

MINUTES of the General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, held in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, Commencing October 6th, 1852, 10 a. m., Pres. Brigham Young, Presiding.

(Continued from last paper.)

The quorums of Seventies met in the Tabernacle, and were called to order by Pres. Joseph Young. Prayer by Elder Levi Hancock; hymn "Sweet is the work my God my King" was sung.

Pres. Joseph Young enquired if there was any person present, who could report the situation of the brethren, who are not yet arrived from the States? The brethren reported, the Sugar Company had lost 80 head of Cattle by a storm in one night; many have not any flour, and great sufferings prevail, and the Sugar Company were living on their frozen oxen.

Elder Young remarked, many persons who have been obtained into the Seventies, have not been baptized, and are not yet arrived from the States. He then brought forth the subject of the Seventies Hall of Science, on which, nothing has been done for the last 12 months, although he has now got in his possession a Saw Mill, which is ready to run, which will supply the lumber for the hall. There is a load now on my shoulders and I shall want to know if that load is to be taken off me. The Mill that we have, has an excellent natural dam, which was proved by the freshet of last Spring, and the Saw being circular, will run with great rapidity, for we can turn the whole of the Cotton-wood Creek upon the wheel if we wish. If you have a mind, the rotunda can be built, and the roof can be put on next fall.

Zera Pulsipher enquired, how much we sacrificed when we were driven from Kirtland, or from Missouri, or from Nauvoo? And answered, every time, an immense deal more than would build the Hall of Science. Levi W. Hancock reviewed the rise of the Church, when there were but 32 members, they were ordered to the Temple 63 feet by 95 feet, 2 stories high; and if we will all work together we can build that Hall of Science.

M. Grant I once voted, that no man should be allowed to come to meeting unless he would believe himself; and have not yet rescinded it. The Seventies voted to build a Hall, and it remains with them to fulfill that covenant.

The Tithing Office knows no Presidency, no Twelve, no Seventies, no Elders, Priests, Teachers, or Deacons, but they have to do with Individuals; and we see the result; it rears up Tabernacles, Council Houses, and a disposition among the Seventies, to have a hall, and a disposition among the Seventies, to have a hall, and you can build it; but it will require both dollars and hard knocks, and a pile is wanted to carry it, and I pray the Lord to help you to do your duty.

B. L. Clapp I have been whipped for not living in this City, and my only excuse is, I am not smart enough man to live in Salt Lake City.

Joseph Young I was perfectly satisfied two years ago, if I and my Counsel, and the Seventies had let alone, we should have built a good old fashioned meeting house, have had a hall, and been in it by this time, over 6,000 dollars had been expended on it, and the basement is not up, by four feet.

Nathan Tanner moved that the Mill be sold, and the Hall thrown up, seconded but not carried.

John Pack had been absent three years, has returned and found his family in debt, but willing to do all he can; they let us build up the Hall and receive instruction therein.

Pres. B. Young I requested bro. Tanner to make that motion. A man that is not smart enough to live in this City, is not fit to reside over this body of men. When God calls a man to reside, he gives him wisdom to reside, so he can hear the blame on to give. I want to let you know I have heard all that has been said this evening. I will appeal to every Seventy who was in Nauvoo, whether that Hall was not a credit to the Seventies, and it was so admitted in New York and in England. I am the designer of that Hall, and I am ashamed of it, it is too small; to do credit to this body of men, let it build a Hall that will contain 15,000 persons; the Seventies were laying plans in Winter Quarters, to get Nails and Glass for a hall in the mountains.

This body of men have the advantage of building a hall, and it will belong to the Church. I have not the least fear of any division in this Church, for I can turn them whithersoever I will, (Amen.)

There is a foundation laid to build upon; (and then spoke in praise of John D. Lee building the hall in Nauvoo.)

We will build our temples, and our halls of science ourselves; for the Lord has suffered us to be driven 1000 miles from any place, and we have got to build for ourselves; my good sense taught me the Seventies would want a hall, and I said, build it on the right and on the left, in the front and in the rear, and show what you can do.

I wish to ask this people, if you know the doctrine you have been teaching? What is to be done to prepare this Earth for a Millennium; these latter Day Saints have got to do it, or else they will be removed, and others will be placed in their stead; can you and I do anything, but what God requires at our hands, or what he approves in the Heaven?

Joseph received the Pattern of the Temple in Kirtland, and said he would be superfluous to have a revelation; and if you are covetous and indolent, you may get revelation in regard to this Hall. The nerve, bone, and sinews, are the only capital to build with, and no other capital exists in reality, 1-3rd of the capital of the Saints, should go to enhance the beauty of the City; but let them hoard it up, and they are a poor poverty striking people.

If this plain simple building, (the Tabernacle) were now laying in its native state, you would not be as rich as you are to day. Can you build that hall? Yes, I can build it myself.

Gentlemen, you had commenced, and if there is anything to regret, on my part, it is too insignificant, and yet it can't be beat in America, it would be an ornament to any street in London.

I can go and pick up the very property now, that will be lost, in one year to come, of horses, oxen, &c., and that very property will be sufficient to build it. Now make yourselves poor, and then show, you know how to make yourselves rich again; that is on rational principles; if you want a hall, go and build it. You can't find a man who has been here two years, but can get his bread and garden sauce. Mormonism has done all for me, and I always thank God, that he sent Joseph the Prophet to reveal his will.

Now turn out your teams and send men to work on it, until it is built. May the Lord bless you, brethren, Amen.

Dismissed with benediction by A. P. Rockwood. October 8, 2 p. m.

Opened in the usual manner, by singing, prayer, and singing.

Elder JOHN YOUNG remarked, while the Pres. was preaching this forenoon, manifested and enquired, of the multitude the blessings conferred upon them. No people under the whole heavens are blessed as we are, for we have Apostles, Prophets, and all the gifts of the holy Priesthood, and are taught the way of Eternal Life and we are just as sure of salvation, as though we were saved already, if we continue in well doing.

The whole world are lulled asleep in wickedness and sin, and we are the happiest people on the Earth, and approximating more in the knowledge of the truth daily.

He alluded to those murmuring spirits, who came in, and said they know nothing of suffering, in comparison with the first settlers of this Valley, many of whom lived on Ox hides and hoots, and the bodies of Wolves, and felt glad to get them, and when they clambered the mountains to get Leeks with the Indians, they were too feeble to pull them out of the ground—you, who murmur and complain, you know nothing, then cease your murmuring, for you need never go hungry one day, but can live on the best of Flour &c.

Pres. KIMBALL the truths advanced, seem so plain and simple, that I feel ashamed of the people who do not hear, when you go home from this place, cherish what you hear, and you will not be left in darkness. He instructed mothers in their duty of training up their children, the same as recorded in the Book of Mormon, and testified of Joseph Smith having placed all the keys and powers of the Apostleship upon the Apostles; and every man and woman who fight against it, will be damned and every nation who oppose it, will wither as a branch severed from a tree.

A few years ago the world would not believe in revelation, and Joseph was called "a fool for Smith the money digger," but now all the world either believe in revelations, through the Spiritual Rappings, or else are going a gold digging.

Pres. Young spoke on the sin of shedding the blood of Joseph the Prophet. Singing. Benediction by Elder Hyde.

October 8, 6 p. m. Quorum of High Priests met, President John Young Presiding, H. Cahoon and G. B. Wallace Counselors, S. M. Blackwell, Secretary, and J. M. Grant, Treasurer. Prayer by Counselor Wallace. President John Young observed the quorum of High Priests had met to transact business and not to have sermons. President B. Young moved that all who had been ordained High Priests and came to the Valley, and was re-baptized, should be received as members of the quorum, by their giving in their names to the Clerk. Bishop E. Hunter, Felt and Heywood made some remarks followed by President B. Young on Tithing, and the future plan of the Bishops keeping their books, and requiring the members of the wards to settle with their respective Bishops &c.

Meeting closed, benediction by Elder Erastus Snow. October 9, 10 a. m.

Conference called to order by Pres. Kimball. Choir sang a hymn. Prayer by Patriarch Morley, and singing.

Elder LORENZO D. YOUNG remarked, I have thought, while sitting in this Conference, that I had attained to happiness and heaven; when I see thousands of intelligent beings gathered from the four quarters of the Earth, in this spacious hall, it speaks louder than thunder, that this is the Kingdom of God. I feel as though I was in Zion this morning, and sitting in heavenly places and hear instructions, it breathes forth a spirit of peace, union, and power, and it makes every person happy.

It required a man of strong mind, power, and energy, to testify, that God had spoken unto him, by an Angel; unto a generation of men who were sunk in wickedness and sin; yet such a man, was Joseph, the Prophet; and I testify before you, that he brought forth the work of the latter days, and we are the fruit of his labors.

I ask you, who were brother Methodists and Baptists? Why did you not continue with them? Simply because you saw that you were standing on a slippery foundation, and beheld greater light, when this work was presented unto you. If I am not in the Kingdom of God now, I say farewell to all happiness, and future hope of glory, but I am in it, and experience the blessings thereof.

The Lord has brought us by his power, and guidance from a land of oppression, sickness, disease and death, to a healthy land and a valley of peace and liberty.

I say to you, heads of families, if you are not now laying a foundation for happiness, and rest, where do you expect to do it? I shall be rewarded according to my works; but those who expect ease in Zion, when they wake up in the resurrection, will find they have no inheritance therein.

If you can show me a man who is not selfish, you show me a man at all; if you show me a woman who is not selfish, you show me an idiot, and one who knows not the way to happiness—or a crown of glory.

When you see an opportunity of doing good, and neglect that opportunity, you will find that you have been led by the adversary, on to the wrong path and are traveling the wrong way.

Know ye, that the Kingdom of God is set up on the Earth, and you are living in the days of Prophets and Apostles; and the Kingdom will continue to roll until it fills the whole world; then let us do every thing willingly that is required of us.

Pres. KIMBALL presented the names of Elam Liddington and Levi Savage jr., to go on missions to Sam and the Chinese West, they were present, and said they were ready to start, (although they notified for the first time,) voted unanimously that they should go.

He then asked if we should build the Temple, of Stone from Red Butte, Adobies, or Rock from San Pete? we can build it of the very best materials; for we have union, bone, marrow, and muscle. I would like to see something nice, and our President is perfectly able to give us a design of what we want, for the Saints to get all their blessings in.

He then related the visit of the Ancient Prophet, to the Temple in his former life, the parallel thereon, applied to the future. He said he was proud, and had occasion to be proud of his religion, and the Elders, the brethren and Saints, and especially when they do well.

Brother shall we have the Temple build of Stone from Red Butte, Adobies, Rock, or the best stone the mountains afford?

Motioned that we build it of the best materials that can be got in the mountains.

G. A. SUTHER if there is the best stone, or the best kind of timber in the mountains, it should be offered to the Lord; if we build of the best, the Lord will open the way for it to be got; but if we build for the sake of the ordinances, it will be a drag; and if we build a splendid Temple, property and every thing else will increase in proportion; the Lord will accept it; Nations will revere it; and the people from the four quarters of the Earth, will come to receive their endowments. And motioned that we lay the foundation of the best stone, and build upon it of the best materials, that Desert will afford.

JOHN T. WATSON if it would cost more money to build a house of Stone, than Adobies, Am. showed that in England and France they fetch their Stone for public buildings from a great distance, and at an immense expense, and if the Gentiles do it, in the name of God and common sense I say, we must be a poor miserable set of beings, if we cannot do the same. We are going to receive our washings, anointings and endowments therein, if we are exempt in our feelings in building a Temple, we should feel afraid of having carnal blessings. And seconded the last motion.

E. T. BENSON asked and the Presidency do as they please, and proceed to its completion.

Pres. H. C. KIMBALL "it is motioned and seconded that we build a Temple of the best materials that can be obtained in the mountains of North America, and that the Presidency decide where the Stone and other materials shall be obtained and be untrammelled from this time henceforth and forever."

Carried unanimously. Choir sang a hymn. Benediction by J. Taylor.

October 9 1852, 2 p. m. Opened by singing. Prayer by Lorenzo Snow, and singing.

Pres. YOUNG when cases of difficulty come before me I feel very acute at times, but at the present I feel very careless, if we could get the male members to hear, it would be sufficient. It is concerning the Kanyons. Wood is the prominent product looked after and the men who get it, have an experience; there is no excuse for men to curse and swear and fight, and I think an expression by this Conference will have a salutary result. A few years ago the Legislative Assembly disposed of several Kanyons, and the people and related the actions of different individuals swearing and quarrelling, and leaving their religion at the mouth of the Kanyon, and exhibited to the community, the disgraceful language and conduct of some men; and called on the community to frown down such conduct. It must be a mighty good flock of 8, 10, 20, or 30,000 Sheep, without having some bad ones among them, having the itch, &c. I don't want to destroy the Sheep but to wash them and get them clean.

It is my decision that those Kanyons be put into the hands of good men, and that the timber and make good roads, and take toll for pay. He then exhibited the conduct of some persons getting into debt, shewing their hypocritical conduct towards the church and the authorities, and when persons don't live to the truth, what is the cause? There must be a devil somewhere.

This community has paid the Gentile Merchants in the neighborhood of 300,000 within the last six months, there is not a span of Mules that could drag the silver across the plains, that either of those stores have taken.

If the people had the knowledge that angels have, and do as they do; they would be sent to hell, before the rising of another Sun; but as it is, God works at our ignorance.

Consider we don't own the Kanyons, then let them go into the hands of men who will make good roads and pay them for it.

We as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the capacity of a Conference, give it as our opinion, and recommend the officers of State to put the Kanyons into the hands of men, who will make good roads, and take toll for pay. He then said, the people to let the use of the same by paying toll, if this is your mind, signify it by the uplifted hand (all hands up).

Now Judges of Great Salt Lake County, Utah, or other Counties take due notice, and govern yourselves accordingly.

He then spoke of the Temple, and the different stone from San Pete, Red Sandstone, and Basalt Marble, and Adobies mixed with Pebble stones and straw, and said he, the Temple made of Adobies and Pebbles, will be the strongest; I am talking of the durability of the building, the Adobies and

Pebbles will peck in 500 years, and it will do to cut into Mill rocks, when the others are dissolved. Rocks are always composing and increasing in strength, or decomposing and decaying. The Adobies houses will be better in 500 years, than they are the day they are finished. I give it as my opinion that the Adobies wall will be the best building.

Choir sang a hymn. Sunday, Oct. 10 1852, 10 a. m. Conference called to order by Elder O. Hyde. Singing. Prayer by Elder Hyde, and singing.

Elder JOHN TAYLOR rejoiced to be in the midst of a people where the greatest amount of wisdom and happiness is gathered together on the face of the Earth. In no other place, have I found the people protected in their rights; and this places us above the rest of the human family, and that is positive proof that God is with us.

He related a conversation with a French communist Editor, proving that the Saints have done ALL, which the French have failed to establish. You may trace Catholicism and Protestantism, and let them do their very best, for mankind, and you behold the world in its present wicked condition. There is not one man that dare say that the Heavens had been opened to him and an angel had been sent unto him; there is not one dare testify that he knows, there is a God, or that he has spoken to the people from the Heavens.

He presented many ideas that naturally come to a refined mind, showing a superior intelligence, to man; and who it is, that imparts the intelligence to man; comparing the superior intelligence, that regulates the planetary system, so nice, that the philosopher himself, imperfect as he is, can compute the exact time of the reappearance of a planet, though it may be a 100 years hence, showing life, vitality symmetry, and beauty, that cannot be improved upon: every thing is perfect, beautiful, and harmonious, that man has had nothing to do with; even animal life, birds, fishes, &c., they are admirably adapted to move in their respective spheres; and if man had stood in his place, there would have been the same beauty in the government of man as there is in the government of God. Why the wars, contentions, misery, and ruin? It is because man has forgotten God, and every thing proves that he is incompetent to rule, or make himself happy. It is the departure from God, that is the cause of all the ruin, distress, and misery, there is in the world, and nothing less than a return to God, can reconstitute man, and the world, to its pristine beauty.

Spoke of the English conquering a portion of Asiatic country, growing Opium, sending it to China, who destroyed it, according to the law of nations; same as the people in Boston destroyed a cargo of Tea; this brought on a war, and an immense deal of blood was shed.

Again the Americans sent Gen. Taylor to some disputed Territory in Texas, which caused a war with Mexico; and so the annexation of the Californias.

Also the Danes and Swedes went to war; and Austria sent a large army (for whom they had no employment,) to take a portion of the Territory, like the Monkey sitting as Umpire between the two Cats, and eating a slice of cheese on each side, until he got it.

Here is a spirit of union, peace, order, and intelligence, which is communicated to us by the Great Eloheing, then let us be careful, how we use our blessings, for we have a Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, who stands between us and God; and the time will come, that they will may be done on Earth, as in Heaven." Amen.

Elder O. HYDE when we talk of things, of which you have heard, read, or understood, they touch every sensitive feeling, and explained the cause and nature of quarrelling, whether in a domestic, or national capacity. And when the Creator of the Universe sends forth his messenger to bring peace to the Earth, the inhabitants would not receive him, a commenced to slay all the male children, peradventure they might slay the messenger, and so continue their murders.

It is just and misgiving appetite, that lead men astray; and those nations, who have been contending with each other, must become the kingdoms of our God, &c.

The reports of the several Bishops, were then read by the Clerk of Conference.

Choir chanted a piece of sacred music. Benediction by John Taylor.

October 10, 2 p. m. Conference called to order, by Elder O. Hyde. Choir sang "Gloria in excelsis deo." Draper by J. L. Heywood; and singing, "Behold the great Redeemer." A blessing was asked on the bread by Bishop Rousely.

Pres. YOUNG said "it is moved and seconded that Franklin Dewey go on a mission to Sam, and be unanimously carried; and then gave notice that he expected Conference to close this afternoon, and requested business to be brought forward. To satisfy my feelings, I should like Conference to continue another week, but it may not be necessary.

I want to answer Father Draper's enquiry, inasmuch as the people have entered into covenant to do as he said, to all that I say, I say to you, and to tell your neighbors, and teach it to your children, let all the people know what I say. Do you stand at this time, henceforth, and for ever, and never count any more sins, while you live; and love the Lord with all your heart, do good to your neighbor, and let that extend to all the human family. I say to Father Draper in particular, make yourself happy and live with your children, get what you want to eat and drink, and wear and bless the people.

Elijah Newman said, one day when I had been standing guard in the Snow all night, bro. Joseph Smith called me in to warm me, I asked him, "bro. Joseph haven't you got to be killed like another man?" I asked him, "bro. Joseph, will you take your place when you are killed?" said he "I will answer it in this way, who succeeded the Savior when he was crucified?" It was manifested to me, that Brigham Young would be the leader, and it is so now.

A blessing was asked on the water. Alexander Badlam, Levi Gifford, George D. Wall and Noah Packard expressed their feelings.

ERASTUS SNOW requested those brethren and sisters who are lately come in, and want to know when we are going to Iron County, I answer it will be, either the last of this week, or the beginning of next week. Those mechanics, who understand any branch of the art, are particularly requested to come with us to Iron County.

JOSEPH YOUNG spoke on Erysipelas, a disease brought from the Mississippi and Missouri bottoms, and recommended the brethren to steep the Quaking Asp bark, make tea and drink it; and said men may prolong their lives if they have a mind to take care of themselves.

H. C. KIMBALL I move that this Conference, adjourn to the 6th day of next April, at 10 o'clock a. m. at this place, seconded, carried.

Choir sang a hymn. Benediction by Elder O. Hyde. T. B.

MINUTES Of the General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for the State of California, held in the Bowery in San Bernardino, Monday September 6, 1852, President Anassa Lyman Presiding.

Present of the Twelve Apostles, Parley P. Pratt, Anassa Lyman, Charles C. Rich, High Priests 25; Seventies 21; Elders 16; Deacons 1. With a large concourse of brethren and sisters.

At 10 a. m. the meeting was called to order by President David Seely. Prayer by Parley P. Pratt; Choir then sang "Come, come, away."

Elder Parley P. Pratt then addressed the Conference and said, this being a Conference of Latter Day Saints, the brethren and sisters will be called upon to vote as a covenant before God. So in voting, you ought to remember that you are under a strong covenant to comply with your vote; uphold by your connect prayers &c., those that you vote to sustain. To vote that you will sustain in righteousness those that are presented to you, it is to covenant to pray for sustain with your means, and in your power, to give full confidence, full prayers, &c.

You are at liberty to raise your hands upon either side, but remember, when you have voted, to stick to your covenant. I sincerely hope every Saint present will vote.

Moved by President Pratt, and seconded by President Rich, that Anassa Lyman preside over this Conference. Carried unanimously.

On motion of Pres. Pratt, Richard R. Hopkins, was chosen Clerk of this Conference. Sustained.

President Rich moved that we unite, and with the same feelings, acknowledge and sustain President Brigham Young as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in all the world. Sustained unanimously.

Also, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards as his counselors. President Pratt moved that this Conference sustain Father John Smith as Patriarch to the Church. Sustained.

Also moved that we sustain Orson Hyde as President of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles to all the world. Sustained.

Also Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Willard Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Anassa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, & Franklin D. Richards as members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles to all the world. Sustained.

President Pratt moved that we sustain Anassa Lyman, and Charles C. Rich, as Presidents of the Church in Western California. Sustained.

President Rich moved that we sustain David Seely as President of this branch of the Church. Sustained.

President Seely presented Samuel Rolfe and Simon Andrews as his counselors. Sustained.

President Rich moved that we sustain Theodore Turley as President of the High Council for this branch of the Church, and Jefferson Hunt, Benjamin F. Taylor, Charles Crisman, Wm. Matthews, Joseph Matthews, Sidney Tanner, Daniel M. Thomas, Andrew Leiby, Wm. Cox, Alfred Bybee and James H. Rollins, as members of the High Council. Sustained.

President Rich moved that we sustain William Crosby as Bishop of this branch of the Church. Sustained.

Bishop Crosby presented Albert W. Collins and Robert Smith as his counselors. Sustained.

President Lyman called for the report of this branch of the Church; the Clerk presented the following report of the Twelve Apostles 2; High Priests 25; Seventies 21; Elders 16; Deacons 1; Total number of this branch 403; transient members present 13.

President Pratt was called upon, and gave from memory, the report of the two branches in the upper part of the State. The San Jose branch, John M. Horner presiding, 30 members or more generally in good standing.

The San Francisco branch, Thomas Morris presiding, 30 or 40 members all in good standing.

President Pratt said in regard to myself and my movements, so far from regretting that I have had to tarry along here, I rejoice, I consider that I have been highly honored and have had all the attention that I could have asked. I have rejoiced in your union, your prayers, your meetings, your feasts, your amusements, and in all things I have been called upon to rejoice. I like your country, and everything but the climate; and I like that for Southerners, as for myself I like the climate upon the rim of the Basin, where the cool winds of Summer keep the milk and butter cool, and 2 feet of snow in Winter. This climate is not so good for the inhabitants of South America, Asia, the Tropical portions of Europe, and the Islands of the Pacific.

To say that we should not have land in this climate, would be to doubt the Prophecy, for it is written that the honest in heart shall be gathered from every nation kindred tongue and people, upon the face of the Earth. I should like to see ten thousand here.

They could live better than a less number, as the resources will be more fully developed. This makes men rich, without any one being worse off, but all better off, if conducted upon a just principle.

To see the people and resources of other countries drawn to this place, and every foot of the land occupied, and so long as bro. Lyman and Rich control it, it will do good.

I want you to think that you are to continue to work for something, that without which the land is worth nothing.

Bro. Pratt here followed with advice in relation to the blessing of children, and recording the same and urged the Saints to be particular in this matter.

Conference adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by President Lyman.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the Conference was continued with singing "How firm a foundation." Prayer by President David Seely.

President Lyman then arose, and said I am glad to-day for several things, and for various causes I feel proud. I suppose that people overburdened with piety might think this strange. I am proud for one reason, that the High Council have never been called to hold a session in this land for the adjustment of difficulties between brethren. The council have either been very remiss, or the people have believed themselves with propriety, I judge so far as the recording of difficulties are concerned, the record of the High Council may ever remain a blank. This received a hearty Amen from all parts of the house.

Again, I am proud to know that nearly all that were here last year, are here to-day, or absent by counsel. I feel proud that this people remember the covenant they made upon starting for this land. You have said so far by your conduct, that you were in this land to serve God and his cause. I want you to remember that all covenant you have made, in this little company say to act as to secure to themselves the countless blessings promised to those that remain faithful; in order to do so, I want you to keep these things in constant remembrance. I don't want you to think that you came here to get a good farm, or get rich; we are here working to secure something that is not in this land yet, that I know of. I want the people to feel that they came to this land to work hard all the time, if they are so counselled.

The service of God for this people, is to make a home for the people of God right in this land. This is salvation. Men that are not willing to do this, are not wanted here. It has been fashionable here to serve God, and I don't want any new fashions introduced.

President Rich followed, acquiescing in the remarks of President Lyman, and urging the brethren to lay a foundation in this world that would do to build upon hereafter; also gave a discourse upon Education.

President Pratt followed, confirming the testimony of President Lyman and said, we adjourn this Conference until the 6th of April 1853, at 10 o'clock a. m., at this place.

Choir sang "When shall we meet again." Benediction by President Lyman.

Richard R. Hopkins, Clerk. (Herald Correspondence, Paris, July 15th.)

Letters received from Cheschele, in Africa, have announced that the ancient seed of flour, grain and corn, Egypt, the Pharaohs, have been sown in the garden of a farmer near the Red Sea, and several others, which offered a new species entirely unknown to modern agriculturists. It appears that these grains of corn, which have been taken out of a coffin from the Pyramid, offer the appearance of a large ear in the centre, around which are six or seven smaller ears, like the branches of a tree. The length of the ear is ten or fifteen centimetres. The leaves are broad and larger, as well as more rough, than those of the ordinary corn. Each ear contains from seventy to ninety grains. No doubt this new corn will soon be adopted all over Europe, for it produces three times the number of grains of the other kind of corn. Every grain is nearly as big as two of the others.

DISASTERS OF THE WESTERN WATERS.—The St. Louis Republican has published a statement showing the total number of steamers lost, and the recorded loss of life on them, from the beginning of steam navigation in the West up to the year 1852. Boats sunk, 576; of which the total tonnage was 85,258, and the total original cost \$7,113,940. The above statistics are only to boats sunk by snags and other obstructions. The total number of boats destroyed by fire, 166; total original cost, \$2,010,854. The total number of explosions 209, and the recorded loss of life, 1,110; the number of wounded 838; the supposed pecuniary loss is put down at \$2,800,000. Estimate of persons killed by 209 explosions, averaging 11 persons to each, 2,299; estimate of persons injured, averaging 10 to each case, 1,881. Supposed total killed and wounded, 3,180. The record of boats destroyed by collisions is somewhat incomplete. It comprises a list of 45 boats, whose original cost was \$533,900.

[Herald Correspondence, July 2nd.] The select committee of the Senate, to whom was referred, for a memorial, the return of the census, presented and read the report of the superintendent clerk, Mr. Kennedy, has reported that the great mass of statistics which have been compiled and gathered at an enormous cost to the country, are, from the negligence or want of the capacity with which they have been procured, wholly unreliable, and they therefore recommended that more than four-fifths of the statistics thus prepared be thrown away as a mass of useless or erroneous matter.

What next?—Ed.

WAR 1812, and 1813,