

## THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

### THIRD DAY.

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eral Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff, his assistant.

George Goddard was sustained as Clerk of Conference.

The following names of missionaries were read by Elder BRIGHAM YOUNG, and unanimously sustained by the conference—

#### UNITED STATES.

Wm M Palmer, Monroe  
Robert Lund, St George  
E G Woolley,  
Thomas Judd,  
John C Harper, Payson  
Franklin Haymore, Payson  
Zebedee Coltin, Jr, Spanish Fork  
William Lowe, Willard  
William Ward,  
Shadrach Jones,  
James Montgomery, Weber, Co  
Thos Richardson, Cache Valley

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Lewis Howells, Wellsville  
Ebenezer G Defrieze, St George  
John Miles, St George  
Jabez W Taylor, 11th Ward  
George Goble West, 15th Ward  
James McFarland, West Weber  
Stephen L Richards, Farmington  
John F F Dorius, Ephraim  
A Tullgren, Spring City  
James Keller, Brigham City  
S P Neve, S L City  
Ole Hanson, Logan  
O N Liljenquist, Hyrum  
Soren Jensen, 1st Ward, S L City  
R Maeser, S L City  
Jos Horne, Gunnison  
Theodore Braendli, Richfield  
Leo Old Worthlin, 11th Ward, S L

Ward K Pack, Kamas  
Simpson M Molen, Hyde Park

#### ELDER JOHN VAN COTT

Bore testimony to the greatness of the work of God, which had been growing and increasing since its commencement, and traced its development amidst all the opposition and persecution through which it had passed, which rendered it a most marvellous work and a wonder. The results of the labors of the servants of God in preaching to the nations of the earth were new before us in these valleys of the mountains. Tens of thousands who were gathered here from all parts of the world, who had received this blessed gospel, could bear testimony to its divine origin.

He spoke of the necessity of living before God, that we could have faith in him, so that his power would accompany our administrations to the sick, and raise them up to health and soundness by the laying on of hands. He spoke of the personal experience of the Saints, and their glorious prospects for the future, by their faithfully observing their covenants and living their religion.

#### ELDER JOSEPH E. TAYLOR

Said he had been down among a people who entirely ignored God, heaven and all sacred things. His labors had been devoted among those who had once known the truth, and had mingled their voices in bearing testimony to the truth in this Territory, who had turned away from the fold of Christ and were now located on the banks of the Missouri, in the county of Pottawattomie. For many days he and his brethren devoted their time in going from house to house, and in doing so they only met with one family but what had relatives in Utah. They met with a very rank apostate spirit in that region of country. They also met with quite a number who had been deceived and led astray, and were lingering by the way; to all such they exercised much patience and labor, and bore testimony to them of the truth, and some of them rejoiced in their teachings, while others would wait and by being kindly written to by their friends here would come back again to the faith.

Conference was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 a. m.

The choir sang an anthem—

Give ear to my word.

Benediction by Elder ELIAS MORRIS.

#### FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY, April 9th, 10 a. m.

The choir sang—

The great and glorious gospel light  
Has ushered forth unto my sight.

Prayer by Elder JOHN T. CAINE.

The choir sang—

What wondrous things we now behold,  
By prophets seen in days of old.

#### ELDER JAMES A. LITTLE

Said he had been twenty-five years in the Church, most of which time he had spent in Southern Utah, and had, like many of his brethren, gained considerable experience in the principles of eternal truth. He was on a mission to the States some few months ago, and had mingled considerably with the different religious sects of the day. He did not feel to condemn them as having no good in their systems. All men were not organized alike, some were enabled to receive more advanced truths than others. The more he travelled and mingled with the world the more he was satisfied that while there was much evil in their midst there were thousands of as good and as honest men as could be found anywhere. We must exercise charity towards all men, for those who did not obey the Gospel would certainly obtain from our Heavenly Father a salvation according to the light they had lived up to.

#### ELDER ANGUS M. CANNON

Bore testimony to the truth of the everlasting Gospel, urged a more faithful and devoted life to the building up of Zion, to the building of Temples, that we might see God's kingdom established in glory. Never let us oppress the hireling in his wages, but act our part nobly as men of God, that we might finally be saved in his kingdom with the elect of God.

#### ELDER R. T. BURTON

Realized that the great work of God, commenced in these last days was of vast importance to the children of men. When the principles of the gospel were again brought back to the earth, and its gifts and blessings enjoyed, the spirit of persecution was aroused, especially in the religious world. When the testimony of the servants of God first saluted our ears, on prayerfully investigating those testimonies and principles which they taught, did we not find that it was not a cunningly devised fable, but a system of divine truth that would bear the strictest scrutiny, demonstratively proved from the Bible? And from the blessings we had received since we yielded obedience to the ordinances of the gospel we could bear testimony to the truth of the mission of Joseph Smith. The gospel therefore, that we had received, was nothing short of the power of God unto salvation as in days of old, when Christ and his apostles enjoyed the same.

#### ELDER A. F. MACDONALD

Said for the last three years he had been in St. George, being interested in the erection of the Temple, the basement of which was completed, and other portions of it were rapidly advancing.

He bore a good testimony of the mechanics sent there from different parts of the Territory, of their faithful labors, and the excellent spirit they enjoyed while laboring there. He spoke highly of the generosity of the people towards its erection, and had no doubt there would be an equal response by the people towards the completion of the Temple in this city.

#### ELDER JOHN T. CAINE

Said his faith and whole soul were as much engaged in the building up of the Kingdom of God as those who were more conspicuous in public speaking than himself, for he was naturally diffident. He exhorted to a faithful and practical exhibition of our faith in our daily life. He had always accorded to others the same amount of liberty in the exercise of their religious convictions as he claimed for himself.

#### ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF

Recited several instances of the power of faith, recorded in the Bible, and said also by that same power Joseph Smith had been enabled to accomplish all that he did in laying the foundation of the great latter-day kingdom. By faith the apostles had been able to travel without purse, or scrip, tens of thousands of miles to preach the Gospel. By faith President B. Young led this people into the wilderness, where the savage was accustomed to roam. By faith, industry, and the blessing of God this barren, desert land had been turned into a fruitful field. Without the power of God accompanying the efforts of the Elders, this Territory would never have been peopled by those we now saw here. Every one who received the Gospel was under obligation to bear testimony to the truth. The prophecies of the Bible could not have been fulfilled, if an angel had not

come to the earth, and brought the Gospel to the children of men. Why did God choose that untutored boy, Joseph Smith, to be entrusted with the keys of salvation? Why did he not choose one of the popular preachers of the day? Simply because God could not use them, for they would sell the kingdom for popularity, hence he chose a poor boy, and led him by revelation day by day, until he had completed the work he was raised up to do.

He then spoke of those who had never heard the fullness of the everlasting gospel, and the necessity for temples to be erected, so that the ordinances of the gospel might be performed for these in the spirit world. He addressed a few encouraging words to the young men, also to the members of the relief societies.

The choir sang an anthem—

Sing praises to the Lord.

Benediction by Elder F. D. RICHARDS.

2 p. m.

The choir sang—

I saw a mighty angel,  
To earth he bent his way.

Prayer by Elder GEORGE B. WALLACE.

The choir sang—

O Lord of hosts, we now invoke,  
Thy Spirit, most divine.

While the sacrament was being administered, the names of the following missionaries were read by Elder Brigham Young, and sustained by unanimous vote—

#### TO EUROPE.

John Dykman, Sen., Salt Lake City  
Thomas Ball, Coalville  
John Robinson, Coalville  
David W. Davis, Logan  
Benjamin H. Tollman, 18th Ward, Salt Lake City  
N. M. Peterson, Richfield  
Jas. M. Peterson, Richfield  
Lorenzo D. Young, Salt Lake City  
Thomas Allsop, South Cottonwood  
Erasmus Christensen, Bear River City.

#### UNITED STATES.

J. T. Lesonbee, Monroe  
Nicholas Smith, Spanish Fork.

#### ELDER ORSON PRATT

Spoke at length on the introduction of the gospel by a holy angel according to the prediction of the Apostle John, while banished upon the Isle of Patmos.

He examined from a scriptural standpoint the religious pretensions of the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths, also referred to the Puritan Fathers, who broke loose from the ecclesiastical tyranny of the mother country, and established themselves upon this American continent, where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

He spoke of the introduction of the gospel by a Holy angel through Joseph Smith, and the organization of the church, and also of the downfall of Babylon, which had reference to that great ecclesiastical power spoken of by the Apostle John. The word of the Lord was to all those who embraced the gospel in the last days, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and receive not of her plagues."

The gathering together of the Saints, he also showed to be in accordance with the prophetic writings of scripture. The setting up of the Kingdom of God in the last days he referred to as spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, in interpreting the image which he saw in vision.

He exhorted the Saints to faithfulness, to be prepared for the glory of Zion and the coming of the Son of Man, with the apostles and patriarchs of old, who will reign as kings and priests on the earth for a thousand years, according to promises made to them.

The Conference was adjourned till next October 6th, at 10 a. m., at the New Tabernacle.

The choir sang an anthem—

"We praise thee, O God."

Benediction by Elder BRIGHAM YOUNG.

GEORGE GODDARD,

Clerk of Conference.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 7.

Good Friday.—Not to-day, but next Friday.

Accident.—Brother James J. Chandler, of Willard, Box Elder County, called yesterday. We

learn from him that William Lowe, blacksmith, of that place, while sheathing a horse, was struck by the animal's foot on the leg, breaking both bones, between the knee and ankle joints. He was attended to by Dr. Condon, of Ogden, and is doing as well as could be expected.

Dead Body Found.—This morning the body of a well-dressed man was seen floating in Jordan river, by some men, who took it out of the water, laid it on the bank and came to town and reported at the City Hall. They are the remains of a person about middle age, with black curly hair and bearded face. It is supposed to be the body of Mr. Beck, butcher, who has been missing for some time.

Silk.—There will be a special meeting of the Deseret Silk and Manufacturing Association in the Fireman's Hall to-morrow (Saturday) at 12 o'clock noon. We extend an invitation to persons from the various settlements who are interested in the raising and manufacturing of silk.

Mrs. ZINA D. YOUNG, Prest.  
R. SIMPSON, Secy.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 8.

Missionaries Returned.—On Thursday night Elders Jos. E. Taylor and C. V. Spencer, of this city, and Elder Isaac Bullock, of Provo, arrived in this city, from Western Iowa. They have been laboring, during the last few months, in Council Bluffs and vicinity, and during their absence, baptized thirty-six persons, organized four branches of the Church, blessed eight children, married one couple and, besides a large amount of other preaching, delivered three funeral discourses.

Home Manufacture.—During Conference, that the people from all parts may see what he is doing in broom manufacture, H. B. Scoville has opened a store immediately south of C. R. Savage's Pioneer Art Gallery, where his wares are on exhibition. If the Conference folks will step in there, they will conclude with us that his brooms are generally superior to the imported, especially in point of durability, and are as cheap.

At the same place C. O. Card, of Logan, exhibits specimens of broom handles, made by the Logan Second Ward Manufacturing and Building Company, excellent and cheap. The company only recently imported the machinery for this industry. The store will be open till Monday evening.

Important Coal Discovery.—This morning Brother J. Perkins, of Randolph, showed us a specimen of coal, apparently of splendid quality, taken from a claim discovered late last Fall, by a young man from Logan, named Bevin. The location of the deposit is eighteen miles north-east from Randolph and twenty miles from the Union Pacific Railroad, and the deposit is said to be very large. The article is light and glossy, and looks as if it would coke readily.

There is another claim, on Twin Creek, which has been worked for some time, where coking is going on satisfactorily, ten miles from the location first named.

Nottingham Conference.—We have perused a letter from Elder J. L. Farrell, dated at Nottingham, England, March 17th, to Brother J. H. Martineau, of Logan. He states there are four missionaries, including himself, in Nottingham Conference, and all have plenty of work, and as soon as the weather becomes fine, the season for open air preaching, there will be room for several more efficient Elders. New ground was being opened up, and a good many people were being added to the Church by baptism. There were twenty-one branches in the Conference, aggregating 645 members, and about thirty people were believing and would probably be baptized soon.

The Bear Lake Homicide.—We have received a call from Justice W. P. Nebeker, of Lake Town, before whom the preliminary examination of the parties charged with the murder of James C. Swenson was held. From him we learn the following particulars of the affair, and circumstances leading to it, as far as known—

It is understood in the section of country where the affair occurred that Johnson, about six or seven years since, took up some land in the way usual before it was placed in the market, and had it surveyed by the county surveyor. Some time afterwards Johnson went to

Texas, and, during his absence, his family being in straitened circumstances, Mr. Pratt supplied them with means, and, to meet the indebtedness thus incurred, Mrs. Sally Johnson offered to sell to Pratt the land in question, which he agreed to buy, paying the amount bargained for, excepting a balance of \$22. When Johnson returned he ratified the bargain, and the following summer Pratt sowed a crop on the claim, which was destroyed by grasshoppers.

Subsequently Pratt left that part of the country, leaving the land claim in question and another one with General Rich, as security for a debt he owed the latter. General Rich sold the other one, from which he realized the amount of the debt.

Pratt sent word to Johnson to take possession of the place and hold it for him, and providing he did not return he could keep it. Subsequently a "Greaser" squatted on a claim close by and Johnson bought him out, and stated that this "Greaser" had jumped the whole claim, and that, consequently, in buying him out he became owner of the whole claim. This assertion of his jumping the Pratt-Johnson claim is however stoutly denied by the "Greaser."

Lately Pratt made his appearance and claimed the land, but could make no satisfactory arrangement with Johnson. In the meantime General Rich and his son Joseph, fearing trouble between the parties, proposed arbitration, to which Johnson agreed, and also Pratt, excepting so far as the title to the land was concerned, he preferring to leave that with the land office.

Pending settlement in this way Pratt employed men to put up a log house, and one which they had reared to the square was torn down in their absence at Lake Town. Another was erected and nearly finished, James C. Swenson, one of the men employed by Pratt being left in charge while Pratt went to Paris to bring his family.

The first intimation heard of the shooting at Lake Town was when two of Johnson's sons arrived there with Swenson, in a sleigh, they stating that Mrs. Johnson had shot him. Swenson made an elaborate sworn statement, which was reduced to writing, in which he affirms that Mrs. Johnson and her son Snellin appeared at the cabin before-mentioned, the woman telling Swenson to leave or she would kill him, she being armed with a gun. He tried to reason with her, and appeared to pacify her somewhat, stating he had no hand in the quarrel, that he had no horse and it was too far to go to Lake Town on foot. He observed her get excited again and appear as if she might shoot, and he got inside the doorway, holding the unopened door against the opening with his hands. While in that position his attention was attracted by a rapping on the door, which, it afterwards appeared, was made by the lad Snellin Johnson, and while Swenson's attention was thus engaged Mrs. Johnson went around the house to the opening cut for a window, through which she took aim and shot him, inflicting a wound from the effects of which he subsequently died. Mrs. Johnson, after doing the deed, told Swenson she was sorry she hit him.

The boy was examined before Justice Nebeker and committed, but, in the meantime Mrs. Johnson had disappeared, but on the 27th of March, five days after the shooting, Johnson took her to Lake Town and gave her up, when she also was committed. Johnson himself was also placed under arrest, but, no one appearing against him, was afterwards discharged.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 10.

Stormy.—It tried pretty hard yesterday to rain and snow, and during the night and this morning it managed to do a little.

Emigration Business.—Elder William C. Staines, church emigration agent at New York, left for that city this morning, to attend to the business of the approaching season.

Leather.—Messrs. Joseph Tyrrell and Joseph Hall, of Ogden, called this morning and showed us a woman's shoe, made of native calf-skin, by Bro. Tyrrell, the leather of which was also tanned by him. Experts pronounce the leather equal to any ever tanned in Utah, and the shoe an excellent and substantial article.