

Names of Elders who have been called on missions since the October Conference, 1881, and now in their fields of labor:

GREAT BRITAIN.

Thomas Allsop, Union.

UNITED STATES.

P. Green Taylor, Harristville.

Wm. G. Brough, Morgan.

SOUTHERN STATES.

John J. Dunn, Brigham City.

John Haven Barlow, East Bountiful.

John Morgan, 14th Ward.

NEW ZEALAND.

Wm. Burnett, Hooper.

ARIZONA.

Alma H. Bennett, Mount Pleasant.

Elder Nuttall also read the following list of missionaries, all of whom were unanimously sustained by the Conference.

GREAT BRITAIN.

John Charles Reader, Wellsville.

Joseph A. West, Ogden.

Edwin Spencer, Randolph.

Wm. G. Reese, Benson.

Thomas W. Horsley, Paris.

Isaac Green, Wellsville.

David Burnett, Onedia.

Henry W. Manning, Hooper.

Joseph Alma Smith, Coalville.

Willard F. Smith, Coalville.

David Lewis, East Bountiful.

John Penman, "

James Meikle, Smithfield.

Ephraim H. Nye, Ogden.

Joseph Wild, American Fork.

John Crawford, Ogden.

Geo. Croft, Fillmore.

James H. Kinnersley, 17th Ward.

SCANDINAVIA.

Lars Swenson, Moroni.

Soren Madsen, Milton.

Christian Poulsen, Richfield.

J. B. Hesse, Monroe.

John Anderson, Fillmore.

SWITZERLAND.

John Hafon, Santa Clara.

UNITED STATES.

John A. Sutton, Paris.

Gilbert R. Belpap, Jr., Hooperville.

Wm. H. Wright, Ogden.

Niels Rasmussen, Panguan.

B. P. Wolfenstien, St. George.

Reuben Farnsworth, Richfield.

H. M. Payne, Glenwood.

A. W. Buchanan, "

SOUTHERN STATES.

Charles F. Martineau, Logan.

Nathaniel W. Haws, "

Joseph S. Hunter, Cedar City.

Edwin R. Miles, Smithfield.

Walter George Paul, Mendon.

Milton R. Pratt, 19th Ward.

NEW ZEALAND.

Alma Greenwood, Fillmore.

Ira N. Hinckley, "

MALAD INDIAN FARM.

James Chandler, Willard, as school teacher.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said when we make motions of this kind, he wished it to be distinctly understood that those who voted, should strictly carry the vote out. While the missionaries were absent, let us look after their families and make them as comfortable as our own, if there is an entertainment invite them to it and provide for their necessities. Some people ask the Lord to provide for missionaries' families and for the poor; he thought a little flour, meat, money and groceries were good things to add to prayers. He made some very encouraging remarks about the storm that seemed to be so much talked about; and said let us treat it the same as we did this morning in coming through the snow-storm—put up our coat collars and wait till the storm subsides. After the storm comes sunshine. While it lasts it is useless to reason with the world; when it subsides we can talk to them. Notwithstanding all the accusations against the Saints, there are no more law-abiding people on the continent than those who live in these valleys, nor can there be found any people who are so loyal to the Constitution and laws of our country, and we will continue to support republican principles and every constitutional law, and if other people cannot afford to do right, we can, and we will preach the Gospel to and try to save them in return for the evil they would do unto us. He spoke in praise of those honorable members of Congress who had the manhood to sustain human rights and constitutional liberties in the face of the opposition which prevailed, and said this showed that there is some salt left yet in the United States; there are thousands of good men who possess sufficient integrity to defend the right and maintain correct principles, but some of them are afraid to express their feelings at the present juncture. However, we will pursue our course, do right and build up Zion. We have no quarrel with any one, but we will be united, and seek after our own interests. We will sustain the Constitution of the United States, and keep the commandments of God. And as there were some people here who were so very

pure that the "Mormons" were denounced by them as degraded, it would be as well not to go into their stores, lest their goods might be contaminated, and we could do our trading among ourselves. Our organization was viewed as remarkable and different from anything else. It is so, and the reason is because it was not obtained from any human government or church, but was revealed of God like all other parts of our religion. And we will sustain it, rejoice upon the mountains, sing hallelujah in the valleys, praise God and honor Him in our lives. We would not violate the contracts we have made with our wives for time and all eternity. It is wrong and unconstitutional to impair the obligation of contracts, and those who did so were unworthy of our confidence. [The Conference sustained these sentiments by a united amen.] President Taylor concluded by exhorting the people to righteousness, faithfulness and trust in the Almighty.

The choir sang an anthem.

Daughter of Zion.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

Benediction by Apostle Erastus Snow.

2 p. m.

The choir sang the hymn on page 9—

The time is nigh, the happy time,

That great expected, blessed day.

Prayer by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

The choir sang the hymn on page 302—

When earth in bondage long had lain,

And darkness o'er the nations reigned.

APOSTLE ERASTUS SNOW

Had experienced much satisfaction in visiting for a few weeks past the Saints in the southern part of the Territory. He rejoiced in the spirit of the Most High made manifest thus far during this Conference. The Saints feel peculiarly interested in those things that pertain to the building up of the kingdom of God, and had the weather been favorable, this large Tabernacle would have been crowded. The Saints have oftentimes been persecuted in days gone by and their faith and perseverance have been severely tried; but God gave them success and laid His Church upon a sure foundation. The Prophet Joseph Smith, together with his brother Hyrum, both sealed their testimony with their blood. The mission of the Latter-day Saints is not a mission of blood, war, strife nor contention, but one of peace and good will to the children of men—a mission of salvation not only theoretical, but also practical, not of faith only, but works also. The faith of the Latter-day Saints is a living faith, producing legitimate results.

The Gospel seed that is sown broadcast, falls upon a variety of soil, which is expressed in the parable of the Sower. Where the soil is rich and deep, it brings forth in some 60 and some an hundred fold. It teaches us charity, to love one another and to care for each other. It also teaches us to become one, according to the prayer of our Savior. One main objection that the Christian world has against us, is our union. Polygamy has been the war cry, yet that, in reality, they care nothing about, but it is our union and Priesthood that they are after.

He then spoke of the time prior to the civil war, when the main plank in the platform of the dominant political party was, the annihilation of slavery and polygamy as twin relics of barbarism. The Christian world at that time was very much divided and during the war, Christians on both sides, sent up their prayers to God for the success of their respective armies. Had those prayers been fully answered, they would all have been destroyed. The religion of Jesus Christ enjoins Christian unity, and this unity is what the outside world is opposed to. And so far as morality is concerned there is more prostitution in one year in one of their large cities than there has been immorality of any kind in this Territory since its organization. He then gave an interesting and historical account of the way in which this country was first ceded by treaty to the American Government from Mexico, and touched upon the nature of the Territorial system of government and the refusal of Congress to admit Utah into the Union as a State, while California was admitted. Yet Utah framed at least as liberal and democratic a constitution as California and formed part of the same Mexican

Territory which was ceded to the United States. However, with all the disadvantages of being under a Territorial form of government, we have been a prosperous people, we have opened up farms, established factories, built school-houses and manufactured many articles of general utility and educated our children without any aid from the general government. These facts must be patent to the world, and give the lie to the charge of our being a licentious and vicious people. Are these the products of lawlessness? We invite statesmen and others to our Sunday Schools, our assemblies and other places where they can learn our true character, instead of being led by the lying scribblers who are all the time trying to poison the public mind against us. Why are they afraid to mingle among the people about whom they wish to gain information and learn the truth instead of being led by falsehood?

A great hue and cry is often heard about the one-man-power. Where, he would ask, could be found a greater exhibition of the one-man-power than was made manifest by the Governor of this Territory in giving a certificate of election to a man who received but 1,300 votes against 18,000 cast by the people for the man of their choice? He referred to the course taken in Congress during the passage of the Edmunds bill and asked where was the statesman who did not vote as whipped men line by the lash of his party. He spoke of that great and glorious instrument of human liberty, the Constitution of the United States, and showed that its principles, with those of the Declaration of Independence, were the same that God had revealed for the government of his children, ever since the creation of the world, and which he substantiated by reference to the Bible and the Book of Mormon, showing the liberty of Israel under the rule of the Judges, each tribe a commonwealth, and the chief ruler a man of God, and the happiness of the Nephites under similar government. In the Book of Mormon we are told that God would establish upon this continent a free and independent government, and in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants that there would be no need for the Saints in observing the commandments of God, to break the laws of the land that are in accord with the Constitution of the country. This doctrine has been preached by the Prophet Joseph and his successors and practised by the Saints, and if this nation had hearkened to the voice of Joseph Smith it would have been saved from the civil war; the slaves of the South would have been freed at a tenth of the cost and without the shedding of blood. But following the war there has been a degeneracy among men in high places, moral, spiritual and political tending to the breaking down of the barriers of constitutional liberty. Even the Supreme Court once thought to be incorruptible had become tainted with this degeneracy, and now a returning board was sought to be foisted upon this people after 35 years of vassalage under territorial government. He drew attention to the canyon roads in these mountains which often looked as though passage was barred, and yet a turn of the road would open to the view a broad and pleasant valley. So it would be in our experience if we keep our covenants and do right; the Lord will open the way and all will turn for our good. He endorsed the remarks of President Taylor and advised the purchase of such goods as must be imported, through our own co-operative stores instead of handing money over to our enemies and defamers, and though not predicting the consequences of recent legislation thought that if those who had helped to bring it about could stand its results we could who had become used to such things. He closed by exhorting the Saints to wisdom, faith and righteousness.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said, I stated this morning that there was a storm raging at present, and had been for some little time, and that it would be well for us to keep up our coat collars and protect ourselves as best we could until the storm passed over. There will be a storm in the United States after a while; and I want our brethren to prepare themselves for it. At the last Conference, I think I advised all who were in debt to take advantage of the prosperous times and pay their debts, so that they might not be in bondage to any one, and when

the storm came they might be prepared to meet it. There will be one of that kind very soon; and I thought I would give you this warning again, and repeat this piece of advice. The wise will understand.

The choir sang the anthem,

I will lift up mine eyes.

Conference was adjourned till Saturday morning at ten o'clock in the Tabernacle.

Benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, April 8, 10 o'clock a. m.

The choir sang on page 7:

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion City of our God.

Prayer by Counselor D. H. Wells.

The choir sang on page 374:

Though deepening trials throng your way,

Press on, press on, ye Saints of God.

APOSTLE FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS

Said the greatly increasing numbers of the Latter-day Saints and their diversified condition and circumstances call for the aid and succor of God our Heavenly Father, to suit the multiplied feelings and desires of the Saints, many of whom come to these conferences from a great distance, so that on their return to their various homes they may be refreshed in spirit and strengthened in their faith. God has promised that He will not only go before us by His angels, but also by His presence, and has said: "It is my business to provide for any Saints," and he has also told us in those revelations which came through the Prophet Joseph Smith, that he does not wish us to use carnal weapons in defending ourselves from our enemies, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual to the pulling down of strongholds of Satan. In ancient times the style of warfare was more in the nature of a mortal combat, but in our day he has graciously appointed a more peaceable way. He has promised to fight our battles. The Lord kept His people from that fratricidal war when brothers were arrayed against each other and fathers against their sons. He brought us here that our hands might not be stained with blood. It is plain to be seen that it is wisdom in God for His people to maintain clean hands and pure hearts in contending with the powers of evil. David was not permitted to build God's Temple because he was a man of blood, and the Saints must build Temples with clean hands. The word to us to-day is "Thy God reigneth." It is He that sets up kings and nations and also causes them to sink down into confusion and shame. We have been subjected to many indignities but they have turned to our good. We were denied the right to bear arms even on the anniversary of national independence, and this, too, when surrounded by Indian tribes. This was contrary to the Constitution but we submitted and the Lord turned away the hostility of the savages and softened their hearts towards the truth and thus took away the need for us to bear arms. God, our Heavenly Father has preserved us, and we have abundant reason to still put our trust and confidence in Him. Let us forsake our evil ways and practices, and turn unto the Lord our God with full purpose of heart. He then referred to the circumstances connected with the sending of the United States army, who came here with ribaldry and threats for the purpose of destroying our leading men—but the kind hand of our Heavenly Parent overruled their plans; and caused that enterprise to result in the greatest good to the people of God. We must not forget these instances of the kindness of our Heavenly Father. He spoke of the Constitution of our country, which was admitted by Europeans to be the grandest instrument of human rights that was ever enunciated for the government of the people. All the members of our government have to take an oath to carry out the principles of that Constitution in all their official acts. When such men forget their oaths and pass laws in diametrical opposition to those principles, they will have to meet such violation of their sacred obligations and meet the charge of perjury, either in this life, or that which is to come. We have occasion to rejoice that God will not permit the infringement of the rights of man without calling them to account. The speaker referred to the constitutional provision forbidding any law to be

passed by the States impairing the obligation of contracts. Here is something which it would be well to consider. No State government has any right to enact laws that will render null and void contracts even of a financial character, how, then, can laws be constitutionally enacted that will nullify the vested rights of a marital nature—the sacred contract between man and wife? If such laws are made and enforced, we can appeal to a higher court where justice and equity will be surely vindicated. While our enemies are setting traps for our feet, let us be wise, and take such a course as will meet with the approval of high heaven, and live worthy of God's protection from day to day. The work is the Lord's, and He will protect and defend it. We have therefore nothing to fear. He then spoke of the assassination of the Prophet Joseph and Hyrum, whose blood still stains the skirts of the nation, and in the due time of the Lord will have to be atoned for. This nation has the power to inflict serious trouble upon us, if God should permit it. We must therefore pursue the path of duty cheerfully, and put our trust in God, who will not allow anything to occur but what will be for our good and for His glory.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

Said there are thousands in this congregation that can bear a faithful testimony that God lives, and that this is His work that we are engaged in. He spoke of the time when God first revealed himself to Joseph Smith who was then the only man who had this testimony. Then commenced persecution, the world against the truth, in the midst of which was exhibited the power of God in the protection of His servant, in the preservation and translation of the plates from which came forth that sacred record called the Book of Mormon. Then came the authority conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery by John the Baptist, to empower them to preach the Gospel and baptize believers for the remission of their sins. Then there were two men standing on earth as witnesses for Christ. After which came Peter, James and John to confer the Melchisedeck Priesthood and who gave instructions pertaining to the kingdom of God. He then spoke of the effects that have followed the preaching of the Gospel to the various nations of the earth; and the thousands that have been gathered to these valleys of the mountains, bringing with them the spirit of the Gospel, being protected on their journey by manifestations of God's providences in fulfillment of predictions made to them by the servants of the Lord. He rejoiced at the awakening there is among the Latter-day Saints. God is moving among us, and while we are actively engaged in the various duties of our calling, the building of Temples, the payment of our tithes and offerings, and offering up our prayers we can see the providences of the Almighty in all our history and rely that He will most assuredly protect and defend us so long as we work righteousness. Zion will not be redeemed by blood, but by righteousness, and we must take a course to secure the favor of the Almighty; that we may be preserved and finally redeemed back again in His presence.

ELDER L. JOHN NUTTALL

Announced that the Saints from the country who were unable to procure lodging places and refreshments during the remainder of the Conference, in consequence of the crowded condition of the hotels, and not having friends in the city, could be accommodated by calling on Bishop Hunter and his Counselors at the Tithing Office, who would direct them how to proceed; the Bishops of the various Wards would make proper provision for them.

Conference was adjourned till 2 p. m.

The choir sang the anthem:

How beautiful upon the mountains.

Benediction by Apostle John H. Smith.

GLAD I CALLED AT CONFERENCE.

April 7, 1882.
I am glad I came to Conference and called on Dr. E. L. Plant, as he brought from me 40 feet of tape worm, for which I return my sincere thanks. I commenced to take the medicine at 3 o'clock this morning, and it passed from me at 9 o'clock without trouble.

J. V. JANE VILLET, Jr.

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