

very creditably given. The same class also furnished an appropriate song, which was well rendered.

Brother Goddard then addressed the children in his inimitable style. He spoke in regard to the small hymn books; said we want all the boys to learn to sing so that when they are called on missions they may be able to sing our hymns, and by that means be more successful in gaining the attention of the people. Spoke on the subjects of honesty and temperance; complimented the children on the good order they had maintained; said in all of his travels he had never been in a school where the children kept better order; closed his remarks by singing "O Our Lovely Deseret," the children joining in the chorus.

On reconvening at 2 p. m. the house was crowded, quite a number of our outside friends being present. After singing and prayer, President Hammond had the Articles of Faith recited again, for the benefit of the strangers who were present, after which the primary class answered questions on the life of Joseph Smith. The first intermediate class recited in concert the prayers that are used in blessing the Sacrament, and Lola White of the same class gave a recitation entitled, "Five Minutes Late."

The Sunday school conference then adjourned for one year; and the Stake quarterly conference was resumed. President Hammond spent a short time in explaining the difference between our belief and that of the world. President Hall spoke on the apostasy and restoration of the Gospel. Elder Charles Morris of Salt Lake City, recently returned from a mission to Pennsylvania, and Elder Lewis Burnham of Burnham ward, New Mexico, just home from a mission to the Samoan Islands, being present, were called to the stand at the close of President Hall's remarks. They each bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and testified to the joy and satisfaction they had felt in performing their missionary labors. Both had been blessed and prospered. Elder Mains had the privilege of assisting in baptizing twenty-six souls. After these brethren were through speaking, Elder Goddard occupied the remainder of the time in giving an interesting account of his conversion to the truth, and his early experience in the Church. He was listened to with the greatest attention by all, and certainly every one must have been impressed with the touching story, told in such a simple, straightforward manner. At the close of his remarks Brother Goddard took out his book and announced that he would sing "Who's on the Lord's side?" Before singing the last verse he requested all who were on the Lord's side to stand during the remainder of the song and help sing the chorus. They were all on the Lord's side, or thought they were, for all rose to their feet and joined heartily in the singing.

At 7 p. m. the Y. L. M. I. A. conference was held, presided over by M. M. Hall. Reports were given from the various associations, exercises performed and much valuable instruction imparted by the several speakers, after which Brother Goddard sang "Hard times come again no more."

Monday at 8:30 a. m. a meeting of the High Council was held, and at 10 a. m. of the same day the quarterly conference of the Primary associations was held. There was a large number of children present, and performed their parts well. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations and answering questions from Life of Joseph Smith. President Hammond and Brother Goddard talked to the children, and, of course, Brother Goddard most sing the children another song, which pleased them very much.

The Relief Society conference was held at 2 p. m., President Martha Hammond presiding. The various branches were reported, and timely instructions given by the president and several of the brethren, and not wishing to slight the sisters, Brother Goddard was on hand with an appropriate song; and thus ended our conference.

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CONFERENCE OF WARDS AT SYRACUSE

CENTERTVILLE, Utah, Aug. 31, 1896. —On Sunday, August 31, 1896, the members of the Church in the four north wards of the Davis Stake, Syracuse, South Hooper, Clinton and South Weber met in conference capacity at Syracuse. Through the kindness of Mr. Adams they were allowed the use of the grove and pavilion at the Syracuse resort. There was present, Elder George Teasdale of the Council of Apostles, Elder John W. Hess, President of the Davis Stake, ten members of the High Council and a large number of the Saints from the four above mentioned wards. The excellent singing and music was furnished by the choirs of South Weber and South Hooper.

After the opening exercises of the morning services, 10 a. m., President Hess said the reason why this conference was held at this place was because of the isolated condition of the people in the north end of the Stake, they living a long distance from where the Stake conferences are usually held. As the Stake presidency has a great interest in the Saints that lived in a scattered condition, they had thought it was to call the people together that they might be instructed in the Gospel; further, he thought there were a great many of the young people living in the north part of the Stake that had never had the privilege of hearing the voice of an Apostle.

Elder Teasdale suggested that some of the brethren present make a few brief remarks bearing their testimony and telling what the Gospel had done for them.

Bishop George W. Kendall of the South Weber ward, Bishop Orlando Hadlock of the Clinton ward, Bishop Antoine C. Christensen of the South Hooper, and Bishop David Cook of Syracuse bore their testimony to the truth of the Gospel and the great benefits they had received by obeying its precepts.

Patriarch Nathan T. Porter who is also Stake superintendent of Sunday schools bore his testimony to the truth of the work; said he had a great interest in the children of the Saints; exhorted parents to teach their children the principles of the Gospel, and spoke of the growth of the Sunday schools, and the room for more improvement.

The South Hooper choir sang the hymn on page 66.

Sister Elizabeth Brewitt of East Layton bore a strong testimony; she also spoke and sang in tongues.

Patriarch Ezra Clark related some of his experience during the sixty years that he had been in the Church; told of his acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph Smith; spoke of the fulfillment of a prophecy of President Brigham Young made in 1850, while traveling over the Sand Ridge. President Young had his team stop when crossing the ridge, and called those around him that were traveling with him (of whom one was Brother Clark) and pointed to the vast expanse of barren land that lay below the then traveled road. He said: "Brethren, that land that is now a barren desert will become fruitful and a goodly dwelling place for the Saints of God." That land now composes the fruitful wards of South Hooper, Syracuse and Clinton in the Davis Stake, and Hooper in the Weber Stake.

Patriarch Wm. S. Muir said he was not ashamed to bear his testimony to the truth of this work; had been doing this for the last forty-eight years.

Elder Teasdale then addressed the Saints, speaking on a variety of subjects: Why we came out of Babylon; the judgments of the last days; the restoration of the Gospel as foreseen by John on the Isle of Patmos. He also read from the Doctrine and Covenants in regard to the personality of the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Elder Teasdale gave some excellent counsel as to how we should educate and train our children; spoke of the way we should conduct our accounts; our dealings with one another; advised to live within our means; to owe no man anything; to love our neighbor as ourselves.

After the close of the morning services, tables were brought out and spread with the good things of the earth, of which all were invited to partake.

Conference commenced again at 2 p. m. After singing and prayer, the Sacrament was administered.

High Counselors John Ellison, Thomas J. Steed, Orrin P. Hatch and Richard Duerden testified of what the Gospel had done for them. Elder John Ellison related some of his experiences in the Church. He was baptized in England in the year 1838, being of the first fruits of the Gospel in that land; emigrated to Missouri in 1839; was with the Saints in Nauvoo; worked four years for the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Teasdale again addressed the Saints, speaking on the first principles of the Gospel, faith, repentance, baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost; also read from the Doctrine and Covenants, section 84, on Priesthood. Elder Teasdale promised great blessings on the Saints assembled if they would only be faithful.

President Hess bore testimony of the beauties of the Gospel, and of the great blessings the Lord has in store for the faithful; counseled the Saints to plant out trees around their meeting houses.

The speakers at this conference enjoyed a full flow of the Spirit of the Lord, and all the Saints that were present enjoyed the good influence that was there.