

day, Oct. 4), there passed from mortality a most estimable woman. With her husband, Brother Wm. Wonnacott, and family, she came from London to this city in 1891. Sister Wonnacott will be gratefully remembered by Latter-day Saint Elders who have labored as missionaries in London, for the noble kindness of herself and family to the Elders, and for her faith and integrity to the Gospel. She was a woman of noble qualities, and of great devotion to the Gospel, and in her demise the bereaved husband and children have sustained a great loss in this life. May the Divine Spirit console and comfort them in the sad affliction they are called on to pass through. Sister Wonnacott was aged 44 years at the time of her death.

C. W. Hemenway, a young newspaperman who sprang into notoriety in Utah some years ago, died at Payson yesterday from an attack of quick consumption. He leaves a wife and one child, the former in California and the latter at Payson with her grand parents.

The deceased was a man of extensive travel and chequered experience. He was born in Iowa on the 22nd of March, 1860. Early in youth he manifested a desire for newspaper work and was given to writing poetry at odd times. Then he began a pilgrimage that took him over a large portion of the earth. From here he went to South America but made a hasty return via Jamaica and Havana. Then he visited Mexico where he was stricken down with yellow fever, carted off to a pest house where he was found apparently more dead than alive by a couple of Sisters of Charity who nursed him back to health again. From Mexico he made his way back to San Francisco and from there set sail for Australia where he remained about a year, after which he returned to San Francisco from which place he soon after went to the Sandwich Islands as a secret service agent. During all of these peripatations he did more or less newspaper work and thereby earned some money when it was very much needed. In the latter part of 1883 he returned to the Pacific coast and a year later became editor-in-chief of the Salem, Oregon, Daily Talk. Later he was employed on the Boise Statesman and from that berth came to Utah. For a time he lived at Payson and there he met and married Miss Ireta Dixon. About this time he worked on the Provo Enquirer and then went to Ogden where he edited the Herald of that city and became involved in a series of libel suits, one of which cost him a fine of \$500 and another which resulted in his imprisonment in the penitentiary for one year, although he served less than one-third of that time. It was while serving sentence in this institution that he wrote *Memoirs of My Day* in and out of Mormondom, a little work that received quite a local circulation.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Robert Stevens of 17 Bridge Lane, Lancaster, desires to know the whereabouts of his half-brother, William Johnson, who went from Arbroath, Scotland, some 45 years ago; also T. Cornforth of 31 Princess street, Bradford, Manchester, desires to learn of George Taylor, son of Thomas and Ann Taylor, who lived at No. 2 Lower Windsor street, Ashted, Birmingham. He left England for Utah a number of years ago and was on a visit to Birmingham about five years ago, inquiring for the daughters of John and Mary Maria Taylor, his brother's children Caroline, Elizabeth and Mary Maria Taylor, all at present residing at Manchester, and who seem anxious to hear from their uncle and relatives in Utah.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Sixty-eighth Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 1897, President Wilford Woodruff presiding.

Of the general authorities present on the stand there were of the First Presidency—Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph R. Smith; of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill and Anton H. Lund; Patriarch John Smith; of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies—Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fjelsted, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds and Jonathan G. Kimball; of the Presiding Bishopric—William B. Preston, Robert T. Burton and John R. Winder.

Heber J. Grant of the Quorum of the Twelve was absent in consequence of his being in feeble health.

Conference called to order by President George Q. Cannon.

The choir sang:

"Zion stands with hills surrounded—
Zion kept by power divine;
All her foes shall be confounded,
Though the world in arms combine."

Opening prayer by Elder Anthon H. Lund.

Singing by the choir:

"Captain of Israel's host, and Guide
Of all who seek the land above.
Beneath the shadow we abide—
The cloud of Thy protecting love."

PREST. WILFORD WOODRUFF

delivered a brief opening address, in which he expressed his pleasure at having the privilege of again meeting with the general assembly of the Saints in a conference capacity. He desired greatly that the Spirit of God might rest upon all who participated in this gathering and that the Apostles and Elders might, under that power, give correct and suitable teachings to the people. The remainder of his remarks related to the magnitude and importance of the duties which rested upon the Saints, one of the chief among which was the proclaiming of the Gospel as revealed in this dispensation to all the world. He also spoke of the evidences of the hand of God in establishing the Church of Christ in this region.

ELDER ANTHON H. LUND

of the Council of the Apostles followed, expressing pleasure at the presence and instructions of President Woodruff. The progress of Zion, at home and abroad, up to this, the Jubilee year, was commented upon with gratefulness. The Conference time was spoken of as a period of spiritual and social refreshing for the Saints, ordained of God for their benefit, through his foreknowledge and wisdom. The necessity of working diligently for the welfare of Zion was great, and should be put before all other duties. The speaker referred to internal evidences of the divinity of the Book of Mormon, especially mentioning its enunciation of the gathering, the building up of Zion, and self-sacrifice for the work of God. Seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness was explained and commended in its full meaning, with the promise that those who followed this admonition would receive all other needful blessings.

ELDER MARRINER W. MERRILL of the Council of the Apostles opened with a strong testimony of the truth of the Gospel, bringing up personal evidences in its support. The danger of one in possession of such a testimony

losing it, was spoken of, some of the most prevalent causes being inordinate criticism of those holding authority in the Priesthood, neglect of prayer, profaning the name of the Deity and all tendencies toward departure from the light and spirit and harmony of the Lord's work. No one could afford to neglect his duties even for a day, because of the uncertainty of life. The cultivation of the spirit of individual testimony was strongly recommended.

The fulfillment of the predictions of President Woodruff at the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple was referred to, and the Saints were warned not to depart from the counsel and advice of men whose foreknowledge through the Spirit of God had been proved to be so great. They could not stand alone, all needed the counsel of the Priesthood and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The value of the living oracles of God for the present guidance of the people was strongly emphasized.

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR

of the Council of the Apostles was the next speaker. He dwelt for some time upon the great value of the living oracles of the Church, which, he said, upon the great worth of the living word. He quoted facts and statements embodied in the sacred history of past ages in support of this view. He then showed that God had required His people, at various stages of their history, to perform certain works. The expression of the divine will in this regard could not be conveyed in what had been written. It invariably came through His living oracles whom He had called and appointed as the channel through which His will should be communicated.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

of the Council of the Apostles followed. He spoke of the doubt-destroying nature of the doctrine of Christ and the ordinances advocated by the Latter-day Saints. No danger would be encountered by those who followed the guidance of the Father, through His servants, the Prophets; therein alone, was saving virtue. The doctrine of faith, repentance, baptism, etc., were being proclaimed in their purity and power among the people of the world. In the absence of the Priesthood, the ordinances of the Gospel would be of no avail, and they would be in constant danger of change and misuse. The speaker closed with a pleasing and heartfelt tribute to the faithfulness and power of the servants of God.

The choir sang the anthem:

Lift up your head, O ye gates.

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

Afternoon Session.

2 p. m.

Singing by the choir and congregation of the hymn which begins:

"How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word."

Opening prayer by Elder John Nicholson.

The choir sang the hymn which begins:

"Softly beams the sacred dawning
Of the great Millennial morn."

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH,

of the Council of the Apostles, was the first speaker. His remarks were chiefly on subjects connected with the proper observance of the Sabbath; the forms of amusement and recreation prevalent, and considered proper among the Latter-day Saints; the sinfulness of pleasure-seeking on the Sabbath; the need of more, sincere and devout worship, to bring the spirit in close touch with God; the tendency of Sabbath-desecration to