

by the Lord, as well as the people. So far as his own feelings were concerned he could have wished to continue his connection with the Twelve, but as was clearly portrayed to us by Brother Pratt, God has an order in his kingdom, and it is our duty to observe it. He therefore acquiesced in the change. When everything was adjusted, it was nothing but right and proper for the Quorum of the first Presidency to be filled. He did not aspire to that position, but he did deem it a high honor to be a member of the Church and Kingdom of God. He had examined very carefully those principles in relation to the priesthood that were brought before the priesthood meeting, and every man should seek to become acquainted with those principles, that they may become more thoroughly conversant with the duties and responsibilities of their several callings. The Lord revealed all these things, or we should never have been in possession of them; we are not indebted to the world for them. He spoke with much pleasure at the prompt and energetic manner in which the Twelve had discharged their duties as the First Presidency, and their readiness to retire from that position, and introduce the order that God had instituted in his kingdom, when the proper time arrived. After receiving the sanction of the Twelve it was deemed wisdom to have the voting done by quorums, then by the whole congregation, which was emphatically the voice of God and the voice of the people. *Vox populi* and *vox dei* united. Where the spirit of God is there is peace and union. Let us seek to know the mind and will of God and then do it. He then blessed the various quorums of the priesthood and the different organizations of the Church, including the singers, and all that feel well towards Zion.

Elder W. WOODRUFF felt thankful for what he had seen and heard this day. It was a solemn scene to witness the thousands of men holding the priesthood rising on their feet with one consent, and with uplifted hands sustaining the servants of God in their position. It will have its effect not only on the earth but in the heavens. He spoke of the responsibilities that rested upon those who hold the priesthood. He believed they were ordained in the spirit world before they came here. If anything should tend to humble us before the Lord it is that we have been called to this holy calling. He said he had had quite a number of interviews until within the last 10 or 12 years, with the Prophet Joseph Smith, and recently with Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Jedediah M. Grant, and others, and received some valuable instructions from them. He prayed God that we might magnify our calling in this probation, that when we get through we may meet with those ancient and modern worthies who have gone before us. It does not pay to apostatize. But it does and will pay to continue faithful to the end.

The choir sang:

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning,  
The latter-day glory begins come forth.

The whole congregation rose to their feet and joined in the singing by request of President Taylor.

Conference adjourned till April 6th, 1881, at 10 am.

Benediction by President Joseph F. Smith.

GEORGE GODDARD,  
Clerk of Conference.

## MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Semi-Annual Conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations was held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, Wednesday evening, October 6th, 1880.

Present on the stand, of the general Superintendency, Wilford Woodruff, Joseph F. Smith and Moses Thatcher, Apostle Geo. Q. Cannon, President Geo. Teasdale, George Goddard and Junius F. Wells.

Meeting called to order by the General Superintendent. Prayer by President George Teasdale. Roll of Stakes called, responded to by eleven representatives.

Elder GEG. Q. CANNON expressed his pleasure at meeting with the young men and women of Zion. He desired to say to the young men that to succeed as Latter-day Saints they must in their youth live the principles they profess. Be Latter-day Saints in practice as well as in faith. He urged the youth of both sexes to refrain from the indulgence

of vicious appetites, saying, any person derives more pleasure from the restraint of appetites for smoking, drinking liquor, tea and coffee, etc., than from their indulgence. I have found that true happiness can only be attained by living a righteous life.

Elder MOSES THATCHER said: I know of no field where intelligent missionary labor, guided by the spirit of God, can be performed to better effect than among the youth of our people. If we spent as much time and means to labor among them as we do among strangers in the world, the result, I am constrained to believe, would be of greater good than in the world. But I have observed that many who are perfectly willing to go abroad on missions, to travel many miles to proclaim the truth to an infidel world, are averse to going a little out of their way to turn the steps of the youth at home from the paths of temptation. If the children of the Saints have the same instruction that we give to the people of the world without money or price, I will venture to say that not one out of ten will turn from the truth after once tasting the joys of a testimony.

Elder WILFORD WOODRUFF bore testimony to the remarks already made. The Lord raised up this work, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, who labored for its establishment and predicted many things, all of which thus far have been fulfilled, and there is no doubting the fact that all that remains will be in due time. I have witnessed the progress of this work for many years, and have gone through the trials and experiences of early times, and when I see this people to-day numbering a hundred and fifty thousand, I see the hand of God among them, I feel interested in the youth, because I look to them to bear off this work in triumph. Many of the older authorities have passed away. Joseph is gone, Brigham is gone, and others are following. When I think of the hardships they and many of us have passed through, traveling without purse or scrip—shouldering our knapsacks, leaving families and friends for the truth's sake, I sometimes am led to exclaim, Where oh God, are the children of the prophets, who have the stamina to shoulder the responsibility of the kingdom, and bear it off as their fathers have done. Yet they are here, before and around me in the rising generation. To them it will be given and God will preserve among them those that will sustain his work. I want to see the young men and women instructed aright. We are responsible for this, and should do all in our power to train them in the principles of righteousness. I would like to see the name of every young man in Israel enrolled in the Young Men's Associations, and every young lady a member of their Associations, that they may all be gaining intelligence and learning of the things of God. I hope they will heed the counsels of their elders and avoid temptation. This people were ordained before they were born to come forth in this generation and do the work they are doing. I would rather not live another hour than to live so long that I should lose the fellowship of the Saints of God, or be estranged from the spirit of our religion. I have an anxiety about these associations. They are doing a good work in preparing young men for the field that is before them. I was never called to perform a mission in my life but what I was glad of it, after I got through, no matter what the circumstances were before going or while I was away. We have adopted some general instructions to the Associations, which Brother Junius F. Wells will now read.

*Instructions of the General Superintendency, to the Officers and Members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations throughout the Church:*

As the season for resuming your winter work is approaching, we deem it an opportune time to issue some general instructions in relation to the future working of the Associations that will tend to systematize your efforts, and to revive and sustain a proper interest in the cause of Mutual Improvement among the youth.

*First—In relation to Membership:* The Associations should be composed of young men, running to neither extreme as to their age. Young ladies should not be admitted as members of these Associations: they have an organization of their own to which they should belong. Where the Associations have admitted

them in the past, in the approaching season they should erase their names from the rolls, that our organization may indeed be what it purports to be, according to the original instructions of President Young.

*Meetings:* Each Association should, so far as practicable, commence to hold regular weekly meetings in the months of October in each year, when officers should be chosen and sustained, and continue them until May, when a vacation may be taken until the following October. At these meetings, which are for instruction, we desire to introduce systematic exercises, upon a plan that we have under consideration, and will make arrangements to present before the Associations during the present season.

Once a month the Associations should hold a conjoint meeting with the Young Ladies Associations, at which a varied order of exercises may be rendered for the amusement and entertainment of the people invited to attend.

Quarterly conferences of the Associations should be held in each Stake, at such times as the Stake authorities of the Priesthood may appoint. At these conferences, reports from the several Associations should be given and the General and Stake officers sustained. The Superintendents should inform the general officers of the times of their conferences, that the latter may attend them when convenient.

At the time of the semi-annual conferences of the Church, general meetings of the associations will be called; in October, to hear verbal reports and instructions, and in April to present the annual statistical report of the entire organization. Stake superintendents should send in their annual reports to the general secretary, on the blanks supplied, by the 1st of April of each year. Whenever a change occurs in the office of president of any association, the Stake superintendent should be notified, and whenever a vacancy occurs in the Stake superintendency, word should be sent to the general officers, that proper steps may be taken to preserve our organization with effective officers at work in all its branches.

*Libraries:* We have called to our assistance a library committee of three, to whom the secretary or librarian of each association is requested to immediately report a list of all the books in their respective libraries. The general supervision of the association libraries, preparing lists of suitable books, arranging for their purchase and distribution, etc., will devolve upon this committee, whom all associations should consult, when about to lay the foundations for libraries, or to purchase additional books for those already in existence.

*Missionary Labor:* The inter-missionary labor of the associations should be continued, as in the past, visitors from one association attending the meetings of another each alternate week; not to occupy all the time in preaching, but to observe the exercises of the meeting and to speak during the time usually allotted for testimony bearing as they may be requested by the presidents. Appointments will issue from us, from time to time, of missionaries instructed to labor with the Associations, and to explain the general order of exercises we wish them to adopt.

*Entertainments and Lectures:* We recommend the Associations to assume, wherever agreeable to the local authorities, the management of entertainments, the giving of concerts, dancing parties, etc. All of these should be of a character in harmony with our work of mutual improvement, and to reflect the progress of our organization. Public lectures upon timely and appropriate subjects, should be arranged for and given under the auspices of the Associations, at such times as may be convenient and agreeable, during the winter season.

*The Contributor:* This magazine, as the organ of the Associations, should be sustained by them and the young people, its object being to reflect their progress and to record their improvement.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,  
JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
MOSES THATCHER,

General Superintendency of the Y. M. M. I. A.

Elder THATCHER then presented the general officers as follows, all of whom were unanimously sustained:

Wilford Woodruff, General Superintendent,

Joseph F. Smith, Moses Thatcher, Counselors.

Junius F. Wells, Milton H. Hardy and Rodney C. Badger, Assistants.

William S. Burton, Treasurer.

Heber J. Grant, Secretary.

Joseph F. Smith, John R. Park and Joseph H. Felt, Library Committee.

*The Contributor* as the organ of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations.

The following persons were called and sustained as missionaries to travel and labor with the Associations and to introduce systematic exercises among them:

Wm. S. Burton, Heber J. Grant, Milton H. Hardy, Rodney C. Badger, Joseph A. West, Edward H. Anderson, Anson V. Call, Junius F. Wells, George C. Lambert, B. F. Cummings, Jr., John T. Caine, Jr., John W. Taylor.

After singing the doxology, the meeting was dismissed by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

## GIVEN AWAY.

**The Celebrated Prize Wagon Falls to the Lot of a Lucky Poor Man.**

Between 4 and 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 7, the grand drawing of the gift prize wagon commenced at the Studebaker establishment in this city. The object of the drawing was to obtain the names of those who use wagons in the various parts of the territory, and for this purpose the following ingenious plan was hit upon by the Studebaker Company: Each one desiring to take part in the drawing was required to put his name and address on the office register, every person having a certain number, according to the order of his registration. Tickets with figures corresponding with these numbers were then printed, each ticket containing a number and the page of the register upon which said number and its corresponding name was to be found. All these tickets were then put into a revolving hollow wheel, (constructed by Mr. Wm. Paul, jun., of this city) cased with glass and the interior divided into communicating chambers, so that as the wheel was turned the tickets were continually distributed around the interior. The plan was to have the tickets drawn by a disinterested party, and the ticket extracted which had a number upon it corresponding to any of those taken upon the book, was to entitle the holder to the wagon. If a number was drawn which had no name attached to it on the book, of course the wagon remained untaken. Between 5,000 and 6,000 tickets were placed in the wheel.

At 4 o'clock, just before the drawing, Mr. Chas. R. Savage, the photographer, took a view of the street, grand stand, prize wagon, etc., after which the committee, consisting of the following well-known residents, took their places in the pavilion, a handsome structure placed in front of the repository: Messrs. H. B. Clawson, chairman; Fred. Turner, secretary; Hon. A. L. Thomas; S. E. Ewing, J. E. Foote, Frank Foote, J. C. Roundy, A. K. Thurber, W. W. Cluff, Canute Peterson, Fred. Heath, George Patton, Joseph Felt, O. P. Bates, R. Kirkwood, J. R. Porter and P. H. Lannan.

Mr. James B. Glass, manager of the branch house, advanced to the front, after all the arrangements had been perfected, and in a few brief, congratulatory remarks stated that it was a source of pleasure to see so many present who, no doubt, were equally interested in a fair and impartial drawing of the beautiful prize wagon, which the committee were about to award to some very lucky man, whoever he might be; and "on behalf of our firm I would extend to each and every person present a special cordial invitation to pass through our carriage department and wagon yards, and personally examine our large and assorted stock of farm wagons and carriages, which I claim, without fear of contradiction, to be the finest and largest assorted stock ever entered in this city. It became necessary for us in handling this line of fine work to erect suitable buildings, which you will readily observe to be permanent, and a credit to the city. We are at the present time urging the speedy opening of the extension of Commercial street to South Temple, and when that has been accomplished we will erect large blacksmith and carriage-trimming shops. This will still add to our facilities for doing business.

To return to the object of our meeting—the prize wagon. In re-

ply to the oft asked question, "How can you give away a wagon?" I will tell you, my friends. We came here comparative strangers, and had to become acquainted with you in the shortest time possible. Over 6,000 of you have made our personal acquaintance, have examined our manufactures, and become directly interested with us in the disposition of our gift wagon. Your patronage has been liberal, and I assure you most highly appreciated, for I am pleased to inform you that to-day 700 more Studebaker wagons are rolling over your roads than there were at this period last year. Not to be tedious, permit me to introduce to you (through its chairman, H. B. Clawson, Esq.,) the committee to whom we hand our great register, a tin box containing a duplicate of every ticket issued to residents of Utah, a fine glass-cased revolving wheel, and placing the disposal of the prize wagon in the hands of your friends, I withdraw in their favor."

The chairman, General Clawson, then advanced and after reading the rules passed upon by the committee regulating the drawing, stated that they had selected Miss Millie Estelle Glass, a child of 6 years, who after being blindfolded, would take from the wheel five cards, and the number on the last card would entitle the holder of its duplicate to the wagon. The fortunate number when drawn proved to be card 7,559, held by Mr. Thomas Raddon, a resident of the Twentieth Ward, for some time in the employ of Mr. James Dinwoodey, as cook, but at present learning the trade of a photographer in the gallery of Mr. C. R. Savage. The gentleman was completely surprised, and thought the "boys were playing it" on him; but finding his good luck was really as represented, he drove off home behind McKimmins' gray team, to still more astonish his good wife. Several parties made offers for the wagon, one as high as \$200 cash, but Thomas thought he must have struck it large, and said that kind of a Studebaker ought to bring \$300 at least. So ended in the most satisfactory manner the disposition of the novel prize wagon. sw & w lt

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