

for or against the Utes, except so far as it is prompted by fair play, equity and the rights of trampled humanity. It shows by careful research and investigation that the projected removal would most certainly drive the unfortunate Utes into hopeless barbarism.

In their Colorado reservation which is adapted for agriculture, there is a possibility of civilizing the Utes by allotting lands in severalty, and by a little judicious instruction in farming, but on the Utah land there is no possibility whatever of such a result. In the greater part of the latter place agriculture, stockraising and in fact any kind of industry is simply impossible. It is also almost devoid of game of any kind.

The pamphlet referred to plainly shows that the whole scheme is a gigantic grab to get the good lands away from the Indians for the benefit of speculators and land sharks, and send the Indians to starve, to die, or to do anything so as to get them away.

SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall this morning, March 5th, 1892, at 10 o'clock, President A. M. Cannon presiding. There were present, of the Apostles, Abraham A. Cannon; of the Presidency of the Stake, President Angus M. Cannon and Counselors Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, besides other prominent officers of the Stake.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

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

Prayer was offered by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

The hymn commencing,

"Glory to God on high,
Let heaven and earth reply,
Praising His name."

The minutes of the previous Stake Priesthood meeting were read.

The Stake roll was called, showing as follows: six High Counsellors, three Patriarchs, all the members of the Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum, and twelve home missionaries.

The Bishopric of the Seventeenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second City Wards were not represented; neither were Mountain Dell, Riverton, Herriman, Granger, Brighton nor Pleasant Green, of the Country wards.

The Sabbath schools of the Stake were represented by their Superintendent; also the Relief Societies, Young Men's and Young Ladies' by the Presidencies thereof.

Upon the recommendation of their respective Bishops, eleven young brethren received certificates authorizing their ordination to the office of Elder, on promising before the Conference to honor said office and calling if ordained.

COUNSELOR CHAS. W. PENROSE.

gave some instructions regarding the ordination of young men to the office of Elder just before death. He gave his opinion that the ordination of such persons would be perfectly permissible if they were qualified to receive that priesthood, but he did not think little boys should be so ordained just because they were going to die nor should any one be ordained an Elder who would

not if in good health be called to receive that office in the Melchisedek priesthood. No man should be ordained an Elder simply to enable him to go to the House of the Lord to get married. The Priesthood is conferred on those who are worthy and are called of God and is for active service in the ministry. Many who receive the office of an Elder and make covenants to magnify it, break their solemn promises by neglecting their quorum meetings and other duties. Presidents of Elders' quorums should see to this matter and the Bishops ought to send Teachers to labor with men who are thus neglectful. This is a serious wrong and the Lord could not be pleased with men who will break their covenants.

PRES. ANGUS M. CANNON

endorsed the remarks of Elder Penrose with reference to the ordination of boys or worthy men because of approaching death. This principle should not be carried to extremes, for we are likely to place responsibilities upon persons too young to bear them. It is only a short step from this custom to that of infant baptism, which is contrary to the commands of God. He regretted to see the absence of so many of the Ward Bishops and their Counselors, for such are called as shepherds of the people, and if they are absent from their post of duty it will not be surprising if the people are delinquent.

Statistics from all the wards of the Stake were read by President Cannon, showing the fast offerings of the people, and the necessity which has existed of drawing very largely from the general store house of the Church, for the support of the poor. He stated that this is not pleasing to God, who desires that these offerings may be given by the people, thus conferring blessings upon those who give and those who receive, and preventing the impoverishment of the people at large.

The statistics were accepted by unanimous vote of the conference and ordered to be placed on file.

President Cannon spoke in terms of commendation concerning the work of the Relief Societies, and admonished all to a renewal of their efforts in these and all other worthy directions.

The choir sang the anthem:

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered
Adjournment was taken to 2 p.m.

The Bishops of the city wards were were each requested to furnish two capable men as Deacons for the conference on Sunday, to report to Brother C. J. Thomas at the Tabernacle stand not later than 9:45 a.m.

Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Samuel A. Woolley.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference re-convened in the Assembly Hall, 2 p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Great God, attend while Zion sings
The joy that from Thy presence springs.

Prayer was offered by Elder William Taylor.

Singing:

Lo, the mighty God appearing,
From on high Jehovah speaks,

The general statistical report of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion for the six months ending February 29, 1892, was presented by summary to the Con-

ference, and by unanimous vote received and ordered filed.

The statistical reports of the Relief Societies, Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations, Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, High Priests' Quorum, Primary Associations, and Religion classes of the Salt Lake Stake for the six months ending Feb. 29, 1892, were read, received and ordered filed.

The statistical report of the Sunday Schools of the Stake for the year ending Dec. 31, 1891, was read and the same action taken.

On motion of Counselor C. W. Penrose, J. E. Talmage, the Stake Superintendent of Religion classes, and his assistants were released in accordance with recommendations contained in the report of that organization, the reason assigned being the fact that practically nothing had been done by the Bishops in the way of organizing such classes.

APOSTLE JOHN W. TAYLOR

was called upon to speak. He gave it as his opinion that statistical reports were for the benefit of the presiding officers of the Church and the Stake, and not of special interest to the people, except for the purpose of giving them information regarding their condition. He referred to the many duties devolving on members of the Church, to be performed on the Sabbath; and the various helps and organizations tend in their sustenance to increase this work and to multiply burdens on the heads of the Saints.

The excessive reading of statistics, not being of special interest to the people, tends to distract their attention from the more important duties in their assemblies, and while it would not be well to suspend this reading altogether, it would be well to curtail it as much as is consistent with a proper understanding of our condition.

The organizations now in existence, if kept up and properly operated, will do all that is necessary for the advancement of the people of God, without the accumulation of too many religious duties on the heads of children.

The speaker referred to the work of the relief societies, and commended the accumulation of grain and the increase of funds for the hospital and other charitable organizations. He rejoiced that all the necessities of life are provided for the people of God, and that facilities are given for the education of our children. It is necessary that the many duties devolving upon those in authority should be performed, and that this may be done it is desirable that the officers should be sustained by the people. The advice of these men should be taken freely by those under their care. Most of the neglect of the duties of this Church result rather from the carelessness than from the unwillingness of the people, and hence the necessity for all these organizations that the Saints may be admonished in their duties.

This people is rapidly growing, and in some directions we are performing our duties well, while in others we are neglecting them.

We are being divided on political lines now, but contention among brethren should be avoided. There is a great deal of mixing with the world on the part of the Saints, and this does not alto-