfa Young, A. O. Smoot, Jr., Charles W. Smith, David Cluff, Jr.

Isaac Bullock, President of High Priests Quorum; Samuel S. Jones, First Counselor; Moses Jones, Second Counselor.

Verne L. Halliday, President of First Quorum of Elders; Joseph Keeler, First Counselor; Henry J. Maiben, Second Counselor.

John R. R. Johnson, President First Priests Quorum.

Thomas Allman, First Counselor.

Neils Johnson, Second Counselor.

Albert Jones, Clerk of the Stake.

Bishops of the Wards—

First Ward, Provo City, John P. R. Johnson.

Second Ward, Provo City, James W. Loveless.

Third Ward, Provo City, Myron Tanner.

Fourth Ward, Provo City, John E. Booth.

Fifth Ward, Provo City, Peter Madsen.

Springville Ward, William Bringhurst.

Spanish Fork Ward, George D. Snell.

Salem Ward, Robert H. Davis.

Payson Ward, Joseph S. Tanner.

Spring Lake Ward, Benjamin F. Johnson.

Santaquin Ward, George Halliday.

Goshen Ward, William Price.

Cedar Valley Ward, Henry F. Cook.

Lehi Ward, David Evans.

Alpine Ward, Thomas J. McCullough.

American Fork Ward, Leonard E. Harrington.

Pleasant Grove Ward, John Brown.

PRESIDENT A. O. SMOOT

Called the attention of the people to the necessity of securing correct and legal titles to their lands, reminding them to have recourse to the services of the county surveyor in the surveying of their lands, and thus avoid trouble and save their heirs from vexatious law suits.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF

spoke of the fulfillment of prophecy by the Latter-day Saints in their building of temples, and the other labors performed by the people, suggested that there were possibly 50,000 souls in Utah Territory who had never seen Babylon only as it existed in some of our larger cities, and who were unacquainted with and free from its wicked and corrupt practices, who if properly trained would make a mighty power in the earth under the hand of the Lord in accomplishing his purposes.

The Father looked to this people and held them responsible for preparing the earth for its final judgment.

We have been prepared by the peculiar circumstances we have passed through for this work, there is no time to spare, and if we submit ourselves to the law of Christ to carry out His will upon the earth, our reward will be great. The speaker continued on topics of interest, reviewing the present position of the Church, with its future and past history, concluded with exhorting the people to support home industries.

Choir sang

Nearer my God to Thee.

Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.

Choir sang

Mortals awake.

Prayer by Bishop John Brown.

Singing hymn on page 15.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Addressed the congregation. After commenting on the death of President Brigham Young he spoke of the powers of the priesthood, of their labors for the salvation of the people of the earth; alluded to the duties of the Twelve Apostles in their presiding capacity over the Church, quoting the saying of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The action of the Twelve in assum-

ing the authority of the Church was not of their own seeking, but was imperative upon them by virtue of their office. Alluded to the rights of the people in governmental affairs, quoting Bible history to show that while we listen to the voice of God, He also respects the voice of His people. The freedom of the human mind could not nor should not be trammelled, but men should learn to acquiesce in all that was sensible, right and just.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF

Followed, commenting on the duties of the patriarchs. There should be no mercenary point considered in their office, but the prophetic influence of the Spirit of God poured out through them upon the children of men.

At the conclusion of the morning services, Elder John Peters, of American Fork, sang "The Seer." Benediction by Apostle Woodruff.

2 p.m.

The choir sang:

The time is high, that happy time.

Prayer by Counsellor H. H. Cluff.

The choir sang:

Jesus, once of humble birth.

After the Sacrament had been administered the clerk read the names of twenty-four Elders for home missionaries in Utah Stake, who were sustained by the unanimous vote of the congregation as follows:

Warren N. Dusenberry, Provo

Robert S. Thomas, "

Albert Jones, "

N. P. Beebe, "

Verne L. Halliday, "

William C. A. Smoot, "

Zebedee Coltrin, Spanish Fork

Thomas Martell, "

Zebedee Coltrin, Jr., "

Henry W. Barnett, Payson

Samuel Westencroft, "

Joseph M. Tanner, Provo

James W. Bean, "

John B. Milner, "

John Hayes, Pleasant Grove

Lewis Harvey, "

A. O. Smoot, Jr., Provo

William Paxman, American Fork

William Webb, "

Wilson H. Dusenberry, Provo

James Taylor, Lehi

William Winn, "

William H. Kelsey, Springville

James Armitstead, Pleasant Grove.

After which the statistical report of the Stake for the month ending September 30th was read.

COUNSELLOR JOHN W. YOUNG

then addressed the meeting on the Revelation of the Word of Wisdom; quoted the promise made by President B. Young at Logan some years back that if they as mothers in Israel would cease drinking tea and coffee it should lengthen their years five, and that of their offspring twenty—spoke of the mother's great influence upon their offspring and the importance of making our lives examples worthy of the children's imitation. Referred to the erroneous ideas received by students in geology from the scientists of the day, who do not remember that the things of God are only known by the Spirit of God.

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW

addressing the congregation, continued on the errors of the geological scientists; the study of the great works of the Creator in many instances caused men through their weakness and vanity to become befogged and lose faith in Deity. He occupied the remainder of the meeting in a discourse replete with instruction to the people, of a scientific, refined and useful nature, concluding by exhorting the Saints to observe the law of Christ: "To love the Lord with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself."

The choir sang the anthem

Hark, the song of jubilee.

The Conference then adjourned until the second Saturday in January, 1878.

Benediction by Counselor John W. Young.

A. JONES, Clerk.

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