

ference, for the Saints to be united; and said he believed there never had been greater exertions made by the Saints than since that time to be united and obey the counsels of the servants of God. When we receive instruction through this channel we look upon it as the word of God to us; and when we hearken unto and live according to the counsels given to us, He pours out His blessings upon us abundantly. Elder Rich spoke on education, showing its importance, and the necessity of our using all diligence to have ourselves and the rising generation properly instructed. He bore testimony that he had never been to a Conference since 1832 but the Lord had made manifest at it, through His servants, His mind and will to the people. He has done it at this Conference; and it is our duty to carry out the instructions we have received.

President B. Young said his feelings would be to continue the Conference day after day teaching the people; but he had no desire to keep them together until their spirits would flag and they would grow weary. People are not able to remember much at a time; and it is by constant instructing that the truth becomes impressed upon their minds. We are here in these mountains to build up the Kingdom of God; the eyes of the world are upon us; our names are in their mouths for good or for evil; and we have to prove to them that we have the gospel of life and salvation. This gospel must be preached as a witness of the name of Jesus to all the world before the end comes; and we are to be the exemplars of that gospel, not to pattern after those who have left behind us in the world. This is what the Lord does not want; and if we will do as the Lord requires, we will begin to set an example before the world, that will show them how they may live walking in the ways of the Lord. We must do the will of the Lord instead of following the lusts of the eye. He thanked the people for observing the Word of Wisdom as faithfully as they have; and said it was the will of the Lord that we should observe it. He again thanked the workmen who have been engaged on the Tabernacle. He said the Lord wishes us to learn how to live to be handsome, well preserved and intelligent. Everything that appertains to life and happiness is within the bounds of our religion. He instructed the people in the laws of life, and the means by which existence can be prolonged in happiness; and encouraged the young sisters to study all needful kinds of intelligence to qualify themselves for future positions as housekeepers, wives and mothers. He said he would send to every ward in the Territory and ask the men of wealth how many of the poor Saints yet in the old world they will emigrate next year. He referred again to the call for five hundred teams to haul fifteen hundred loads of rock; and told the manner in which they should be sent to do the work.

A vote being taken by the President, if the Conference should adjourn till next April, or be continued on Wednesday, it was unanimously voted that Conference should meet again the next day.

Singing by the Tabernacle Choir. Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Wednesday, 9th, 10 a.m.

Singing by the S. S. and P. choirs, "Daughter of Zion." Prayer by Elder W. W. Phelps. Singing by the Tabernacle choir.

Elder George A. Smith spoke in favor of aiding the Saints still in the nations to emigrate; and on the importance of the English language being studied by those who are not fully familiar with it, and education being sought after by all, whether old or young. He reprobated the use of intemperate or violent language, and said we should never under any circumstances lay aside our religion. He encouraged the study of the Deseret Alphabet, or phonetics, in our common schools, as an ordinary branch of education; and the formation of evening classes for the study of every kind of useful knowledge for males and females, that they may be qualified for future duties. He urged the vast importance of the counsel given years ago to lay up breadstuffs, year by year, until seven years provision is saved and laid by. And advocated the making of our own fashions, our hats, bonnets, and clothing, raising our silk, flax, cotton and other requisites, showing the value of the southern settlements and of the cotton raised there. He also advocated im-

provement in all things that will enable us to live long on the earth in peace and happiness to serve the Lord and help to accomplish His purposes.

Singing by Elder Fishburn's choir.

Elder Hyrum Dayton bore his testimony to the work, after having been a member of the Church for 35 years, being baptized by the Prophet Joseph Smith in February 1832.

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke of the blessings promised to the early Apostles when they were called to preach the gospel without purse or scrip; and referred to those called to go on missions to the southern settlements, showing that their duty is to fill the mission appointed them in the manner prescribed, that they may enjoy all the promised blessings. He referred to the case of Pharaoh of Egypt, and the interpretation of his dreams by Joseph, pointing out how little grounds the Egyptians had to place confidence in Joseph,—a dream given to a gentile king, and interpreted by a young man, a stranger to them and a slave, who was brought out of prison to give that interpretation; yet, because they would not believe him nor his interpretation, as he went through the land buying their grain during the seven years of plenty, they were left in poverty, and themselves and all they had passed into the possession of the King of Egypt and Joseph for bread. The nations of the earth have been warned for years that judgments and calamities are coming upon them; and they have been promised if they will obey the gospel and bow down before the Lord, He will bestow upon them revelations that will bring certainty to their minds. The speaker rejoiced at the prosperity of Zion and the progress of the people; and encouraged the Saints to cultivate their spirits, that they may grow better, purer, wiser, having more power over themselves, and manifesting more godliness in their lives.

President B. Young requested that the doors might be kept shut during the meetings. Though cases might arise where it is necessary for persons to go out, as a rule he wished them to remain in meeting until the services closed.

Singing by the Tabernacle choir. Prayer by Elder E. L. Sloan.

2 p.m.

Singing by the S. S. and P. choirs. Prayer by Elder Joseph F. Smith. Singing by the Tabernacle choir.

Elder John Van Cott spoke of the progress of the Saints and what they have accomplished during the past twenty years, and inquired what might we not be able to accomplish during the next twenty years with our increased prosperity, union, and power for the performance of anything required; pointing out some of the labors which we have yet to perform, and our ability to do them. He claimed that individuals indebted to the P. E. Fund should pay those liabilities, that others may become the recipients of its benefits; and called upon persons who have borrowed means from friends in the old world, who are now waiting for aid to help them in emigrating, to pay that means.

Elder Charles W. Leah, of Spanish Fork, sang "The Mountain Brave."

Elder Joseph F. Smith reasoned on the necessity of our being faithful, energetic and united in the performance of the duties that devolve upon us; while every individual must perform their individual work, be faithful for themselves, and build upon their own foundation. He spoke on the importance of those not familiar with it studying the English language, being that in which the Lord has chosen to give the revelations of His will in these last days. He urged the Saints to take up the requirements which had been laid before them during the present Conference, and perform them faithfully and whole-souledly, that they may enjoy the blessings which will follow obedience to the counsels given. Our mission is to work righteousness, and bring all things subservient to the will of God.

President B. Young then made the following remarks, which were reported by Elder George D. Watt:—

I will commence my remarks where bro. Joseph F. Smith left off, with regard to the appearance of the Latter-day Saints. I will, in a few words, give you my views touching us as a people, and our appearance. What is your ideas regarding the appearance of the heavenly hosts? Do you not think that they are the most chaste in their deportment, most beautiful in their ap-

pearance, most simple, clean and elegant in their dress and the most courteous and kind in their manners of any beings that you can imagine? You can answer this for yourselves. I have my ideas regarding them. If ever we become Saints of God, fully sanctified and made perfect before Him, I shall expect to see the most healthful and beautiful people that ever lived upon the earth: I shall expect to see a people full of knowledge of the great laws which govern organized life, for health, for adornment and for beauty. We will know how to adorn ourselves in the most comely manner to present ourselves before each other, before those who live godly in Christ Jesus, and before the Lord, and to form fit companions for angels. It would gratify me very much if the people of the Latter-day Saints would begin to use discretion and judgment in this matter more than they have formerly done, and cease to copy after the fashions of this world. A reformation of this kind should begin with the sisters in this Church, and it should be extended to every portion of human life. Our living should be plain and simple, that it may be healthful, giving vigor and long life to us and our generations after us. I have not time now to enlarge upon this exceedingly interesting subject.

I will embrace the present opportunity of expressing myself upon a subject that I think has not been before spoken upon by any of the elders of this Church. We have ordained men to take the place of others who have from time to time left the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and I have ordained all who have been ordained into the Quorum, since it was first organized, assisted by br. Kimball and others, but have never named this subject at any of those ordinations except at that of the last man who has been received in the Quorum. If I am wrong in my views, I shall be righted in due time. The subject I refer to is in regard to a man taking the crown of another, by being ordained to his priesthood or calling in any of the quorums of this Church. Now, my idea is this, that there is a crown for each and every one who proves faithful to his covenant to the end. Shall we have two crowns when we are crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives? My opinion is that each man will have his own crown, the glory and greatness and might of which will be according to his works, or according to that which he merits. If this be true, I do not ordain brother Joseph F. Smith, to take the crown of Amasa M. Lyman. Joseph F. Smith has been faithful from his childhood, has fulfilled missions to the nations of the earth, traveled and preached in the midst of the Saints, laboring faithfully in the Kingdom of God to save the honest-in-heart, and to perfect himself and others in the grace of God. Is he deserving of a crown? He is; and he will get just such a one as he deserves. This may be said of every other faithful man. If a man forfeits his crown by any act of his own, it is not for me to say what becomes of it, it is in the hands of Him whose right it is to give. I think that Joseph F. Smith is the sixteenth person upon whom I have laid hands and ordained into the Quorum of the Twelve since the first Quorum was formed. Let no person then suppose that Joseph F. Smith has got Amasa M. Lyman's crown; he will not get it, but he will be perfectly satisfied with his own crown which he has faithfully earned. I do not wish to wear Thomas B. Marsh's crown; I want my own. We build our own kingdoms, and obtain, by our faithfulness, our own crowns that will exactly fit us; and the brightness of them, and the greatness of them in glory, will grow or pass away as we are faithful or unfaithful to the priesthood and opportunities which we have had bestowed upon us from the Lord. Let us all be satisfied in striving to be faithful that we may receive the crown laid up for us.

I wish now to say to the Bishops who are present at this Conference, from the north and from the south, when you return home cease not your labors until you get the names of each individual who will engage to bring from Liverpool to the terminus of the Pacific Railroad one or more of the poor Saints. I do not ask them to turn in cows or horses for this purpose; we do not want property, but we want them to say that they will be responsible to bring so many from England. We asked a few brethren in the Conference yesterday, and in a few minutes forty-five of the

poor Saints were provided for with passages. We want fifteen thousand thus provided for. We wish a list of the names of brethren, who will thus engage themselves, forwarded to us immediately. How many hearts will be made glad by this movement which we are about to engage in for the deliverance of our poor brethren and sisters in the old countries! Their hearts will be raised in thanksgiving that the day of their deliverance is drawing nigh, when they hear the report of our efforts for their good. When we find our feet established in pleasant places, let us not forget the pit from whence we have been taken, but stretch out a helping hand to assist our relatives and friends who are struggling for deliverance as we have done. Consider this all ye Latter-day Saints. We say to those who will not pay their indebtedness to the P. E. Fund, we shall be glad to have you bring some of the poor Saints of the old countries to the terminus of the railroad the next season; and we will say you have done well, and we will give you credit on your Fund account. Any means you expend for the deliverance of the poor, you will look to them for payment when they come here, but nothing will be refunded to you by the P. E. Fund. You can name the persons you wish to bring out, and then look to them for your pay; and if you look to them for your pay I shall not credit you on the P. E. Fund books for what you may have done for them.

I wish the Bishops of the two counties north, two counties west and two counties south to send on teams to haul rock for the temple. And do not forget to send in your reports from all the settlements how many you can bring out from the old world, as we wish to appoint our agents at different points to negotiate with the shipping and railway companies. By emigrating a large company we can lessen the cost very materially.

Singing by Elder Fishburn's choir.

Elder George Q. Cannon read the names of Thomas Romney and George W. Larkin, who have been selected to go to the south. He then spoke on the subject of education, advocating a proper organization among the Sunday Schools of the various wards, which would be highly beneficial for one thing, in selecting Sunday school libraries, so that the schools in the various wards of a city could have libraries of different books, which could be loaned around among the schools, and would be the same as a general library. He spoke of the importance of a Sunday School Union, with a Superintendent for each county, as members of the Union; and sketched briefly a plan of an organization for future consideration.

President B. Young moved that this Conference adjourn until the 6th of next April, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to meet in this Tabernacle; and dismissed the congregation with the following benediction:—

I feel to bless you collectively and individually. I bless my brethren of the Apostles in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray the choicest blessings of heaven to rest upon them; and upon the Seventies and the Presidents of Seventies. I bless them in the name of the Lord Jesus; and I bless the High Priests and the Elders with all the blessings that their hearts can desire in righteousness. I bless the Bishops and the wards over which they preside, and the land that we occupy. And I bless these my sisters and their children. I bless these choirs, those who have sung for us and played for us. I bless you as parents and as children; as brothers and sisters; and as the Church and Kingdom of our God upon the earth. And I bless the house that has so conveniently accommodated us, and all who have taken part in this Conference; with the land of Joseph, which I feel to bless. And our inheritances, and all that pertains to Israel I bless in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At a meeting of the missionaries, held on Thursday morning, 10th, in the old Tabernacle, the name of Nelson A. Empey was added to the number.

EDWARD L. SLOAN,

Clerk of Conference.

"CESAR, what's become ob dat dar key who stole de taller?" "He has been taken up on affidavy, and carried up to de spern court to hab it tried." "On an affidavy, Cesar?" "Yes, I see de bundle ob it."