

## DESTINY OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

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The Saints the Victims of Misrepresentation—The Gathering of Israel—Enemies of Truth Injure the Nation—Saints Will Save It From Destruction.

It is very gratifying to me to behold this vast audience assembled for the purpose of hearing the servants of the Lord speak of His goodness and mercy, and showing the gratitude which we owe to Him for the blessings of this day. I would like the attention of the people, for it will be difficult to make all hear my voice in this building in its present crowded condition.

I desire to add my testimony to that of my brethren who have addressed you during the conference. If there ever was a people upon the earth who had occasion to manifest gratitude to God, this people certainly have. It has been a year since our last annual conference, and six months since we met in semi-annual conference. If we have come with prayer in our hearts and blessings for our fellow men, the Lord will be with us. We need a vast amount of teaching. Frequently, we feel incapable of sustaining the weight of life, and the vicissitudes of life are more than we can bear sometimes, and if it were not for the overruling providences of our Father we could not endure the pressure that is brought to bear upon us by friends and often by foes, upon the word of God.

I wish that the people of the world, especially the United States, could know us as we are. I remember a remark that my father made to a certain United States official who had served his time as a Territorial officer here and had been to take his departure after this official remarked that he was about to be sent to the Philippines, and he was glad to know the people, my father turned to him and said, "I am glad to hear you express your feelings in that way. If you will tell the truth about us, go hence, that is all we ask." What is the reason that our neighbors are not of our faith? Here we have a people who are honest and true, and they are honest and true in almost everything—and yet they hesitate no more to lie about us than they do to take their salary for what they do. It is possible that they do not know what they are doing. It seems to me, though, that they are working for a purpose, and nothing will satisfy them except we destroy the God we worship and adopt the God (?) that they pretend to worship.

## DESTINY OF AMERICAN NATION.

I want to read a little about the condition of things today, from the Book of Mormon. Jesus Christ was on this land about two thousand years ago, and He gave the people His doctrine.

The speaker read from the 21st chapter of III. Nephi the prophecies of Jesus concerning the future of this land.

The indications to me are that the adversary is doing all in his power to destroy the work which God has established. Christ Himself, looking to this day, and to this nation, the glory and unity of which has been preserved up to the present day, said that if the Gentiles would receive His Gospel, and not harden their hearts against His word, which should come through His Prophet, He would gather them in and number them among His people of the house of Israel, and they should be united with the people of this nation, and if they receive it, it will be well with them. Perhaps I am a little uncharitable, but today I look upon every effort that is made to misrepresent this people as an injury to this nation. Those men who are doing all in their power against the work of God, which has been est-

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

## JUAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

Interesting Addresses by Apostle Reed Smoot, Stake Authorities and Others.

## Stake and Words in a Progressive Condition—Increased Efforts for the Benefit of the Youth of Zion.

## Special Correspondence.

Levan, Juab Co., Oct. 28.—The Juab Stake conference commenced here this morning and although the clouds were threatening a change quite a good sized audience was in attendance. Pres. Jas. W. Paxman with his counselors and many members of the High Council were present.

After the devotional exercises Pres. Paxman addressed the meeting, and spoke of the increased activity on the part of the Priesthood in the fulfillment of their duties. The spirit of lethargy that had been upon the lesser Priesthood was giving way to an earnest effort for the good of the people under their care. Efforts for the benefit of the youth of Zion were being increased, and a general awakening on the part of the acting Priesthood in every department was apparent.

Elders David Cazier and Thomas Vickers of the High Council made brief but impressive remarks.

Elder Daybell of Charleston, Wasatch county, was introduced as a home missionary to the youth of Juab Stake. He spoke in an interesting manner on the cause of the M. I. A. and asked the co-operation of all his hearers in the coming season's work.

Elder David Salisbury made a few remarks. Bishop Parks of Nephi then read the last discourse of President Snow as made at the late General Conference.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Counselor Chas. E. Sperry congratulated the people of Levan on the conference of the large hall for their gathering in conference. He eulogized the life and labors of the late President Lorenzo Snow, his remarks being reminiscent of early days in Utah.

Bishop Daniel Connelly of Eureka, reported his ward as being in a progressive condition.

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established for the benefit and blessing of this nation, are in reality, though they may not know it, seeking to destroy the great United States as a nation. By their misrepresentations of the Church of Christ, they are preventing good, honest people from even listening to the principles we have to present to them. They want to receive it themselves, and they prevent others from receiving it. Men who are seeking to lift themselves into place and power stand in the way and prevent the honest in heart of this nation taking advantage of the promise of the Savior and coming into the fold, so that we may perpetuate this glorious nation and those constitutional principles which have made it one of the foremost nations of the world. This nation is blessed along with the oldest, although it has sprung up within a century and a quarter; it is looked upon as a nation that is full of intelligence, power and patriotism, and it is respected throughout the civilized world. Yet, according to the words of Christ in this book, if the people of this nation are so blinded that they will not consider what He has to offer them by His servant—if they will not receive the Gospel, then shall their horses be cut off out of their midst, their cities shall be destroyed, their strongholds shall be thrown down, and their strength shall become as water.

There is a day shall come, through the rejection of this Gospel by the people of this United States, the Latter-day Saints will rise up in the power and majesty of the Priesthood, and they will bear off the United States of the United States. That was given by revelation, and we will defend it with the last drop of blood we have in our bodies and if the last dollar in our pockets. God will reject those wicked men and women who have sought to blind the minds of the honest and thereby brought trouble and we upon this nation.

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May Father. Apostle Reed Smoot expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints of Levan; then alluded to the great amount of labor before the Apostles. He himself had set apart some sixty Bishops to his appointment, and in the subdivision of the stakes in the near future there yet remained a labor of great extent; alluded to the necessity of home labor with the youth of Zion. He spoke of the gratifying and far reaching effect of the missionary work of the Latter-day Saints, and contrasted the requirements made upon the Apostles with the requirements made upon the Elders generally throughout Israel. He was alike with the expectation that the Apostles were expected to be constantly engaged, while the Elders' calls were intermittent. A constant dependence upon God's promises and constant prayer to Him was a sure defense against apostasy—this was a promise made to the late President John Taylor by the Prophet Joseph Smith. He said that he was instructed sufficiently to lead much better lives than we live, and should be nearer the Lord in our every day lives. The discourse of the Apostle was listened to with marked interest.

## CACHE STAKE CONFERENCE

Addresses by Apostles M. W. Merrill and M. F. Cowley and Others.

## Stake Reported in Excellent Condition—Religious Training of Youth and Other Duties Enjoyed.

## Special Correspondence.

Logan, Cache Co., Oct. 28.—The Cache Stake quarterly conference convened in Logan Tabernacle Sunday morning, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. There were present Apostles M. W. Merrill and M. F. Cowley, and Elders Joseph Morrell, Isaac Smith and W. W. Maughan, the Stake Presidency.

President Joseph Morrell reported the Stake with all quorums and organizations fully organized. The ward has been visited by the Stake Presidency during the last three months. No difficulties had been brought before the Stake. No special home missionaries are working at present.

It was found that the missionaries sent out in the interest of Sunday schools and other organizations were filling the time pretty well in the ward meetings.

The call for young men to take the missionary case at the Brigham Young College had been fully answered. The College is better attended than ever before, and is a great blessing to the community. He hoped our obligations to that institution would be paid up in the near future.

Elder James H. Linford, president of the Brigham Young College, spoke in regard to that school. The College is better fitted than ever and the faculty is putting forth greater effort than ever. The people are invited to visit the College, and become acquainted with the work being done there.

Elder Alma Olson, Logan, reported his mission of two years in the Southern States. Though he had met with mobs, stale eggs and hickory switches, the promises made to him when he was set apart for his mission were fulfilled in that he had not been harmed.

Elder Stephen Thurston of Hyde Park reported his mission in England. Elder W. T. Webb, a missionary from Arizona, spoke at length on the subject of Y. M. M. I. A. work.

Elder W. W. Maughan, of the Stake Presidency, spoke of the Church schools, and reasoned that their curriculum should not show the narrowness which is charged against our school system. Our claim for being broader in our views is borne out, as we teach what others teach and much more. We appreciate the educational institutions in our midst, which from their nature must remain non-sectarian. They are good and useful. But our young people need the broad foundation of a religious education, and we are grounded in the faith we need have no fear of their contact with infidel ideas.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Sunday afternoon Elder J. G. Kimball was present, in addition to those present in the morning.

Elder J. G. Kimball testified that the Church of Christ had been set up in these days never again to be broken. We have every reason to be proud and thankful for the privilege of living in this age, and for the living work of souls to Christ. The speaker expressed a desire to fulfill any duty required at his hands.

Apostle M. F. Cowley said: One very serious feature of the Church is its ability to adapt itself to any circumstance that may arise. Its principles, however, do not change, for they are eternal. The Lord required sacrifices of Adam, and of all the leaders of His Church in all ages. It should be a cardinal principle with Latter-day Saints at all times to be ready to make any sacrifice for the Lord who require of them. The speaker discussed some length the belief as to the Godhead possessed by the Latter-day Saints.

Elder Cowley continued: It is desired that labor be taken up in Mutual Improvement. It is easy to believe in Joseph Smith as a prophet of God, but we should also believe in the living prophets. If Satan can get mankind to reject the living prophets, he does not care how much they believe in those who are dead. Christianity has been the enlightener of the world. It is sad that Africa for lack of Christianity has not produced a statesman, philosopher or prophet.

From the time Elijah conferred upon Joseph Smith the keys of the work for the dead, the spirit of gathering began to work among the people of the world. Those who have written and published such books have been under the influence of the Spirit of God, and they know it not.

Reverence for the name of Deity should be taught, and the too frequent repetition of His name should be avoided.

## MONDAY MORNING.

Monday at 10 a. m. Elder H. R. Merrill offered the opening prayer.

Elder J. G. Kimball spoke of the high aims of the Saints, their hopes and their plans. We cannot tell how long it will take to work out our salvation. I have great respect for the aged who through years of trial have yet endured in the work of the Lord. Each of us might have revelation to guide us if we would so live to be worthy of it. He counseled the Saints to divide up their inheritances with the Saints coming among us, that there may be room for all, and predicted that the settling of Jackson county is not far distant.

Apostle M. W. Merrill spoke on the subject of prayer. "We should," he said, "use the simple manner of address given in the Lord's prayer and pray for the things we most require. I fear we are slack in our duties as Priests and Teachers. When we fail to work we lose the Spirit of God. By patience with our young men they will in time take to us, and we will be able to let us keep our children among us as they will be our kingdom." The speaker urged the Saints to continue their payment on the Brigham Young College that the debt may be cleared away.

MONDAY AFTERNOON. The general and Stake authorities of the Church were present.

The changes in the list of local authorities were as follows:

Elder Joseph Kellar honorably resigned as music director of Stake M. I. A.

W. K. Burnham appointed first assistant in Stake Religion classes, in place of J. H. Squires, and Ezra Marler appointed secretary, and A. J. Ridges an aid.

Elizabeth Pike was appointed president of Stake Primary association, with Mattie B. Hanson and Mary Anderson as counselors.

Apostle M. F. Cowley spoke at some length on cases before the High Council, saying that it is not best to compromise a case when the ends of justice

may be sacrificed. He said that he was instructed sufficiently to lead much better lives than we live, and should be nearer the Lord in our every day lives. The discourse of the Apostle was listened to with marked interest.

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would thereby be defeated, but that the council would decide controversies for the best interests of all concerned.

Apostle Merrill stated that it had been decided not to bring any more money into his hands. What of the Elder blessed with the gift of healing, who refused to use that, except as it might profit him in gold and silver? Or, what of him, who has the gift to organize and conduct labor, and who will only use it selfishly? They should be all spurred alike, and if they do not repent, their gifts will be taken from them.

The object of Church organization was explained in detail by Elder Roberts; also the duties and authority of its different officers.

Among other subjects dwelt upon, were that of prophecy among the Saints, and union in temporal matters. In the session devoted to the Sunday schools, the laborers in that association were encouraged. "Children do not forget to sow, water and care for, and the Lord will surely give the increase." Among the many pleasant things enjoyed was a solo by Mrs. Jos. F. Briggs.

Reports showed an awakening among the people in religious lines since the organization of our Stake.

An excellent spirit prevailed throughout the conference, and those present were spiritually refreshed and strengthened in the faith.

M. M. NORMAN, Clerk.

## RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Daniel Perkins, of Monticello, San Juan county, returned on the 26th of October last, from a mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 15th day of June, 1899. His field of labor was the Kentucky conference. During the latter part of his mission he visited several eastern cities, and he says he had an enjoyable time during his absence.

Elder W. E. Rigby, of Farmers ward, Salt Lake county, returned home on the 25th of October, last, from the Southern States mission. He was set apart on the 21st day of March, 1899, and has been laboring in the Chattanooga and East Tennessee conferences. He reports that he has had an enjoyable mission, having met many kind friends in the South.

Elder Mervin W. Davis, of this city, was set apart on the 22nd of June, 1899, for a mission to the Society Islands. He labored most of the time in the Cook Islands, where he, in conference with another Elder, was sent to open up the mission. He says they made quite a number of friends there. He thinks the condition now are quite favorable for the preaching of the Gospel. He returned home on the 24th of October last, having had an enjoyable mission in every respect.

Elder Joseph L. Dixon, of this city, was set apart on the 12th of January, 1899, for the British mission, where he has been laboring in the Nottingham conference. He states that he enjoyed his mission until he was taken ill and had to be released. The mission, he says, is doing well, although there is much prejudice to overcome. He returned home on the 23rd of October, last.

Elder S. S. Cluff, Jr., of Provo, returned on the 29th of October, last,

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