

Mr. Sleater had said to him that some of the non-union men had spoken disrespectfully of the union, but Mr. Watson said he could not consistently interfere with a man for expressions that were probably made in the heat of discussion.

As to the meeting, but little could be ascertained of what was done, as the proceedings were not public. It was stated by some, however, that the session was rather stormy, and that about half of those who had gone out under the orders of the union protested against the action of that body as an unjust and arbitrary exercise of power.

Aug. 27 the force on Zion's Savings Bank building, which is to be made six stories, was about one-fourth of that usually employed. Several good stonecutters applied for and were granted work, and it is likely that in a few days a sufficient number will be on hand to meet all requirements. In the meantime the matter is being discussed by the union men, who may see on careful reflection that they have reached beyond the limits of that which is right and just, and modify their action so that differences may be amicably settled.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall at 11 a. m. today—Saturday August 31st, 1888, President Angus M. Cannon presiding. Present also upon the stand, Apostle John Henry Smith, Counselor C. W. Penrose, Bishop A. H. Raleigh, and others. The Presidency of the High Priests' quorum of the Stake was represented by Counselor G. B. Wallace. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented, excepting the Tenth and Thirteenth wards of the city, and the Mill Creek, Draper and North Jordan wards. It was explained that the absence of the Bishopric of the North Jordan Ward was unavoidable, owing to sickness and other substantial causes.

It was also stated that, agreeable to invitation, and according to announcement, the High Priests' meeting, which fell upon this day, had been merged with the Priesthood meeting at the suggestion of President Elias Morris, thus making the present a conjoint meeting.

The usual business having been dispatched, remarks were made as follows by the brethren named:

ELDER GEO. B. WALLACE

felt happy to meet with his brethren and rejoice in the glorious Gospel which he embraced about forty-five years ago. He had never faltered in his testimony, and might even say that he had a testimony of the truth before he joined the Church. He came here at an early day and had witnessed the growth of God's people in these mountains and the fulfillment of the words of the prophets in relation to this work. He exhorted his hearers to humility and faithfulness, that they might avoid the snares so thickly spread

around them. The future was bright, though dark clouds might hover over the present. The history of these times were written by the Nephite prophets ages ago. The words of Jesus were also being fulfilled. The Gospel, the speaker said, was his all, and he had never regretted embracing it. Many bright and shining lights—men of God, had fallen and apostatized from this Church, both in Europe and America, and who if they had lived humble before God, in accordance with His revelations, and kept His commandments, would have remained steadfast. May God keep us faithful unto the end.

PRESIDENT ELIAS MORRIS

addressed himself to the High Priests, referring to the good times they were having in the quorum meetings over which he had presided and describing the methods employed to make those meetings interesting and instructive. The addresses delivered at their meetings by brethren appointed for that purpose, had resulted in much good. He invited all the High Priests to identify themselves with the quorum. It mattered not how high a man might be in the Priesthood, he could not afford to neglect his duty and be indifferent to the things of God. Many had gone astray, as Brother Wallace had said, because they had failed to attend faithfully to the calls of duty. He testified of the knowledge he had of the work of God, and knew that we were living in the very days predicted by the Prophets of old. We were favored of the Lord in many ways, but still had our trials to endure. We were not being driven from our homes like many of the earlier Saints by the light of our blazing dwellings, but we were being tried in other ways. Trials were still ahead, but they would not destroy the work of God. The threats of the enemy that this work is about to be overwhelmed, had no more effect upon his mind than the passing breeze. "How do I stand?" should be the question asked by each one of his own soul. The danger is in being disunited, and allowing the spirit of self aggrandisement to supersede our desires and efforts to build up the kingdom of God. Some of our enemies boast that our lands, buildings and improvements are about to fall into their hands. It was more likely, the speaker thought, that their possessions would revert to us, and that honorably. We came here at the command of Almighty God, and we came to stay, to multiply and replenish the earth. We have but to stand by each other and be true to God and His work, and all will be well with us.

ELDER SAMUEL W. WOOLLEY

bore testimony to the remarks he had heard. It depended upon our conduct, as to whether we would reap blessings, or suffer the penalty of our misdoings. This is an individual work in one sense. What we profess in public we should sustain in private, not say one thing and do another. These are precarious

times. Unity is our strength. We want to be united in all things, for everything that builds up the Kingdom of God is a portion of our religion. We should set the world a righteous example and not follow after their evil ways. We cannot be a peculiar people and copy after them. As to unity, the people of the world united whenever it pleased them for the carrying out of their projects. Why should it be thought wrong for us to be united? The speaker wished that we might be united in some things as much as our neighbors are. As to the ultimate triumph of the work of God, there was no question, but the question was whether we, as individuals, would triumph and come off victorious.

BISHOP A. H. RALEIGH

was very grateful for the present opportunity of meeting with his brethren. He did not believe he had any right to engage in anything outside of the scope and rule of his religion. All that he did in a proper way was a part of the mission that he came to the earth to perform, no matter whether it was called religious, political, scientific, or otherwise. The fall of Babylon was just twenty years nearer at hand than it was twenty years ago. God is not going to recede from anything he has said, or that he purposes to perform. Neither will the powers that are opposed to Him, until they are broken. He will attend to that. Disrupting influences were abroad in the earth, among all nations. One element for the destruction of the wicked was secret combinations and societies that sought to curtail men in the exercise of their agency—a principle that is always evil. He thought Latter-day Saints should not be connected with any such organizations. It was the duty of the Saints, to read good books, and inform themselves on all useful subjects. They should become acquainted with principles of government—for such was the Lord's instruction. The youth of Zion should be taught to sustain principles that are eternal and enduring, and not lend their support to principles that are evil and perishable.

PRESIDENT C. W. PENROSE

agreed with the foregoing speaker that his religion should enter into that every act of his life. He did not believe that the Latter-day Saints were going into bondage *holus bolus* in order that some one might lead them out. We had been in bondage many times; and had got out of it. It was our duty to help ourselves, and then the Lord would help us. Paul plants, Apollos waters and God gives the increase, but if Paul and Apollos fail to do their part, there would not be much increase. The Lord does not come down and make bread and butter for us. We have to make them for ourselves. Many good things had been said at this meeting, and the speaker hoped the Lord would impress them upon our minds.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

added some words of counsel and