

the United Order, on the principle laid down in the Doctrine and Covenants, each one living in the Order as God would have them do, the principle of stewardship strictly adhered to, and everything kept clean and orderly. He eulogized the people living in Orderville and described their united and prosperous condition, and prayed the blessing of God upon all the Saints.

The choir sang an anthem—

The Lord will comfort Zion.

Conference adjourned till to-morrow (Friday) at 10 o'clock a.m.

Benediction by Elder Moses Thatcher.

### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 8th.

Choir sang—

Come, follow me, the Savior said,  
Then let us in his footsteps tread.

Prayer by Elder Wm. H. Folsom.

Choir sang—

My God, the spring of all my joys,  
The life of my delights."

Elder FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS spoke of the general interest that is felt by the Latter-day Saints, not only by the old but the middle aged, and even the young, in what is going on among the nations abroad, and also in what is being transacted in our own Territory. He referred with pleasure to the increased interest being taken throughout the European mission, made manifest by the many calls for more help by the President of the mission. He also spoke of the difference in feeling that exists among the people of the Southern States since their affliction brought about by the civil war, and their willingness to receive the testimonies of our young men and boys whom we have sent among them as missionaries. The Twelve, of late, had made many calls, not only from the Seventies' Quorums, but also from the Elders' quorums, to fill the urgent solicitations made upon them to tarry the gospel to those who have never yet had it preached to them; he felt satisfied there are many thousands throughout the Southern States, who have never heard the testimony of any of our Elders. And we must continue our efforts until all the people have been faithfully warned. A great many names of our young brethren, who have never had any experience in preaching the gospel, have been handed in to the Twelve and as necessity requires they will be duly called upon, some of them during the Conference and others from time to time as occasion requires. The work of the ministry must go on, it is the leading work now on our hands to perform. It is no great thing to require from those who have been made partakers of the great blessings the gospel has imparted, to go forth and communicate the same good things and glad tidings to others, who have not yet tasted of them. We must keep the spirit and love of this work continually in our hearts, and ever be ready to go forth and disseminate to others what we ourselves have experienced. The nations of the earth are rushing on to discord and distraction, and we should constantly be preparing ourselves to offer them that aid and succor both temporal and spiritual, which will be needed.

Those of our youth who have not yet received a testimony of the truth of this work should be kindly labored with by those who have had experience in the ministry, who should endeavor to instruct and encourage them in feeling after the Lord until their feet are firmly set in the ways of God, and they are filled with a determination to serve him. He particularly urged this labor upon the leading Elders of the Church at home, for such a labor is equally important with any foreign missionary work to the nations.

He thought there was too much distance between the Bishops and the people of their wards, also between the Presidents of Stakes and their members. Whenever difficulties arise, the Bishops and leading men should endeavor to settle them by their kindly influence in helping the brethren to overcome their weaknesses. The various tribunals of the Church are intended to promote peace, and administer justice. The home missionary labor is great in our midst, and we should continue to exert our influence until the fellowship of the holy Spirit is more universally enjoyed by the Saints, and every feeling of bitterness is subdued.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON, then read a report of Manti Temple dis-

trict up to Oct. 1st, of this year, also a report from the Cache Temple district. The total receipts of donations for the Manti Temple to Oct. 1, 1880, were \$207,977.35; and for the Logan, Cache Valley Temple \$252,147.78.

He read an exhibit from the Perpetual Emigration Company.

He then spoke of the vote taken at our last Conference, to remit a portion of back unpaid tithing, and for the Church to distribute cows and sheep to the worthy poor. He referred also to the vote that was taken, for each Stake of Zion to contribute what they could by private donations for the same purpose. The Council of the Apostles to whom was committed the labor of examining the reports from the various Stakes found them incomplete, while several reports had not yet been sent in. Under these circumstances it had been deemed wisdom by the Apostles to make an apportionment of the cows and sheep promised by the Church among the several Stakes, leaving each Stake to make collection and disbursement of its own portion of the individual donations agreed upon. Following is the list of the Church apportionment based upon the population of the various Stakes with this exception, that those Stakes which have declared their ability to take care of their own poor have not been apportioned any cows or sheep, but their proportion has been divided among other Stakes.

Salt Lake Stake, 60 cows, 424 sheep; Bear Lake Stake, 10 cows, 66 sheep; Beaver Stake, 3 cows, 20 sheep; Box Elder Stake, 16 cows, 108 sheep; Cache Stake, 18 cows, 120 sheep; Davis Stake, 6 cows, 44 sheep; Juab Stake, 6 cows, 37 sheep; Kanab Stake, 8 cows, 50 sheep; Millard Stake, 7 cows, 44 sheep; Morgan Stake, 6 cows, 40 sheep; Panguitch Stake, 5 cows, 30 sheep; Parowan Stake, 8 cows, 50 sheep; Sevier Stake, 14 cows, 100 sheep; St. George Stake, 18 cows, 125 sheep; Summit Stake, 12 cows, 75 sheep; Sanpete Stake, 25 cows, 150 sheep; Tooele Stake, 9 cows, 60 sheep; Utah Stake, 40 cows, 264 sheep; Wasatch Stake, 6 cows, 46 sheep; Weber Stake, 23 cows, 147 sheep. Total number of cows 300; total number of sheep 2,000.

Those Presidents of Stakes who have not attended to their covenants made at the last Conference, should at once go to and gather up the donations for the poor, and forward with it a full report of all the back unpaid tithing on their books, that every item of that covenant taken at our last Conference may be fully complied with. The Council of the Twelve have decided that one-half of the unpaid back tithing shall be remitted in every Stake of Zion—and that the remission be left to the discretion of the authorities of each Stake, with the understanding that the worthy poor will be those who receive this consideration, not apostates nor those who had left for other places without letters of recommendation from their Bishops.

From a careful examination of the reports submitted to the Council the following conclusions were realized: That those Stakes which had paid the most tithing and Temple donations, and had contributed most towards the poor, required less aid from the Church than other Stakes, verifying the truth of Bishop Hunter's oft repeated saying—"Pay your tithing and be blessed." He particularly spoke in praise of St. George, Salt Lake and Cache Stakes.

He then submitted to the Conference the reports and decision of the Council in the remission of the back tithing and the distribution of the cows and the sheep, which was universally responded to by a unanimous show of uplifted hands. He then read a note from Superintendent John Sharp, that the time of the Union Pacific Railroad Conference tickets would be extended until Monday the 11th inst. He hoped, therefore, that the brethren and sisters who had come from a distance to attend Conference, would remain contented till it closed, for some very important matters had yet to be introduced, not only at these meetings, but at the priesthood meetings. Let every one be willing, therefore, to stay and be fed with the bread of life.

The Twelve, and especially President Taylor, had been heavily taxed in preparing for this Conference, and he sincerely hoped the people would remain until all the business and instructions were concluded.

The choir sang an anthem—

Jerusalem, my glorious home.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. Benediction by President A. M. Cannon.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Choir sang:

Awake ye Saints of God awake,  
Call on the Lord in mighty prayer.

Prayer by President JOSEPH YOUNG.

Choir sang:

Though nations rise and men conspire,  
Their efforts will be vain.

Elder ORSON PRATT read a promise that was given by our Lord in May, 1833, to every person in the Church both male and female, found in Doctrine and Covenants on page 300. This, he said, was one of the great promises to the Saints of the last days. It was given on certain conditions. Those who keep my commandments saith the Lord shall see my face and know that I am, and that I am the true light that lighteth every one that cometh into the world. Another revelation given in September 1832 (Doc. & Cov. 266) speaking of the priesthood shows that in the priesthood and the ordinances thereof the power of godliness is manifest to men in the flesh and without it no man can see the face of God and live.

Moses held the Melchisedek priesthood, but the children of Israel not abiding the law of that priesthood, it was taken away from them, and they were only permitted to have among them the priesthood of Aaron. In every dispensation where the Melchisedek priesthood was given the same blessings were enjoyed as contained in the revelation just now read. Adam was taught by the Spirit the plan of salvation, after the fall, and was shown that he and his children should be born of water and of the Spirit, and thus become adopted as citizens in the kingdom of God. Adam received the word of the Lord and was obedient, and the Spirit of God caught up Adam and took him where there was water, and baptized him, after which he received the high priesthood, after the order of him who is eternal. After he had received much instruction pertaining to the everlasting priesthood and patriarchal power and laws and ordinances which he taught to his posterity, books were written among them containing the genealogies of the ancient fathers. Abel received the priesthood and offered a sacrifice that was acceptable before the Lord, but Cain's sacrifice was not accepted, not being offered in faith, he would not repent, but indulged in all manner of wickedness, and built up a secret combination that practiced every species of evil, in which he was the chief or Master Mahan, and finally he murdered his brother Abel. In the course of time Seth was born, and he also received the priesthood. After this Enos was born, who took a course of righteousness, and was also ordained to the priesthood. Elder Pratt continued to dwell upon the early history of the priesthood in relation to the dealings of God with the children of men, and how that a portion of the human family became very wicked, and the righteous, including Seth and Enos, were commanded to go to a country called Canaan. He also introduced Enoch and other prominent servants of God living in those far off days, and showed that in all their wanderings, they were led by the spirit of revelation under the guidance of the holy priesthood. Enoch succeeded in building up many churches unto the Lord God, in various cities and countries, and finally gathered them all together to the land of Zion, the place of which has not been revealed, so as to be placed on record. He was engaged in preaching to and gathering the people to the place where the City of Zion was built. The speaker dilated upon the great work performed by Enoch and the length of time that he was engaged in it under the power of that same high and holy priesthood.

He then spoke of Father Adam meeting with and standing up in the midst of his righteous posterity, in the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, which is in the State of Missouri, and predicting many important prophecies of events that should occur through future generations down to the latest period of time.

He then spoke of the glorious visions that were shown to Enoch, including the sufferings of the ungodly and the glories of the righteous, awaiting those behind the veil, and the ushering in of the gospel in the latter days as righteousness coming down out of heaven. After Enoch and his city had been translated, Methuselah still held the priesthood, and it was bestowed upon succeeding ones until

it reached Moses. He continued to trace the subject of the priesthood, which is without beginning of days or end of years, from one channel of lineage to another, throughout the generations of men, not only on the eastern but also on the western continent. He then dwelt on the inestimable blessings that were conferred upon the saints in our day, and the responsibilities consequently resting upon all those who have received the holy priesthood, and showed that the promise of God to unveil his face to the faithful extended to the sisters as well as the brethren.

Elder W. Woodruff announced a Priesthood meeting to be held this evening at 7 p. m., in the Assembly Hall.

Choir sang:

Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah,  
Jesus anointed that Prophet and Seer.

Conference adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, at 10 a. m.

Benediction by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Oct. 9th.

10 o'clock a. m.

Choir sang:

O God, our Father, let thy grace  
Shed its glad beams on Jacob's race.

Prayer by Elder David O. Calder.

Choir sang:

With joy we own thy servants, Lord—  
Thy ministers below.

Elder MOSES THATCHER spoke of the fallibility of human nature, and his own feeling of timidity in standing before the Latter-day Saints, lest in anything he might have said or done he might have rendered himself unworthy of that aid and succor of the Holy Spirit so essential to have as a public teacher. He therefore asked for the combined faith and prayers of the Saints in his behalf. He then read from page 423 Doctrine and Covenants, "Behold, many are called, but few are chosen," etc.

There is no prophecy or prayer found in all the pages of Holy Writ, more beautiful and pure than the sentiments contained in the portion he had just read. If we would enjoy all the blessings connected with the Holy Priesthood, we must learn to wield its powers in strict conformity with the dictations of the Holy Ghost. Without the guidance of that spirit, we are constantly exposed to error and wrong doing. On what condition can we secure the guidance of the Spirit of God? Only by faithfully keeping God's commandments and living humbly before him. He illustrated the power of the Holy Priesthood, and the strictness with which the Lord held those who wielded it accountable, by reference to the history of Moses, in his connection with the children of Israel. Alluded to the smiting of the rock when water gushed out to satisfy the thirst of the people, showing that the spirit in which Moses performed that act, caused the displeasure of the Almighty. What a lesson this should teach us! It should influence us to be humble, and become as little children, as the Savior taught to his disciples when he said, "He that will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, must become as this little child."

Any one who seeks the honor and good name of his fellow men instead of the glory of God, will certainly be destitute of the power and influence of the Holy Ghost.

Whatever views we may entertain in regard to co-operation and the United Order, we may rest assured that God never intended to establish a class distinction, or monied aristocracy among this people.

He denounced in most emphatic terms the folly of covetous ambition, which produces hardness of heart, and an unwillingness to be guided by the counsels of the servants of God. There is no sacrifice too great to make, to secure the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Lord. God is a jealous God, we should therefore worship him in all humility, give to him the glory of our success, and learn lessons from the pure and guileless spirit of a little child. He then exhorted the brethren to lay aside all bickerings and backbitings, and encouraged all Latter-day Saints to do their duty, and carry out the Scripture instructions given to allay hard feelings. There is no reason why there should be jealousies and distrust, neither is there any reason why we should not

enjoy all the blessings connected with the Gospel. Men who are under the influence of the Spirit of God, will always seek after the best interests of the kingdom of God. The speaker denounced hypocrisy, and the worship of money, and showed the necessity of a frank, honest, ingenuous course, of personal honor, faithfulness and integrity, of prayer and strict attention to every duty and of the avoidance of evil in every form, that we may not only be the called of God but be numbered among the chosen. He testified that though some were erring, there were many thousands in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal, and though some of them may not be noted among the people, they would shine among the jewels of God, and obtain that power spoken of in the words he had read, which, "without compulsory means would flow unto them forever."

Elder DANIEL H. WELLS said we have many things to contend with especially in our efforts to secure our own legal rights and privileges, owing to the disposition in the children of men to infringe upon the rights of others. God has commenced a form of government upon the earth, which is just and righteous, and has given power and authority to his servants, with a view of maintaining correct and righteous principles, and though that government is now in its incipency, it will finally become universal over the face of the earth. He urged on all new comers to become citizens in this great republic, as soon as they possibly can, so that they may enjoy and exercise the privileges connected with citizenship, that of sitting as jurors, etc., not to forswear themselves, but to vindicate and befriend the innocent, protect the good from the malevolence of wicked and corrupt men, and act only on evidence instead of of prejudice and hearsay. We are striving to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth, and have devoted our time, our means and our lives to the maintenance of those great and holy principles which God has revealed. He never has revealed a principle but which if carried out as he designed would prove a benefit and a blessing to the world. We should labor with each other to bring about a state of union and good feeling in our midst, and maintain the spirit of God in our own hearts. We are called to a high and holy calling, and we should not seek by ambitious motives to gain power and prominence. Let us maintain our integrity before high heaven, and seek to bring about the great and glorious purposes of the Lord. The day of God's power is advancing and he will soon assert his dominion and government on the earth. When we are gathered together as a body, are we not stronger than in an individual capacity? Let us then be united and exert ourselves as a unit on the side of right.

Choir sang the anthem:

O praise the Lord in his holiness.

Conference adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

Benediction by Elder L. J. Nuttall.

Oct. 9th, 2 p.m.

Conference called to order by Elder W. Woodruff.

Choir sang:

I saw a mighty angel fly,  
To earth he bent his way.

Prayer by Elder John Van Cott.

Choir sang:

Jesus mighty king in Zion  
Thou alone our guide shall be.

President JOSEPH YOUNG said he had been much interested in the remarks of his brethren, and particularly in some of the quotations they had made. He had been a Bible student ever since he was six years old, but made no pretension to being a Biblical scholar. His opportunities for learning in early youth were very limited, but he had learned that to edify a congregation of Latter-day Saints, nothing short of the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit of God was necessary. We have our fallen natures to contend with, and our weaknesses and imperfections could not be overcome all at once, it was a gradual attainment. Speaking of the Christian world he said they all professed to base their faith upon the Holy Scriptures. Man has a fleshly tabernacle and in that there is a spirit, and the revelations of God declare that the spirit and the body is the soul of man, that the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul.

He addressed himself to the

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