

gether produce a good effect upon the young people, who are thus led to form associations, and even to marry outside the Church. The Lord has always looked upon such marriages with disfavor, as tending to division, contention, and the rearing of children in unbelief.

The speaker referred with commendation to the Jews, who carry out their custom not to marry out of their Church, and thus preserve their integrity to their faith. We would do well to follow more closely in their footsteps in this respect, teaching but not coercing our children in the way of avoiding promiscuous marriages. This matter should be explained in kindness and love to the children, and if the advice of the parents is not taken, they have at least done their duty. Paul says: "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers." This is good advice for the Latter-day Saints.

The many temptations for the young in this city were spoken of, and the consequent necessity of advising the children to avoid them. Attention to these things will increase the joy of parents in their children because of the testimony the latter will possess and the obedience they will show to God.

Thus Zion will increase, as she has in the past, if the children are trained in the proper way.

Some of the Latter-day Saints are becoming rich too fast, and they do not remember the admonition: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you," which was given them by the Elders. They perhaps performed their duties well, and thus means were accumulated and left to their children, who found their responsibilities in business so great as to keep them from attending to their religious duties; thus they would gradually fall away from the truth. This tendency will increase unless this evil is corrected by the dedication of at least a portion of this superfluous means to the use of the people of Zion. There are many who are wealthy, while some others are constantly struggling for the necessities of life. This should not be. If the superfluous property of the people could be collected in a general fund, and used by the wisest among us, it would relieve the homes of this people from mortgages, and assist the Saints in looking after their own interests. Neglect of either business or religion will surely follow the crowding of too many financial duties upon members of the Church, and both these results must be avoided.

The Lord will bring about His purposes in these and other respects, and His people will do their duty or He will provide another to carry on the work He has established.

The speaker closed his remarks with his testimony and an admonition to faithfulness, temperance and integrity.

The choir sang the anthem:

Light and truth the world are waking.

Conference adjourned to meet Sunday at 10 a. m. in the Tabernacle.

Benediction by Pres. John Morgan.

#### Sunday Morning.

March 6th.

The conference convened at 10 o'clock.

Singing by the choir:

Sweet is the work, my God, my King.  
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing.

Prayer by Bishop William B. Preston.

The choir sang:

Behold, the mountain of the Lord  
In latter days shall rise.

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then addressed the congregation and expressed his gratitude in seeing the interest manifested by the Saints in the meetings of this conference. He said it was not the purpose now to weary the Saints with the reading of statistics, but a few would be given.

Speaking about the condition of the Saints he said he thought there was much interest manifested in the meetings, as a general rule, and those who came together realized the blessings promised by the Lord. If we will continue to do according to the commandments of God, He will continue to bless us. Today we are as prosperous, contented and happy as ever. The Lord has blessed the soil, the water, and the very air we breathe. The duty of us all is to live near God and realize that we are His servants. We must be circumspect in our works, our conversation and thoughts, as the Holy Spirit will not dwell in unholy temples. If we are not, He will forsake us.

As President of the Stake, the speaker desired to live in all respects worthy of the confidence of the people, from the poorest to the most opulent. As fathers and mothers we should all be honest and faithful in all things in order to exercise the right kind of influence among our surroundings. As we become wealthy, we must continue to pay our tithings, being more faithful as we receive increased blessings, and respond to every call made upon us, in whatever capacity we may be administering to the needs of the people.

#### REPORTS.

The report of the Elders' quorums of the Stake was read, accepted and ordered put on file for future reference.

Report of the Temple donations for the past five months, accepted and ordered filed, by unanimous vote.

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was then called to address the conference: He had been much interested in the exercises of yesterday and this morning. The statistical reports read before us speak volumes about the conditions of the Saints. In some instances they show that we do not live up to our profession. Evidence of indifference has been presented to us, and none more striking perhaps than the small attendance at the opening meeting yesterday. Seeing that there is indifference among the people generally, it is no wonder that the same is apparent among some of the quorums of the Priesthood. It would be well if all who accept a calling would magnify it, for in accepting it and not doing what is required of our hands, we place ourselves in a condition to receive the greater condemnation.

Speaking of the duties of the Priesthood, the speaker said, the Apostles should always be in a condition to leave everything and go and preach the Gospel, and the Elders, the Priests, and the Deacons should all know their duties and perform them diligently, that the blood of this generation may not rest upon them. Would everyone do his duty, we should have better

financial reports and a better condition generally.

The speaker asked, why it was that the general storehouse had to supply food and clothing to the needy. The cause was that the people did not attend to their fast day duties. If the people would donate only fifteen cents per each individual, there would be ample to supply all the poor, and the general funds could be applied to other needful purposes. The people seem to be so anxious about the things of the world that they have hardly time even to pray, except in special cases of difficulties. The Bishops should see that the Teachers perform their duties and labor with the people to give donations for the poor.

The speaker continued to reason against mistaken charity. Idlers should not be allowed to take the food intended for widows and orphans. It is true that it is hard to find labor in many instances, but those who are willing to work should be given opportunity to do so. No temporal unity among the people is to be looked for before the people become faithful in all such matters. Concerning tithing, the speaker remarked that it was not something left to our discretion, but a request made upon us from God for our own benefit, and unless we observe it faithfully, Zion can never be redeemed. A man in this Church who professes to believe in the Gospel is dishonest if he does not contribute part of that which God gives him to the Lord.

The speaker referred to the condition of the world where capital is being centralized in the hands of a few and the monopolists threaten to seize the country. There was no need, he said, for the Saints to put themselves in a similar condition. The gospel is opposed to this, enjoining each man and woman to share his substance with those who are really needy. Under obedience to the Gospel there would be no necessity for difficulties about property, as now so often is the case. The root of much evil among us is the love of gold. The servants of God should be faithful and minister to the poor as well as the wealthy. They should judge with impartiality, for there is not one law for a Bishop's son or an Apostle's son and another for the sons of other people. Through our faithfulness God will bless us temporally and spiritually.

#### AUTHORITIES SUSTAINED.

The general authorities of the Stake were unanimously sustained by vote of the Conference, as follows:

Angus M. Cannon, President; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, Counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Eddington, Theodore McKean, George J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Anders W. Winberg, John T. Caine, Jesse W. Fox, James P. Freeze, Milando Pratt, Henry P. Richards, Elias A. Smith, Joseph D. C. Young.

Alternate High Councilors—John Nicholson, John Clark, David L. Davis, Orson A. Wooley, Wm. W. Riter, Edward Snellgrove, John Kirkman, Frank H. Hyde, Spencer Clawson.

President of the High Priests' Quorum—Elias Morris, with George B. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar as his Counselors.

Patriarchs—Lorenzo D. Young,