

Continued from page 169, they had sent out to assist him in the preaching of the Gospel. He bore testimony that this is the work of God. His kingdom is set up. His servants hold His Priesthood, and no power on earth can stay its progress, it will increase in power and might as it has done, but more abundantly. He rejoiced in this work which he knew to be divine, and prayed that God would continue to inspire all His servants to build up His kingdom on the earth.

President George Q. Cannon read a partial report of the Primary Associations of the Territory. The officers are: Louie Felt, President; M. M. Barratt and Clara M. Cannon, Counselors; Lelia F. Freeze, Secretary; Minnie Felt, Treasurer. The report was adopted by unanimous vote. Also a report of the appropriation that was voted for at our last Conference in aid of the poor.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said in listening to the report it would be seen the majority of the Stakes had fulfilled their obligations, but some had not done so, and all who were in favor of those delinquent Stakes filling their obligation were called upon to raise their right hands. (There was a unanimous vote.) It was also motioned and carried that the report so far as corrected be adopted.

President George Q. Cannon then read a report of the amount of back tithing, which the Church had agreed to remit, which was also adopted by unanimous vote.

A report of the Emigrating Fund Company was also read, together with the amount remitted.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Made a few remarks on the subject of the amounts which had accumulated on the books as back or delinquent tithing, and which by vote of last Conference the Church had agreed to cancel a portion of, so that their tithing record could be clear and plain, and he hoped in the future, there would be no more delinquencies allowed to accumulate. He did not approve of promissory notes being given. Some people seemed to think when their notes were given, the debt was paid. He wished them to honor the law as given by the Lord, and live up to it. He also desired the Saints to pay every honest obligation they have entered into, and thus secure a reputation for honor and integrity and uprightness of character. The report of the Emigration Fund Company was then adopted as read.

APOSTLE F. D. RICHARDS

Arose to make some explanations of the report of the P. E. Fund. He spoke of the poverty-stricken circumstances of many of the poor in the old country, and also the indebtedness to the Fund of many of those who have been helped to this country, and these facts should stimulate those who are owing to make every effort to meet these obligations as early as possible, and should also act as an incentive to the Presidents of Stakes and Bishops to use their influence in having these debts gathered in. In cases where misfortune, sickness, or poverty prevented the Saints from paying their indebtedness to the Fund, the public fund stretches forth its hand, to their relief that they may be free from the burthen that was hanging over them, but those who were able were expected to settle their obligations.

APOSTLE ERASTUS SNOW

Thought a more thorough wakening up among the local Lesser Priesthood should be promoted and encouraged, in looking after, and giving personal attention to the collection of those debts, and not exclusively leaving them to rest on the shoulders of the P. E. Fund Committee. He also made some remarks on the subject of tithing, and the reports on the Bishops' schedule, by which it appeared that many of the Saints pay no tithing at all, and others only a moiety of a tithe. Under these circumstances what duties devolved upon the authorities of each Stake? He thought it was imperative on them to teach the people the law of the Lord, and the great blessings that will flow to them through their obedience and to instruct them in the spirit of meekness and forbearance, not by constraint, but labor to increase faith in their hearts, that when they obey the law they may do it understandingly and not in the fear of man. He then gave some excellent instruction to the various officers of the priesthood in the

Stakes of Zion. Over 30 years has passed since he and Brother F. D. Richards and others had commenced to labor in establishing the P. E. Fund and bringing out the first companies under its auspices, and during that period not one individual had ever been oppressed in the collection of its dues. He begged, however, that there might be more vigilance used in the future towards the payment of P. E. Fund debts, that a better showing may be made by another Conference.

The choir sang the anthem,

Hearken unto me.

Conference adjourned until two o'clock p.m.
Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

2 p. m.

Conference called to order by President John Taylor.

The choir sang,

All hail the glorious day,

By prophets long foretold.

Prayer by Apostle Brigham Young.

The choir sang,

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

I am requested to make a few remarks. I consider it very important for all Latter-day Saints to seek to obtain a correct knowledge in relation to family government. We are peculiar in our associations in the family circle. We are brought into relations with each other in this respect in a manner entirely different to the most of the civilized world; as husbands, we are called to be the heads of our families and to set them an example in all things. There can be no permanent happiness and prosperity in the midst of the families of Zion without purity at home; and on the part, at least of the head of the family, there should be manifested wisdom, good judgment, strict justice and impartiality. I believe it to be necessary for men to be just, to be righteous, to be honorable, and to be truthful with their wives and with their children; for the relationship of the husband to the wife, or to the wives, and to the children, is destined not only to continue while we remain in the flesh, but it is a relationship which is destined in the order of the Priesthood and the kingdom of God, to continue throughout the countless ages of eternity. And it looks to me as though it were very necessary we should make as few mistakes and errors in the matter of the government of our families as possible, so that we may have the fewer of these unpleasant things to regret in eternity, when we shall look with a perfect clearness upon all our follies and shortcomings. A man, in order to maintain the confidence of his family, the affections of his wives and of his children, must be virtuous, honorable and honest with his family, and be kind and merciful in his government at home. Any man that will seek to govern his family with an iron rod, or without mercy, or forgiveness, or kindness in his heart, will not succeed, he will have trouble, he will have difficulty, and more than likely will bring disgrace upon himself and more or less upon the principles which he essays to carry out. Not that any principle which is pure and honorable before God can suffer from the wickedness, the ignorance, or the follies of any man or of any people. A principle that is pure, that is righteous, that is God-given unto us, can never be changed from its true character by the acts of men. That which God has given us is of Him, and is good, and nothing can make it otherwise. Nevertheless we can bring disgrace, discredit and dishonor upon ourselves by dishonoring those principles which God has revealed for our comfort, happiness, and prosperity, and for the prosperity of the kingdom of God in the dispensation of the fulness of times. There is nothing that is of greater importance to the Latter-day Saints than to become thoroughly acquainted with those principles which emanate from God and from the fountains of truth, respecting the righteous government of the family circle; that wives may have confidence in the husband; that husbands may have perfect confidence in their wives; that affection may reign in the hearts of husbands and wives, and also that affection may reign in the hearts of children toward their parents, and parents toward their children; that we may be united and bound together by those bonds of affection and love which are des-

tined to continue throughout the ages of eternity, and which can never be broken asunder. More especially ought these principles to be observed by those who have entered into the relation of plural marriage; for if a man takes unto himself wives and then mistreats them, neglects them, or shows partiality towards any one branch of his family, he brings dishonor upon that family, and so far as it appears to the eyes of the world, disgrace upon the cause of Zion and upon the principles which God has revealed.

Therefore, husbands, love your wives; wives, love your husbands. Husbands, be true to your wives, for they have as much right to demand of you purity and virtue and honesty and honor, as you possibly can have to demand the same of them. For these principles must be reciprocal between husbands and wives. And the man that will prostitute himself, the man that will corrupt himself, is if anything more deserving of condemnation than the woman; because the woman is the weaker vessel; and the man should be the example; the man is the responsible person; and therefore the man that will do wrong should be held to a more strict account for his wrongdoing before God and man than the woman who is considered to be the weaker vessel. Therefore it is for you Elders in Israel, you male members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to honor the principles of the Gospel which you have received, to carry them out irrespective and regardless of the taunts and contumely of the world. We care not for the world, nor for the contempt of the world, inasmuch as we know that we are carrying out the purposes of God, and inasmuch as we are conscious that we are not guilty of the crimes and the wickedness which they lay at our doors and that they charge us with.

God help us to preserve in purity the family relations that exist in the household of faith; that the husbands may be honorable and righteous men; that they may be true to their wives and companions in life, and be ever watchful over their interests and welfare, and that they may be kind and affectionate, teaching them with mercy and kindness and justice and in righteousness all the day long; and extending this same love, mercy and justice and impartiality to all the branches of their family, neglecting none, giving none the heartache, leaving no occasion for sorrow, for accusation and for just condemnation in the hearts of any of their families towards us. I love to see a man live so that he is conscious of having dealt justly and righteously, with every one of the branches of his family; so that he is conscious that none of his wives can point a finger to a single act of his life, in which he was guilty of any misdeed whatever; and above all things that he is not guilty of partiality and injustice, thereby causing jealousy to arise in the hearts of the wives, causing difficulty, and division, and strife to arise where peace, and union, and love, and harmony should dwell. For unless our families are united; unless they love each other; unless they love the truth, they can no more be God's and His Christ's than the world. Because God has said, "Except ye are one, ye are not mine;" therefore, the family circle must be united, the members thereof must live in peace and harmony as far as it is possible. When we live in peace, and love, and union, establishing in our homes the type of heavenly government, and as long as we pursue this course, God will bless our family relations, and the peace of heaven will reign in our midst; and union and love and power and the blessing of God will be upon all the Israel of God.

This is my testimony in relation to this principle. And that God may help us to do His will and give us wisdom to do right in this and in all things that pertain to the building up of the Zion of the last days, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

Then presented the names of missionaries, who were sustained by the unanimous vote of the Conference, as published in last evening's News.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said, we have voted to sustain the brethren called on missions, by our faith and prayers; I now wish to see if we are willing to sustain them by supporting their families in their absence. All who are willing to do so

will raise their right hands. The vote was unanimous.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

Then presented the Authorities of the Church, who were unanimously sustained by the united votes of the Conference as follows:

John Taylor, Prophet, Seer and Revelator to, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

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

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

Wilford Woodruff, President of the Twelve Apostles.

Members of the Council of the Apostles:—Wilford Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Albert Carrington, Moses Thatcher, Francis Marion Lyman, John Henry Smith.

Counselor to the Twelve Apostles, Daniel H. Wells.

The Counselors to President John Taylor, the Twelve Apostles and their Counselor, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch of the Church, John Smith.

The First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates, John Van Cott, William W. Taylor.

The Presiding Bishop of the Church, Edward Hunter, with Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton as his Counselors.

John Taylor as Trustee-in-Trust for the body of religious worshippers known and recognized as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to hold the legal title to its property and contract for it.

The Counselors to the President, the Twelve Apostles, their Counselor and Bishop Edward Hunter, as Counselors to the Trustee-in-Trust.

Albert Carrington as President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund Co. for the Gathering of the Poor, and F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, H. S. Eldredge, Joseph F. Smith, Angus M. Cannon, Moses Thatcher, Wm. Jennings, John R. Winder, Henry D. Woodruff, Robert T. Burton, A. O. Smoot and H. B. Clawson as his assistants.

Orson Pratt as Historian and General Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff as his assistant.

Truman O. Angel as General Architect of the Church, and T. O. Angel, Jr., and W. H. Folsom as his assistants.

As Auditing Committee.—W. Woodruff, E. Snow, F. D. Richards and J. F. Smith.

George Goddard as Clerk of the General Conference.

George F. Gibbs as Church Reporter.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said it had been suggested that some additions be made to the auditing committee, and submitted the names of William Jennings and Wm. H. Hooper, who were unanimously sustained as members of the auditing committee. He was very anxious that all the business transactions of the Church should be conducted on correct business principles, so as to compare with any institution in existence. God is perfect in all His works, everything that He controls moves harmoniously and in order, without a jar, and we as His children should imitate Him in all His ways and works as far as we possibly can. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is intended to educate us in every principle that will exalt and ennoble us in the scale of being. Time was when there were only six members of this Church; now our numbers amount to many thousands, and we are destined to grow into a great people. It behooves us, therefore, to carry out those principles of righteousness and justice and honesty, that will secure confidence, especially in regard to financial matters. The Presidency of the Church should realize these things. They should avoid self-aggrandizement and selfishness. They ought to be equitable in all things they do, and they should be honest in all their dealings, financially and otherwise. The same should apply to the Twelve; I take these things to myself and to the brethren associated with me. I know that God will require a strict account of what we do, and that

what we mete out to others, we mete out to us. We have no right to bring in our personal feelings to the administration of justice. We should treat all men, free from bias, and in kindness and mercy, and see some persons cherish prejudice against others as though they were like to see them hurt; such persons are from below and not from above. I do not know of any man, not my worst enemy whom I would wish to see harmed. He then made excellent remarks and explained on the atonement of Christ, showed how Jesus was guided by the desire to do the Father in preference to himself. This spirit should be in our hearts, and we should say, "Not my will, but thine be done." He then explained the President of Stakes, the Twelve and all the various offices of the Priesthood to seek to do God and not themselves, blessed every Quorum and improvement Association, and their institutions, the Sunday schools, the people, their families, love Israel, all men in our love justice and equity, that God would bless and thwart the purposes of those who seek to subvert truth, liberty, all of which he named of Jesus Christ.

The choir and congregation to their feet and sang:

"The Spirit of God like a fire shall be kindled in our hearts."

The latter-day glory begins to dawn.

Conference was adjourned October 6, at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by President Q. Cannon.

LOCAL AND OTHER

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

APPOINTMENTS FOR

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ENCES.

Salt Lake Stake, July 9th

1881.

Weber and Juab Stakes, April 17th, and July 16th and 17th.

Box Elder and Tooele Stakes, April 23rd and 24th, and July 23rd and 24th.

Cache and Wasatch Stakes, 90th and May 1st, and July 31st.

Bear Lake and Summit Stakes, May 7th and 8th, and August 7th.

Sanpete and Morgan Stakes, 14th and 15th, and August 14th.

Davis and Sevier Stakes, 22d, and August 20th.

Utah and Pangwitch Stakes, 28th and 29th, and August 28th.

Kanab Stake June 4th and September 3d and 4th.

St. George Stake June 12th and September 10th.

Parowan Stake June 18th and September 17th and 18th.

Beaver Stake, June 25th and September 24th and 25th.

Millard Stake, July 2nd and October 1st and 2nd.

F. D. Richards, Jos. F. Smith.

April 8th, 1881.

New Land Law.

—M. L. Land Agent of this State, published for the information of the people, the fact that he could make homestead entries on June 15th, 1880, and which have been cancelled or not proved upon their lands by government price therefor. Further information will be free by writing to Mr. Land Agent enclosing stamp.

Guests for the Pen.

—The Marshal Arthur Pratt, guard, arrived in the city, having in charge from Beaver. Twenty of the Silver Reef strikers, a convicted of riot in the District Court, who will either be bailed or remain in the Pen until the September term, they will receive sentence, that the remaining ten are daily convicted of manslaughter, and