

a Stake of Zion in Palestine. Means are required for that also. Besides this, manufactories are needed in our midst to give employment to this people, to sustain the men, women and children who belong to this Church. I feel that this is an opportune time to consider all these things. I should fear, indeed, the accumulation of wealth among us if it were to be kept in the hands of a few.

We have been threatened as a people with disfranchisement in Utah Territory, and some even say that this is likely to occur. Already there are bills introduced into Congress proposing to take the right of franchise from the Latter-day Saints, regardless of their practices. But I have contemplated this with a good deal of complacency. It has had no terror for me, although I think it would be a terrible outrage; one of the worst things that could be done by a government like ours, because it would stand unparalleled, at least in modern times. I have, however, never liked the distinction of one class of our people having the franchise while another has been deprived of it. I have thought that it would lead to serious results sooner or later unless carefully guarded against, and this gospel will never accomplish its mission until the inequalities have disappeared from among us.

President Woodruff

Stated that it had been customary for some time past to read reports and present the authorities of the Church to the general assembly on the last day of Conference. There would be a departure from that rule this time so as to reserve tomorrow exclusively for preaching, and the presentations would be made this afternoon.

President George Q. Cannon stated that as some of the Presidents of Stakes had failed to forward their reports, although they had been requested to send them, only an incomplete, general report could be made up, and the reading of it would be dispensed with.

THE RELIEF SOCIETY

report was in every respect complete, as it embodied statements from every Stake in the Church. It exhibited the following totals, which were read by Brother Cannon: It showed 334 branches, with a membership of 16,825. There had been disbursed for charitable purposes, \$10,382.90; for buildings, etc., \$2,667.13. There is now on hand, cash, \$11,997.55; property of various kinds, \$18,901.02; real estate, \$56,248.15; wheat, 43,081 bushels; cash for wheat, \$1,474.67.

The report was signed by Zina D. H. Young, President; Jane S. Richards, First Counselor; Bathsheba W. Smith, Second Counselor; Sarah M. Kimball, Secretary; Romania B. Pratt, Assistant Secretary and M. Isabella Horne, Treasurer.

The following summary, showing the number, general condition, etc., of

CHURCH SCHOOLS,

was read:

Totals of Institutions of Learning:
Colleges 3

Academics.....	21	
Seminaries.....	5	
	29	
Of these there are in		
Utah.....	23	
Idaho.....	4	
Arizona.....	2	
	29	
Students.		
Male.....	2,248	
Female.....	1,889	3,937
Teachers.		
Principals.....	29	
Regular Teachers.....	36	
Lady Teachers.....	13	
Music Teachers.....	5	
Specialist.....	1	86
Total engaged in this school work	4,623	
(Normal students, 136.)		
Branches of education taught:		
Theology.	Geometry.	
Rhetoric.	Trigonometry.	
Grammar.	Calculus.	
Elocution.	Book-keeping.	
Reading.	Astronomy.	
Orthography.	Geology.	
Arithmetic.	Physical Geography.	
Algebra.	Geography.	
Physics.	General History.	
Chemistry.	U. S. History.	
Physiology.	Latin.	
Hygiene.	French.	
Natural History.	German.	
Biology.	Spanish.	
Civil Government.	Penmanship.	
Vocal Music.	Oxlesthencics.	
Instrumental Music.	Phonography.	
Drawing.		
To normals—Theory and practice of Teaching.		

THE AUTHORITIES

were then presented for the votes of the assembly as follows:

Wilford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith, George Tensdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Mariner W. Merrill, Anton H. Lund and Abraham H. Cannon.

Counselors to the Twelve Apostles—John W. Young and Daniel H. Wells.

The Counselors in the First Presidency, and the Twelve Apostles, with their Counselors, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church: John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seventies: Henry Herriman, Jacob Gates, Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fjehlsted, John Morgan and B. H. Roberts.

At this point President Cannon stated that there was a vacancy in the Presiding Council of the Seventies. George Reynolds was nominated and elected to fill it.

Wm. B. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his First and John R. Winder as his Second Counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church Historian and General Church Recorder.

John Jaques as Assistant Church Historian and General Church Recorder.

Joseph Don Carlos Young, as General Church architect.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the Conference.

Arthur Winter as Church reporter.

As the Church Board of Education: Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, George W. Thatcher, Amos Howe, Anton H. Lund, James Sharp.

The vote to sustain the brethren named in their several offices and callings was unanimous throughout.

The choir sang:

An angel from on high.
The long, long silence broke.

Adjourned till Sunday, April 6th.
Benediction by Elder John Nicholson.

THIRD DAY.

Sunday, April 6th, 10 a. m.

Singing by the choir:

Come we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord
And worship at His throne.

Prayer by Elder Charles W. Penrose.

The choir sang:

Inspirer of the ancient seers,
Who wrote from thee the sacred page,
The same through all succeeding years,
To us in our degenerate age.

President Wilford Woodruff

was the first speaker. Following is a brief synopsis of his discourse: I feel that every heart in this congregation should be filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the blessings which we enjoy this morning, that so many of us have the privilege of meeting in this Tabernacle in peace and quietude to worship Him. Neither the President of this Church, nor his Counselors, nor the Twelve Apostles, nor any man who dwells in the flesh has any power of himself to instruct or edify the Saints; he can only do so by the power and blessing of the Almighty. We are all dependent upon the Lord. The Prophet Joseph was a humble man; he was chosen as one of the weak instruments in the hands of the Lord, raised up in this last dispensation to lay the foundation of this great Church and kingdom of God upon the earth. He was taught by the administration of angels. He knew full well that his strength lay in God and not in himself; and that is our condition at the present time. Whenever the President of this Church or any of those in authority feel in their hearts that the Lord cannot do without them in the carrying on of His work they stand on slippery ground. What did Joseph Smith say when Oliver Cowdery told him that he was the second apostle in this Church and kingdom and that if he left the Church it would fall? His reply was, "Oliver, you try it." Oliver Cowdery did try it, and he fell, but the kingdom did not. The Lord is not dependent upon any one man or any set of men for the carrying on of His work.

We have been called in this day a generation to go forth and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the Gentiles first and then to the house of Israel. This has been my lot. It