

Beneath the shadow we abide—  
The cloud of Thy protecting love.

A number of reports were read by President Geo. Q. Cannon:  
Report of Karl G. Maeser, superintendent of the

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS,

Addressed to President Willford Woodruff, president of the General Board. It contained, among other information, the following: Students—male 3035, females 2459; total 5484. Grades—Primary department 932, preparatory 1218, intermediate 1905, commercial 1101, academic 378, normal 952; total 5484.

There had been laboring in the Church schools during this year 128 regular and 26 special teachers; total, 154. Besides these 26 specialists the regular teachers were reported as 4 holding academic diplomas, 47 certificates and 77 licenses.

#### PRIMARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The annual report of the associations, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1893, showed: Number 412, members 29,282, average attendance 12,565, regular meetings held 8708, officers 483, conferences 157, fairs 25, entertainments 218.

#### THE AUTHORITIES

of the Church were presented by President George Q. Cannon for the votes of the assembly, as follows:

Willford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund and Abraham H. Cannon.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church—John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fieldstead, John Morgan, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball and Rulon S. Wells.

William B. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his First and John R. Winder as his Second Counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church Historian and General Church Recorder, and John Jaques as his assistant.

As the Church Board of Education; Willford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, George W. Thatcher, Anthon H. Lund, James Snare and Joseph F. Smith.

As Trustees in Trust for the body of religious worshippers known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Willford Woodruff.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

All the voting was unanimous.

#### ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

addressed the Conference. He spoke

upon the evidences of the growth of the Saints in godliness, in knowledge, in depth of sympathy and breadth of views. This development was in harmony with the Gospel of Christ, which was broad as eternity. Fighting our enemies was no part of the labor of the people of God. The chief contention of each individual Saint was with himself, in overcoming his own weaknesses. A portion of the discourse was devoted to describing the virtues of the late President Young and the veterans who had sustained him in accomplishing what he did under the inspiration of the Almighty. The men now at our head were worthy of all confidence, and their counsels should be reverently regarded and acted upon. The speaker urged his hearers to be diligent in the detailed performance of every day duties. Nothing in that line was too small to be well and faithfully performed. This applied to matters that were called temporal as well as to spiritual concerns. He also gave some practical views in relation to the cultivation of the soil. He continued at some length, giving instructions that, if carried out could not fail to result in material benefit to the people.

#### ELDER MOSES THATCHER

first touched on the subject of sacrifice, and instanced some of the sacrifices which had been made by this people. He next dwelt upon the changed feeling which had taken place towards them during the last few years, making mention of the cordial greetings which the First Presidency and the Tabernacle choir received on the recent visit to Chicago. The financial outlook came in for review, the speaker expressing the opinion that in this matter one extreme would follow another. He advised the people to pay their debts, both principal and interest, as soon as they could and so extricate themselves from a weighty burden. The speaker inveighed against the accumulation of wealth to the exclusion of higher things, advocated the promotion of home industries, and said he was thankful that, throughout the recent trying times, not one of Salt Lake's institutions had been pressed to the wall. He predicted brighter times in the near future and said let us not do anything in our distress that will alienate our friends from us.

The choir sang an anthem, "The God of Israel."

Benediction by Elder John Morgan.

#### THIRD DAY—OCT. 8th.

##### MORNING SESSION.

##### Singing:

Our God we raise to Thee  
Thanks for Thy blessings free  
We here enjoy.

##### Prayer by Elder B. H. Roberts.

##### Singing:

Softly beams the sacred dawning  
Of the great Millennial morn,  
And to saints gives welcome warning  
That the day is hastening on.

##### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

delivered an instructive discourse. The introductory portion of it was devoted to a consideration of temporal affairs and the principles which govern them. The speaker showed clearly

the course that ought to be pursued by the Saints as individuals and as a community in order that they might become pre-eminently prosperous, dwelling specially on the duty of all to be productive and to expend less than was produced. He spoke of the sugar works and the beneficent character of the object of their establishment and the prospect of their being a future success. The need of cultivating industrial habits among all the people, young and aged, rich and poor, was forcibly argued.

In conclusion the speaker explained that humility and unshaken integrity to God constituted the basis of eternal exaltation in His presence.

President George Q. Cannon stated that, in response to a general desire, Brother Robert C. Easton had consented to sing the beautiful hymn composed by Sister Eliza R. Snow, beginning O, My Father. This hymn was then exquisitely sung by Brother Easton to the great pleasure of the vast congregation.

##### PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

alluded to the enthusiasm with which the singing of this hymn had been received at Denver, Kansas City, Independence, St. Louis, Chicago and Omaha on the occasion of the recent trip taken by the Tabernacle choir. In some of these places, especially at Independence, persons among the congregation had been melted to tears by the sentiment and music of this beautiful song, which embodied the doctrine of the pre-existence and heavenly parentage of man. It doubtless stimulated thought on this subject in the minds of those who heard it and would lead them to inquire into a theme so interesting. The appreciation of the singing of the choir on that journey was very marked and the speaker said that, in no small degree our orators had been instrumental to preaching the Gospel.

##### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

I hope that the Saints will pardon beforehand the remarks that I am about to make. I must confess that although I have had the privilege of listening from Sabbath to Sabbath to the singing of our choir, I had to go abroad to find how the music is appreciated.

The audience before whom the choir sang while abroad, who seemed to appreciate their singing most like the congregations of this tabernacle, was the audience that greeted them in Chicago after the contest. And I think it was the universal expression of the choir themselves and everybody of our city who was there, that it was the coldest and most critical audience before whom the choir had sung at all, and apparently the least appreciative, but they were forced to applaud, nevertheless. Now then, if our choir were in De Ver with sufficient notice to give a concert, and there was a hall there as large as this in which the people could assemble, judging from the appreciation that they expressed of the singing of the choir when they were there, that hall would be filled to overflowing to hear them. But when they give out notice that there will be a concert here, the people come, a few of them, and fill up the body of the hall, while a great portion of it is vacant.