

The City officials of Ogden who have signed this petition, have placed themselves in a very awkward position. Being charged with the execution of the City ordinances against gambling and prostitution, and repeatedly urged to enforce them, they suffered these evils to grow and flourish right under their noses. When it was found that the enforcement of the City ordinances was improbable, and the Territorial statutes were brought into action by an officer required to execute them, those City officials endeavored to have the diligent officer removed, for presuming to meddle in a matter that they considered belonged exclusively to them and which they had continuously neglected. Can they reasonably object, if unkind people conclude that the evidence favors the idea, frequently expressed in Ogden, that they really wanted the evils complained of to continue?

And in view of all the facts, may not the People's Party hold up to other parts of this Territory as a warning, the course pursued in regard to gross social evils by the "Liberal" authorities of Ogden, and add to the financial misdoings of the Tooele "Liberals" when in office, the social vagaries of the Weber "Liberals," and call upon all lovers of honesty, purity and consistency to beware of "Liberal" accession to political power?

SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Salt Lake Stake Conference commenced in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, September 1, at 10 a. m. There were present on the stand: Presidents Wilford Woodruff and Geo. Q. Cannon; Apostles Jno. Henry Smith and Heber J. Grant; President Angus M. Cannon and Counselor Charles W. Penrose; President Elias Morris, of the High Priests' quorum; members of the Stake High Council, Bishops and others.

President Angus M. Cannon called the congregation to order, and the choir sang:

Redeemer of Israel,
Our only delight.

Prayer by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

The choir sang:

On the mountain's top appearing,
Lo! the sacred herald stands.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

addressed the congregation. As we have met together in conference this morning, he said, it is our privilege to have the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. Latter-day

Saints know that unless we have the guidance of the Lord our God our efforts to establish righteousness in the earth or to accomplish the objects we have in view would be in vain.

I suppose that in this congregation there are hundreds of men who have taken foreign missions, who have traveled east and west, north and south, without purse or scrip, putting their trust in the mercies, kindness, and promises of God. In this respect we are a unique people; I know of none like us. I know of no people on the face of the earth who have been tested in their faith to the same extent.

The present fashion of preaching the Gospel of Jesus is for men to be employed specially for the purpose and receive a fixed salary. It is considered necessary that they should be educated for the ministry in places of learning where theology is taught, where they may receive those qualifications which are deemed essential for their calling. In this respect we have come in contact with all the traditions of our age. Men have been chosen to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ because God designated them for the purpose. As to educational qualifications, they were a matter of secondary importance. Having been chosen of God, He is capable of endowing them with every necessary gift in order to proclaim His word in purity and with power. In this way that which the world calls "Mormonism" has been carried from land to land, from island to island, from continent to continent, until there is scarcely a spot in this habitable globe that has not been visited by the chosen servants of God.

It is time that faith should be restored to the earth in view of the dreadful march of infidelity on all sides. That living faith which men once had in God and His power has almost departed. According to present ideas, God has withdrawn Himself completely from the affairs of men. He governs His universe by great and universal laws, and all special providences in favor of His children are no longer exercised. If there is anything for which I am particularly thankful it is that God in His providence has permitted me to live in a day when this living faith has been restored to the earth, when He has revealed His everlasting Gospel in its primitive purity and its ancient power, that He has also re-organized His church with the same officers, the same authority, the same gifts, graces, and blessings which were the characteristics of that church in ancient days; thankful that I am associated with a people who have this faith, and are willing to make any and every sacrifice which God shall require at their hands, knowing that He is able to reward them abundantly. Men will be judged hereafter according to their knowledge and the opportunities which they possessed here below.

In these last days, in order to pre-

pare the inhabitants of the earth for the coming of the Lord, Jesus condescended to reveal Himself once more from the heavens. He came Himself in person, astounding though the statement may seem; for from the end of the first century until the beginning of the present one, such a thing as the heavens opening and the Son of God making His appearance, as angels being seen by man had been unheard of; and such a thing is still believed to be impossible. Men imbued with hatred seek even to kill those who bear such testimony, and declare it to be false. Not content, indeed, with hating and persecuting one who testified that the Father and the Son had appeared unto him, they shed his blood as generations before the people had shed that of the prophets and apostles who had borne a similar testimony to them. But much as it may come in contact with the prejudices of the age and all its traditions, shocking the sensibilities of some persons in regard to the feelings they entertain concerning God's methods of doing business—notwithstanding all this the fact remains that the Lord has appeared and revealed himself in our day and that His Son Jesus Christ has shown Himself to mortal eyes, quickened by the power and Spirit of God. The eyes of one man's understanding were opened, and he saw with that spiritual discernment which God gives to His favored children. Up to that hour, for generations, there had been no clear conception of the character of the Deity. Some supposed He was a spirit universally diffused through space. Some entertained one idea and some another; there existed a variety of views concerning the Deity, His character and attributes. But this man, Joseph Smith, declared that God and Jesus appeared and that they were two personages, the one resembling the other, thus corresponding with the statement of the Apostle Paul and others who have written on this subject—that Jesus was the expressed image of His Father, that He was in His likeness, and corresponded to the saying of Jesus, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father also." But is the testimony of this boy all that we have to rely upon in connection with this matter? No. Thank God we are not left with this testimony alone. We have gifts and testimonies that sustain it in every particular.

This Church, notwithstanding the derision of men, has been led by those gifts from that day until the present. Thousands of persons who have been familiar with other religions, who have been members of other churches, are ready to testify that they have received those gifts and that the power of God rested upon them. Things to come have been revealed to them, they have dwelt in this atmosphere of divine favor, they have been faithful workers of the Church of God, witnessing in an unexampled manner that God was pleased with them, had accepted them, would bestow