

## SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference and monthly Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake commenced in the Assembly Hall, on Saturday at 10 o'clock. There were present of the council of the Apostles, Elders Heber J. Grant and A. H. Cannon, of the Stake presidency, Elders Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose, and other prominent Elders.

The Stake roll was called and responded to by two High Councilors; Elders Elias Morris and William C. Dunbar, of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum; seven presidents of Seventies and eight home missionaries.

All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Second, of the city, and Sugar House, Herriman, West Jordan and Granger, of the country.

The First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth quorums of Elders were represented by their presiding officers.

Representatives of the Lesser Priesthood quorums were in attendance from the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Ninth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second city wards, and from Center Ward, Sugar House, Mill Creek, Mountain Dell, South Cottonwood, Draper and South Jordan, of the country wards.

The Stake organizations of the Relief Society, Sabbath schools, the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations and the Primary associations were represented by their respective presidents and superintendents.

Upon the recommendation of their respective Bishops, twenty-nine young brethren received certificates authorizing their ordination to the office of Elder; each of them promised to faithfully honor and magnify his office and calling as Elder if ordained.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing,

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

Prayer was offered by Elder William C. Dunbar.

Singing:

Our God, we raise to Thee  
Thanks for the blessings free  
We here enjoy.

After roll call and the reading of minutes of the last Priesthood meeting, the president of the Stake made an explanation concerning the title of those who preside over the Mutual Improvement associations in the several wards, the recommendation being made that the title "president" be retained by these ward officers.

Elder A. H. Cannon referred to the routine business of the meeting, with the profitable business it might be made to teach. The tendency to carelessness and negligence in the performance of the duties of the Priesthood was deprecated. The importance of the work of the Priesthood was emphasized to show the urgency of a faithful performance of its duties. Profitable missionary work could be taken up at home to keep our young people in active appreciation of their duties, and to prepare them for missionary labors at home and abroad. A profitable field for this work might

be established in the various quorums of the Priesthood. The need of careful study was referred to, with the promise that where advantage is taken of all opportunities for improvement the Spirit will prompt the mind to the proper use of the material thus gathered.

Individual effort alone would secure the blessings sought for, and would be seconded by the power and blessing of God. The results would be the greater if with these efforts a proper faith in God and prayer to Him, was coupled.

The power of faith in its influence over the mind and the heart, to make them clearer and purer, was strongly and earnestly portrayed. Not only had this power been proved among the Saints of God, but also by the noblest and brightest men and women of the world. Elder Heber J. Grant expressed the thought that an obligation rests upon every man who holds an office in the Church, to perform his duties well, for all have made a covenant upon accepting their offices that they will make the most of them.

The interest of a meeting depends not so much upon the character of its services, as upon the relish one has for them, born of his faithful observance of duty. No matter how apparently unimportant the duties may be. The determination to do a thing is much more valuable than favorable circumstances for doing it.

The high and unique professions of the Latter-day Saints should make them more diligent, honest, sober and upright than any other people, that credit may be reflected upon the work of God, and others be led to a study of it.

Elder Elias Morris spoke of the greater earnestness and faithfulness of the people of the outlying districts than in the heart of the Stake, in attendance at the Stake conferences. He thought there might be a surfeit or a spiritual sickness, which would prevent their enjoying an appetite for the good things prepared for them. Remedies should be applied in such cases, the duty resting upon the block Teachers to find out what is the matter.

Elder Morris represented the High Priests' quorum, of which he is president, as being in a flourishing condition.

The choir sang the hymn:

Guide us, O thou great Jehovah,  
Saints unto the promised land.

Benediction by Elder Heber Ben-nion.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

The time is far spent, there is little remaining.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Horne.

Singing by the choir:

Lord, thou wilt hear me when I pray.

The Y. L. M. I. A., Relief Society, Primary association and the Sunday school were represented, respectively, by Sister Mary A. Freeze, Sister Mary Isabella Horne, Sister Camilla C. Cobb and Elder Thomas C. Griggs.

On the whole, the reports were encouraging. In the Relief Society an urgent effort is being made to induce the sisters to build granaries and store grain. The need of greater care in furnishing statistical reports of the associations was emphasized. In the Sunday schools, it had been decided

that every effort should be made to impress upon the officers and larger pupils the necessity of attending conference and other meetings, in order to keep in touch with the living oracles of God.

The financial report of the Relief Society was read, as also the statistical report of the Primary association, and of the fast offerings in the Stake.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor spoke of the fast offerings, urging that they be increased, in order that the tithing need not be used for this purpose, but may be applied to its proper uses. The care of the Jews for their poor was cited as a worthy example for the Latter-day Saints to follow. He urged a greater attendance at fast meetings on the part of the brethren, as this is where the fast offerings are collected. Increased attendance means increased fast offerings.

The tendency of poor people to gravitate to the city was deprecated, and the Bishops were urged to do what they can to prevent it.

Elder C. W. Penrose urged the people to be, as far as possible, self-supporting, and to see to the support of the worthy poor. The benefit of fasting, to the physical health of man, was mentioned as well as its benefit to the poor when its proceeds are turned to their use. The Latter-day Saints should repent of their sins of commination and omission; one of the most serious of the latter is the neglect of fast offerings. The Bishops were urged to collect fast offerings in their wards, if necessary, by personal visits. Where the offerings are not needed they may be sent to the tithing office for disbursement among the wards where there are many poor.

The education of the youth was spoken of, the higher work of the Latter-day Saints' College being especially mentioned. It was stated that in this institution the instruction in secular branches is equal to the needs of most of our young people, in addition to the attention given to theology. The fact was also mentioned that the cost of this instruction is the same as in the University of Utah, \$10 per year. Elder Penrose also recommended that the younger children be educated in the principles of the Gospel in Sunday schools and elsewhere, to prepare them for the theological work of the College, where they will be trained for their missionary duties.

The importance of parents leading their children to faithfulness, through precept and example, was urged upon the people. If the salvation of the children is a necessary part of the exaltation of the parents, the latter should see that the lack of this salvation is not through their fault. This may be avoided by careful and prayerful home training of children, seconded by the instructions given in general institutions.

Heartfelt repentance of sin, followed by the acceptance of the individual by God, is the occasion of the greatest joy men can know. And the destiny of the Saints in the eternal worlds is sufficiently glorious to repay them for all sacrifices made in order to reach this end.

Singing:

Though in the outward Church below.

The conference was adjourned until