

speaker. He reported the people of the Stake to be in a healthy state and financially prosperous. The various officers are faithful, he said in the performance of their duties, and perfect harmony and peace prevails.

Elder Gearsen S. Bastian said he knew that the leaders of the Church were men inspired of God. He took pleasure in laboring with his brethren in the Stake presidency and endorsed the report given by Elder W. E. Robison.

Elder Hans M. Hansen said he rejoiced that we are living in a day when God has restored the Church organization and that we have in our midst Apostles. He knew the report given by Elder W. E. Robison and G. S. Bastian was true and bore a faithful testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith.

Elder F. M. Lyman referred to the necessity of all the Stakes meeting their obligations to the Pioneer monument fund and said he believed the Wayne Stake would pay all of its allotment at this conference time. He spoke of the necessity of system in all things and said we should do everything in the time and season thereof. He advised the Latter-day Saints to free themselves from the bondage of debt. We should keep out of the Lord's debt by paying our tithes and offerings and meeting promptly every requirement made of us. The Church organization is a pattern of order and system and we should draw lessons of usefulness and profit therefrom.

Sunday afternoon—The Loa, Thurber and Fremont wards were reported in good condition by Bishops Thomas Blackburn, Matt. W. Mansfield and Hiett E. Maxfield.

Elder A. O. Woodruff discoursed at some length upon Church organization and government, demonstrating the necessity of unity in all things. The purpose of the Latter-day Saints, he said, is to save souls, and our example should be an incentive to cause the world to investigate the beauties of the doctrines of Christ.

Elder F. M. Lyman said he had observed in his travels evidences of improvement and progress everywhere. It is surprising to note how the valleys of Utah are developing and in many places, even beautiful dry land farms are now being cultivated. He was pleased to know that the people of Wayne Stake were interesting themselves in reservoir enterprises. He advised the people to be contented and build beautiful homes and assured them that the Lord would bless the country with an abundance of water. He pleaded with the people to be generous in the payment of tithes and offerings and merit the favors of God by keeping His commandments.

In the evening a general Priesthood meeting was held at which Elders F. M. Lyman and A. O. Woodruff gave timely and valuable instructions to the brethren upon the duties and callings of the Priesthood.

Monday morning—Elder W. H. Worrell gave his experience while laboring as a missionary in the Southern States. He urged the Saints to live humble and pure before God that they may receive a fulness of His Spirit.

Elder W. E. Robison presented the general and local authorities, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder F. M. Lyman said in consequence of the fact that the work of God is constantly developing and changes are continually being made, it is absolutely necessary that we have among us the living oracles of God. In order to be faithful and devoted Saints we should all be in harmony with Church officials.

Elder A. O. Woodruff spoke upon the principles of love and charity. The speaker contrasted the doctrines of Christian Science with the teachings of

Jesus and exhorted the Latter-day Saints to investigate the Scriptures and not be led away by false and seducing spirits. He exhorted the young to be wise and discreet in selecting their companions for life that unity, peace and joy might abide with them forever.

Elder W. E. Robison made the closing remarks of the conference, in which he extended thanks to all who had labored to make the conference a success.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch E. H. Blackburn.

The Y. M. M. I. conference of the Stake was held Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Elders F. M. Lyman and A. O. Woodruff attended and gave instruction and counsel on M. I. work.

The people attended in large numbers and a good spirit prevailed throughout the conference.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY, Stake Clerk.

YOUNG MEN'S CONFERENCE.

A conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations of the Salt Lake Stake was held in the Tabernacle Sunday. The morning session was devoted to reports of officers and remarks by Stake Superintendent R. R. Lyman, and in the afternoon the services were of an interesting character, the program of exercises being of such diversity as to greatly please all who were in attendance. Stake Superintendent Lyman presided.

The choir sang the hymn:

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell
By faith and love in every breast.

Prayer was offered by Elder George S. McAllister.

The choir further sang:

Behold, the great Redeemer die,
A broken law to satisfy.

The general and Stake authorities of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations were then presented and unanimously sustained as follows:

Lorenzo Snow, general superintendent; Joseph F. Smith, Heber J. Grant, B. H. Roberts, assistants. Aids—Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, Matthias F. Cowley, Abraham O. Woodruff, J. G. Kimball, Junius F. Wells, Milton H. Hardy, Rodney C. Badger, George H. Brimhall, Wm. S. Burton, Edwin H. Anderson, Douglass M. Todd, John E. Heppler, Edwin H. Snow, Nephi L. Morris, Richard W. Young, Horace G. Whitney, Willard Done, Thomas Hull, secretary and treasurer; Evan Stephens, musical director.

R. R. Lyman, Stake superintendent; Joseph F. Merrill, first counselor; Heber C. Iverson, second counselor; J. B. Higgs, secretary and treasurer; William G. Sears, corresponding secretary; John J. McClellan, musical director. Aids—Thomas Sloan, Jed F. Woolley, D. J. Lang, George E. Carpenter, T. A. Clawson, L. R. Wells, John Q. Critchlow, Joseph A. West, Joseph Coulam, B. B. Brown, Elias S. Woodruff, F. M. Lyman Jr., Fred Best, A. E. White, Elmer Caldwell, Oliver Jensen, H. W. Mathews, Thomas Cook, Z. Butterfield, Joseph Mousley, J. P. Terry, S. E. Smith, Joseph F. Smith Jr.

The Utah Quartette, composed of Messrs. Thomas Ashworth, Will Christopherson, Will Patrick and A. H. Kelson, then sang with feeling, Lead Kindly Light.

Elder T. A. Clawson addressed the congregation. The Mutual Improvement work, said he, was a great factor in preparing the young men of Zion for the ministry in the nations of the earth. Time was when no such opportunities were afforded in preparation for such a labor, as no such institutions as the Improvement Associations were in existence. But things were different now; the Lord had moved upon His servants to organize such institutions for the benefit of the rising generation, and

they were gradually advancing and reaching a plane of perfection wherein they were found a source of great benefit to the young men and women of these mountain vales. The speaker referred to the methods in vogue in the Mutual Improvement Associations, and said that they were such as to instill within the minds of the young people a love of God and a love of the Gospel as restored in these latter days. Being so, there was no excuse for non-preparation, as every opportunity was given prospective missionaries to prepare themselves for future duties and responsibilities. Elder Clawson urged the young men to greater diligence in a research of the Scriptures, that they might pave the way for careers of usefulness and devote a portion of their lives, at least, to a dissemination of the principles of the truth and righteousness.

The Utah quartet rendered another selection, after which Elder George M. Cannon made a few remarks, referring particularly to the great help in Church government the Mutual Improvement associations were. The speaker knew that they had had a beneficial effect in the section in which he resided, and believed that such was the case in other districts. He deprecated the fact that so many of the young men of our Church were users of tobacco and otherwise violated the commandment known as the Word of Wisdom. Elder Cannon felt that music was a factor for great good in the assemblies of the Saints, and he thought that song should be given every attention in the Mutual Improvement associations.

Elder W. W. Beckstead was the next speaker. He testified of the power of prayer, and spoke of the great good being done by the Mutual Improvement associations. He felt that the servants of the Lord had been inspired in being led to organize such associations, as to his mind, these institutions were of an ennobling character and important auxiliaries in the rolling on of the Church and kingdom of God.

Elder George H. Wallace next spoke. Singing, said he, should be cultivated in the young men and should be made a feature of every Mutual Improvement association. The preparation of the lessons was also essential, as without attention to the subjects assigned, the meetings could not be made interesting and therefore would not accomplish the ends desired. Returned missionaries, said the speaker, should make a special effort to attend the Mutual Improvement meetings, as their experience in the ministry would be a source of encouragement to those inclined to be backward in the performance of their duties.

Elder Albert White, in addressing the congregation, spoke of the necessity of missionary work at home in order that Zion might be made what it ought to be. Example was a necessary adjunct in converting people to the Gospel, and this should be set by those more advanced in years. The speaker prayed for unity among the young people that the desired good might be accomplished.

Elder Moses W. Taylor spoke of the objects of Mutual Improvement, emphasizing the necessity of thorough research in order that those engaged in the work might be able to impart their learnings unto others. It was not the amount of time spent in study that proved beneficial, but it was the food for reflection that came out of it, and the understanding which the student had of the lessons in hand.

Prof. Jno. J. McClellan, Stake musical director of the Mutual Improvement associations, rendered, by request, an organ solo, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana.

Elder Heber C. Iverson of the Stake