

Entered: John A. Evans, Phillip B. Brooks, Levi W. Richards, Edwin H. Brewster, clerk of Eleventh quorum, John B. Brughurst, counselor Twelfth quorum, George Saville, Joseph Boyce, Thomas H. Leoyd, Samuel L. Howard, Horace Eldredge, Thomas H. Walke, Daniel B. Jones, William Gedge, John Holmes, counselor Twenty-first quorum, James Stacey, Edward H. Callister and Nils W. Magnusen, presidents Eighth to Twenty-fourth quorums respectively, made substantially the same reports and complaints as the speakers at the morning session.

Many of the quorums had very complete records, while a few were behind in this respect, but said they would get all the books and forms necessary for their quorums without delay.

Counselor Joseph E. Taylor took up the questions asked at the opening of the meeting, and answered them as follows:

First—Use every means in your power to bring them to a sense of their duty, and when all efforts on your part have failed then prefer a formal charge against them to the Bishop of the ward in which they reside. You can only withdraw your fellowship from such as a quorum, but the Bishop has the authority to suspend them from Church fellowship; you have not this right.

Second—In ordaining Elders say, after this manner: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me (or us) I (or we) ordain you an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and seal upon you every key, power, right and privilege pertaining to this high and holy calling. Amen." If you have the proper authority such a man is ordained an Elder. Never mind considering the question as to whether he is more than an Elder. Let him magnify this calling of office, and there is ample scope for the exercise of all his talents and ability, and if he will faithfully perform his duty he will thus qualify himself to act in other offices of the Priesthood to which he may hereafter be called and ordained.

Third—Obtain satisfactory evidence of a man's ordination; then you are justified in issuing the certificate of ordination but state the time, if possible, of his ordination and the time of issuing certificate.

Fourth—Whenever a man unites himself with a quorum of Priesthood his genealogy should be entered upon the quorum records.

Fifth—This question is answered in the third answer given.

Sixth—The indebtedness here mentioned shall be borne and met equally by the twenty-four quorums of Elders in this Stake for you are all benefited and blessed together.

Seventh—To the last part of this question we answer most emphatically yes; but to presume that the brethren will all do their duty in this regard is hardly to be expected in view of our past experience. The only way I can see to obviate this difficulty is to do as you would wish the children in your own family. If they wander away, trace them up and learn their true condition in regard to changes that may have

occurred either in their ordination to other offices in the Priesthood or anything else that you have a right to know concerning them; for no man should be credited as belonging to two quorums of Priesthood at the same time.

Elder Angus M. Cannon remarked that a quorum meeting or any other meeting in the Church to be interesting and profitable to the Latter-day Saints, the spirit of the Lord must prevail. Man in and of himself is as nothing, but when actuated by the spirit of truth that which he says brings peace and joy to the Latter-day Saints.

Presidents of quorums should not destroy their quorums by monopolizing all the time at the meetings. I am told that one president is wearing the brethren out by talking, and continuing meetings until an unreasonable hour. You can make your meetings interesting if you will. Above all things seek to be guided by the Spirit of the Lord.

Concerning young men recommended by their Bishops for ordination to the office of an Elder, and promising at the Priesthood meetings of the Stake to honor and magnify this office and calling if ordained, where they fail in their duty, as reports, they should be labored with, with a view to saving them. Failing in this labor, I say again, as I said this morning, take action in such cases before your quorum and ask that they be individually cited to appear before their Bishops to answer the charge of covenant breaking and neglect of duty.

Brother Cannon said he proposed to tell the Bishops at the next Priesthood meeting of the Stake to be more careful about recommending men to the Temple to receive sacred ordinances; that the Bishops inquire of the presidents of quorums to which they belong as to their faithfulness in attending meetings, so that none shall enter the Temple unless they are worthy to go there.

The speaker repeated his instructions about the keeping of quorum records, and said books and blanks would be found for sale at the DESERET NEWS office.

Hethen gave some pointed instructions on the manner of ordaining brethren to offices in the Higher or the Lesser Priesthoods, and of the great importance of each and all of us meriting all the blessings God has in store for the faithful.

Elder Charles W. Penrose suggested that the clerks of the Elders quorums and the clerks of the wards get together frequently, and report all changes taking place among the Elders.

When brethren are ordained to the office of an Elder, the clerks of the quorums should report immediately to the ward clerks. The clerks of the wards should also report promptly to the clerks of the quorums all the Elders received into the wards or removing therefrom. Let each clerk do all he can for the other in this respect in a brotherly manner.

We have spent a very profitable time in these meetings. Much good will result from our meeting together on this occasion. We hope to have another Elders' conference before long. Let each of us seek to know our whole duty and perform it aright.

Brother Cannon further said, it is important that all Elders be instructed with regard to the necessity of reporting to their respective quorums, when they are ordained to these offices in the Priesthood. When it becomes known to the presidency of a quorum that an Elder has been called to take a mission you should advise him regarding the course he should pursue to keep his record correct.

The conference then adjourned.
Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

JAMES D. STIRLING,
Stake Clerk.

TO THOSE SEEKING HOMES.

MOAPA, Lincoln Co., Nev..

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I would like to mention a few items that may be of interest to some Latter-day Saints who dwell in the crowded parts of Utah and who would like homes. There is a country called the Moody Valley, situated in the south-easterly part of Lincoln county, Nevada, in which lay thousands of acres of good farming land which can be obtained at reasonable prices. I think also that there is some vacant land yet which can be taken up.

There is water in abundance for all the land in the valley, provided it is used in a systematic way. Almost everything in the fruit and vegetable line can be produced here. Lucern yields five good crops per year; small grain yields from twenty-five to sixty bushels per acre.

We can say that we have a good climate. We have no snow in the winter except on the high ranges and mountains. This valley, at present, is not very thickly settled, but what people dwell here seem to be enjoying good health, and the majority are striving to live their religion.

There is plenty of room here for hundreds of families to make them good, comfortable homes. Good sawtimber can be obtained thirty miles from this point, now called Moapa—in years past named "West Point" by the Latter-day Saints.

We have a school here; and also a good location for a town. The elevation of this place is 1,700 feet above sea level, and it is a healthy place to live in.

I will cheerfully answer all questions required concerning this country.

MINNIE B. CROSBY.

Bingham Bulletin: Four days of steady snow fall in Bingham this week and prospects favorable for more. 'Tis the heaviest fall, at one time, in these parts for several years. Fifteen to twenty feet deep is the report from the upper gulches.

Manti Messenger: J. W. Hoggan and others have shipped two carloads of hogs over the Rio Grande Western railway during the past week. Another carload will be shipped in a few days. The Temple city is fast becoming a swine growing center. The heaviest snow of the season fell Saturday night. An additional fall came on Wednesday night. We now have more snow in the mountains than for many years. An abundance of water for irrigating next season is assured.