

people. What we do, we perform in the name of the God of Israel. When Moses was selected to lead the ancient people of God, he was clothed upon with the authority of Heaven; so it is in this day. The work in which we are now engaged did not originate in the brain of any individual. The Almighty is the originator of it. The work which is called by our neighbors "Mormonism," is admired in its effects by many; they admire the prosperity of the Latter-day Saints and the peace and quiet which reigns throughout our cities and settlements which are not equalled anywhere else; but when it is said these excellent effects are produced by the Latter-day Saints performing all things in the name of the Lord, the world does not like it. If we professed to act as the world does, in our own name only, they would say all right. Probably if Jesus had come to the Jews in his own name, instead of the name of his Father, he would have been received with open arms.

The gospel has accomplished much for the temporal salvation of the Latter-day Saints. Thousands have come from the old countries who, before obeying the command to gather, were living under bondage and in poverty. They were dependent on the fluctuations of trade and the whims and caprices of their employers for their daily bread. They have come here and been able to lift themselves above that condition. Philanthropists admire this, yet they do not like the fact of it all being done in the name of the Almighty. If an individual goes to the nations and declares that he is a missionary from America, it is considered nothing surprising, but when he asserts that he has come in the name of the Lord, to deliver all who will receive his message, from their condition of bondage, and declare to them that, if they will obey the principles taught by him they will know for themselves that he is not an impostor, that there need be no deception, his message is not received.

This work is the work of the Almighty, and it is His business to sustain it, and as long as we do right, we shall be sustained in our efforts to promote His cause. If, in our labors having this end in view, we do things that are disagreeable to other people, we cannot help it; we must do as the Lord directs at all hazards, and we must worship God in the way He has appointed.

It would doubtless be agreeable to us when we go forth to declare the truth to the people, if we were received pleasantly, yet, if it be otherwise, we must nevertheless go forth in the name of the Lord. If we are faithful, the work cannot be hindered in its progress, but will surmount every obstacle and come off triumphant; which may God grant for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Brigham City Choir sang "My own loved Deseret," in a very sweet and tasteful manner, reflecting great credit upon the training of their leader, Bro. Fishburn.

The names of the following brethren were presented to the Conference, by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, having been called to go on short missions to the Eastern States:

Bishop A H Raleigh, 19th ward
Bishop C H Bryan, Nephi
Bishop R T Burton, 15th ward
Bishop Jacob Weiler, 3d
Bishop John W Hess, Farmington
Bishop John Stoker, Bountiful
Bishop L W Hardy, 12th ward
Bishop A K Thurber, Spanish Fork
Bishop E F Sheets, 8th ward
Bishop Samuel A Woolley, 9th ward
Bishop Reuben Miller, Mill Creek
Bishop Alex McRae, 11th ward
Bishop David Evans, Lehi
Bishop Robert D Covington, Washington
Bishop Charles S Peterson, Weber City
Bishop Alex F Barron, Panacea
C V Spencer, 13th ward
Le Grand Young, 17th ward
Angus M Cannon, 15th
Richard Maxfield, Cottonwood
Robert Maxfield, " "
Ezra Clark, Farmington
William Johnson, 15th ward
Henry McEwan, 12th
Millen Atwood, 13th
Bolivar Roberts, " "
Henry Houtz, " "
E T Brownrigg, 7th
Israel Canfield, Ogden
Augustus Canfield, " "
Edward Stevenson, 14th ward
N H Felt, 17th ward
Julian Moses, Mill Creek
W H Folsom, 14th ward
W W Riter, 9th
Roswell Hyde, Kaysville
William G Young, North Mill Creek
Absalom Smith, Draperville
Daniel Cahoon, Cottonwood
Silas Richards, Union
Preston Thomas, Rich Co
Ben F Stewart, Payson
Samuel L Sprague, Sen., 13th ward
Daniel Carter, Bountiful
Elisha H Davis, Lehi
John Nebeker, Tokerville

Lewis Robison, Pleasant Grove
David Candland
E W East, 14th ward
Z Snow, 13th
Geo. G Snyder, Wanship
W I Appleby, 14th ward
Theo McKean, 16th
Henry G Boyle, Payson
Adam Paul, 8th ward
Albert Merrill, Sen., 17th ward
Albert Merrill, Jun., 17th ward
N Groesbeck, 17th ward
Joseph C Rich, Paris, Rich Co
F A Hammond, Huntsville
John Pack, Sen., 17th ward
A R Wright, 14th ward
Samuel J Serrine, 14th ward
Horace K Whitney, 18th Ward
Burr Frost, 8th ward
Thomas Naylor, 13th ward
Nelson Empey, 12th ward
Andrew J Pendleton, 2nd ward
E L T Harrison, 13th ward
J M Barlow, 15th ward
Walter Conrad, 15th ward
J D M Crockwell, 9th ward
Phares Wells, 12th ward
Geo D Grant, Bountiful
Samuel Atwood, 13th ward
Elnathan Eldredge, Sen., 16th ward
William Bringham, Springville
Levi Thornton, Farmington
Byron Groo, 9th ward
Daniel Corbett, 2nd ward
Charles Bird, Mendon
Charles Shumway, Mendon
Charles P Squires, Brigham City
James May, Brigham City
Joseph Wight, Brigham City
Peter Madsen, Brigham City
Geo Harding, Willard City
Omer Call, Willard City
John Thatcher, Logan
William H. Wright, Richmond
Matthew W Dalton, Willard city
Henry Peck, Malad
Abel Lamb, Farmington
John S Gleason, Farmington
Hector C Haight, Farmington
Henry W Brizzee, Wanship
Jacob Zundel, Willard City
Thos E Ricks, Logan
Oliver E Ormsby, Brigham City
Evan M Greene, Smithfield
Alanson Norton, Brigham City
Charles Nibley, "
Joseph Tibbits, "
Angus McDonald, "
William H Shearman, Logan
Jesse N Perkins, Bountiful
Lewis Perkins, "
Thos Higgs, 17th ward
Ward E Pack, 17th ward
Parley P Pratt, 14th ward
Moroni Pratt, Pleasant Grove
Alma Pratt, Big Field
Henry Lee, Bountiful
Wm Henry Lee, "
Milo Andrus, Dry Creek
William C Neal, 19th ward
Theo Curtis, 7th ward
Samuel W Richards, 14th ward
Moroni Bigelow, Provo
Samuel McIntyre, St George
William McIntyre, "
Geo B Wallace, 17th ward
D B Huntington, 16th ward
William Gibson, 20th ward
Daniel Wood, Bountiful
Andrew Galloway, Tooele
Chas Stewart, Pleasant Grove
Orville M Allen, Tokerville
Ira N Spalding, East Weber
Hopkins Pender, Morgan City
Wm Miller, "
John Thornton, Farmington
T B Foote, Nephi
Thos Jackson, Payson
Thos E Daniels, "
Aaron F Farr, Ogden
Andrew Love, Nephi
Aaron Sceva, Grantsville
Nathan T Porter, Centerville
Wm C Rydall, Grantsville
Frederick Kesler, jr, 16th Ward
William Tripp, "
Jacob Gates, St George.

The following Elders were presented by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, having been called to go on foreign missions:

Mons Anderson, (for Norway)
Edward Schoufeld (for Switzerland)
Chauncey W. West, Jr., "

It was then motioned that we sustain these brethren on their missions with our faith and prayers which motion was unanimously carried by the vast congregation.

The Brigham City Choir sang "Do they pray for me at Home?"

Elder WILFORD WOODRUFF addressed the Conference. Previous speakers have alluded to our past history. The doings of our enemies are recorded in the heavens and on the earth. Those things are past, and we have a great future before us, for the set time to favor Zion has come. The Lord has promised that He will never forget Zion, and He never will. Men may seek to overthrow this work, but they will never prevail.

I rejoice at the host of men of God who are going forth to this nation to call on the people to repent of their sins and turn unto the Lord, before His judgments are poured out upon the inhabitants of this country. It is the future that our minds should be directed towards, for Zion is not yet what it will be. In relation to being subject to

the laws, there is an important consideration, which is, whether the law is righteous or not. For instance, if a law were in existence to the effect that we should not be baptized for the remission of sins, this would be in opposition to the law of God and it would consequently be wrong to obey it. We must obey the law of God at all hazards. It is right for us to obey every righteous law, and every principle which is consonant with the glorious Constitution of our country. We are required to build temples and attend to those ordinances that will unite us with the dead who have gone behind the veil before us, without whom we cannot be perfected, neither can they be perfected without us. It is our duty to labor and to pay our tithes to build the temple. Zion is arising. We have no time to lose. We must listen to the living oracles, without which we would be as lost sheep. He felt as an individual that he would be glad if the Lord should command that this people should not buy another yard of cloth anywhere until they had used up all now in the Territory. Let us do what is right, independent of consequences. Amen.

The Tabernacle choir sang the hymn on page 118, "How Beauteous are their Feet."

Elder John T. Caine dismissed with prayer.

Thursday, 2 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Brigham Young. The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page 132, "Sweet is the Work, my God, my King."

Prayer by Elder Samuel W. Richards.

Sister Careless sang "Little Footsteps," the choir joining in the chorus.

Elder ORSON PRATT spoke. Our Fathers who framed the Constitution of our Country, incorporated in it that all people dwelling under this Government should have the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. In ancient times, under the Mosaic law, those who broke the Sabbath were put to death. Although the Constitution does not admit that we should inflict such a penalty, yet we have the privilege of keeping the Sabbath if we choose.

God created man and gave him laws to govern him, and gave unto him a help-meet, also, that the earth might teem with inhabitants. In men and women God implanted the imperishable principle of love one towards the other, that this great object might be accomplished. He also gave laws to regulate that love; He gave the law of marriage. Marriage for eternity was the first kind of union of the sexes that we have any knowledge of. Adam and Eve were eternal beings, therefore, when God gave Eve unto Adam, he gave her as an eternal wife. Death, in consequence of the fall, tore asunder those two who had been united, but the Lord had provided a plan of redemption by which they would be restored to each other. That is the true order of marriage, but men have departed from that order. We never hear in the present age men speak of marriage for eternity. They marry for the brief space during which mortality lasts only. How is it in the resurrection? does a man come forth possessing all the attributes of manhood and woman all the attributes of womanhood? If the same love existed before and since the fall, will it exist in the future? God has ordained that the highest order of beings shall dwell in the capacity of families, having the power to increase and bring forth immortal intelligences. When the Saints of the Most High come forth on the morning of the resurrection, they shall possess all the attributes of love and friendship which they possess here, only more intensified, and with far greater capacity to live in the position of husband and wife. There are others who have not attained to that glorious position, and have not the privilege of increasing their posterity through all ages of eternity; such have not attained to a fullness of glory.

For the benefit of strangers I will say that God's people in all ages have generally been polygamists. This was the case with Abraham. God approved his taking more wives than one. The Lord permitted Jacob to take four living, legal wives, and to show that He approved of his having a plurality of wives, He listened to the prayer of Jacob's second wife, just as he would have done to the first. The privileges of the first-born were conferred upon Joseph, the son of the second wife. In the days of Moses polygamy was approved of by God, for Moses, himself, had two wives. If the ideas of the people of the present

age were correct, how could Moses have dared to go upon Mount Sinai and converse with the Almighty himself. The Lord not only approves the wives of those who have obeyed polygamy, but also blesses their posterity. In ancient times the Lord provided a law for the purpose of keeping family inheritances in the family line and not allow them to go to strangers. When a man died without leaving issue, the brother of the deceased husband was required to marry the wife of his brother. The prophets and kings of Israel were polygamists; one of the latter—David, was called by God a man after His own heart. Before David was exalted to the throne of Israel the Lord gave him eight wives, and even then the Lord did not think he had a sufficient number of wives, for He afterwards gave unto him all of Saul's wives. Afterwards, David transgressed, but his crime did not consist in his being a polygamist; it was because he had taken another man's wife, thus committing adultery. This was an abomination in the sight of the Lord. If Solomon had been a bastard, as many people would have us suppose, he would not have been permitted to enter the congregation of the Lord, even unto the tenth generation; instead of that he was exalted to be King over Israel.

Many who oppose the principle of polygamy appeal to the Book of Mormon to support them in their position, but, although God said, as recorded in the Book of Jacob, that David and Solomon were guilty of abominations, those abominations did not consist in their having a number of wives whom they had obtained legally, but because they had taken some illegally. In 1832, the Prophet Joseph stated to a number of the Saints that even at that early day he had enquired of the Lord concerning polygamy, and that the Lord had informed him that it was a true principle, but the proper time to practice it had not yet come. When the time arrived for the practice of that principle it was revealed to the Prophet Joseph. The revelation was given in 1843. That revelation has long been published to the world. If the inhabitants of the earth were all righteous, and the number of males and females were exactly equal, there would be no necessity for practicing this principle. The law of compulsory celibacy and monogamy, which emanated from old Rome, has made a great inequality of the sexes. Statistics of various parts show a large preponderance of females over males. What is to be done with the surplus females? for in those places laws have been passed to the effect that they shall not be permitted to marry. They are not permitted to marry a man who already has a wife. We purpose carrying out the will of God in this and all other matters; which may God enable us to do. Amen.

The congregation joined with the choir in singing the hymn on page 166, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

Conference adjourned till ten a.m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Bishop E. D. Woolley.

Friday, 10 a.m.

The Conference was called to order by President Brigham Young.

The Tabernacle choir sang the hymn commencing "Come ye that Love the Lord."

Prayer was offered up by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

The Tabernacle choir sang a glee entitled, "Wake Æolian Lyre."

Elder CHARLES C. RICH said, It is an inestimable blessing to live under the immediate direction of the Almighty. It is a blessing that might be enjoyed by the whole world, if they were willing to receive it. The Lord has never required anything of us only what would tend to our salvation. The dispensation under which we live is different from all previous dispensations. We are required now to build up the Kingdom of God permanently upon the earth. If we were to undertake to build a house for an individual we should expect that the person for whom the house was to be built would dictate as to how it should be constructed. So it is in regard to the Kingdom of God. There are people who are not willing that righteousness should be established on the earth. This is not our feeling; yet there is much room for us to improve and become united. We have the same opportunity of becoming so as the people of Enoch, or any other people that ever lived on the earth. We should be careful how we find fault with the servants of God or any principle that He has revealed. I feel thankful that I lived in the days of the Prophet Joseph, that I associated with him and heard