

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Conclusion of the Stat-Nehl Semi-Annual Conference.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT EACH SESSION.

Interesting and Instructive Sermons by Presidents George and Smith and Members of the Quorum of the Apostles.

The second day of the Stat-Nehl Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a much better attendance than on the opening day, and the services were an interesting and instructive meeting. The speakers, however, the sermons were held yesterday and afterwards the formal communion at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, Oct. 19, 1900. At 9 a.m. Singing by the choir and congregation.

Come all ye sons of Zion,
And let us praise the Lord;
His commandments are everlasting;
According to His word.

Prayer by Elder George E. White.
The singing of the hymns as follows was sung by the choir:

Great God, above all else strong,
The God that from the present
affords me day with Thee on earth;
Endows a thousand gifts of grace.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH was the first speaker. He delivered a discourse, the opening portion of which was on the subject of the Church. He urged the people to take a deep interest in the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth. He spoke of the revelations and every principle of righteousness. It was shown clearly that the principles derived from those that are spiritual, the nature of inculcating both physical and spiritual. Many points were mentioned in his discourse, the most recent course in progress or success attained in the ordinary affairs of life, and methods which led in the carrying out of these were pointed out and discussed.

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR of the quorum of Apostles, was the next speaker. He pointed out the importance of the work created by President Joseph F. Smith. The present prosperity of the Latter-day Saints must be due to the efforts of the past forty years to them by the apostles.

The speaker had been preaching regularly to the world for many years, and he felt that improvement was necessary among the people in importance of the work he had performed. He referred to some spiritual gifts in which improvement was necessary, stating that these, such as understanding, were to be developed and rooted out. The appearance of evil should be avoided as even the members of the church should not seem to be against them. The spirit of laxity in morals was referred to and condemned. The people should strive to preserve the young from evil, that their inheritances may be safe and durable, and preserved to them in safety and purity.

Elder Taylor said, from Lehr's account of the prophet dream as related in the scriptures, that the dangers of disbelief to the word of God were depicted as manifested for the first time in the days of Noah. Such evils could best be avoided by the young people being diligently educated in the truth of the gospel, and intelligence could then arise and retain the Spirit of God. Whenever one's heart was converted he was converted. Repeating with a solemn heart and a contrite spirit was the means by which these evil conditions could be removed. No one possessed of the Spirit of the Lord could hold these evils with any permanence. Upon man holding the priesthood, the responsibility of conducting from the mouth of the prophet, the way to salvation, would be prepared for the coming of Christ to the earth.

In the closing of the saintly discourses of the gospel should be taught, that as many as possible of the sons of men might be saved. A condition of the saints in the kingdom of God was that their franchises in the kingdom of God might remain bright, and intelligence could then arise and retain the Spirit of God. Whenever one's heart was converted he was converted. Repeating with a solemn heart and a contrite spirit was the means by which these evil conditions could be removed. No one possessed of the Spirit of the Lord could hold these evils with any permanence. Upon man holding the priesthood, the responsibility of conducting from the mouth of the prophet, the way to salvation, would be prepared for the coming of Christ to the earth.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON briefly expressed the mind of the First Presidency in regard to some specific actions made by Elder John W. Taylor in the course of the latter's remarks. He said that it was the mind of the majority of the saints that the comments of the First Presidency were correct.

The choir and congregation sang: Here comes a foundation, so solid is the rock for your faith in His excellent word.

Benediction by Elder C. D. Peiffer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang the hymn when begun.

Psalm to the Lord: my heart shall in work as pleasant, so divine;

Now while the truth is my whole,

And while my soul is made to God.

Prayer by Elder Angus M. Cannon.

Singing:

Up on the mountain top,

A habanera is dancing,

It dances to all the world,

In dances sweet, peaceful land;

On Zion's mount all sounds are good.

PRINCIPAL D. RICHARDSON.

of the quorum of the Twelve, was the first speaker. He stated, we are spiritual hosts designated by the Lord, and strengthen us in the duties of our office. The part of these duties was the care of a family to the Lord, and the protection of their interests, necessary for their support. All should be prepared to serve the Lord, and the people.

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