### DESERET EVENING NEWS: MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1905.



PREST. JOHN R. WINDER.

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The choir sang the hymn:

Interesting Meetings Held Yesterday Morning and Aftern000.

CONFERENCE OF

# ENCOURAGING REPORTS MADE.

President Joseph F. Smith Makes Reply to His Critics-Other Speakers.

The opening session of the quarterly conference of the Salt Lake stake was held at 10 a. m. Sunday, March 19, in the Assembly hall, Prest. Nephi L. Morris and his counselors presiding. The stake choir under the direction of Alvin A, Beesley, chorister, rendered the opening and closing selections. Prayer was offered by Elder Rodney C. Badger. There were present of the general authorities, Prests, John R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund, and Elders Hyrum M. Smith, Reed Smoot and Charles W. Penrose, of the Apostles' quorum. The local stake priesthood was well represented.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS.

President Morris briefly reported the condition of the stake. The various quorums and auxiliary organizations, he said were in good working order, characterized by unity, harmony and a willingness to do all possible to advance the word of the Lord. The speaker di-lated on the workings of the Spirit of the Lord in the hearts of the child-ren of men, and urged the Saints to seek for and cultivate the gifts of the Spirit-Knowledge, discernment, faith and power with God. Elder Morris reported that the Scandinavian and Ger-man Saints in the stake would be organized for meeting purposes, to be under the supervision of the stake organization. The Holland Saints are al-

ready so organized. Elder David L. Davis reported the work and labors of the High Council, So far as settling disputes and hearing cases against members for any cause, there had as yet been no occasion for the High Council since the organization of the stake, The members of the Council visit and keep in touch with the various quorums of Priesthood in all the wards. There is, the speaker rethe wards. ported, a noticeable improvement in the work and efficiency of the labors of all the quorums, including the acting teachers, progress marking every phase of the Church affairs of the

Elder Elias S. Woodruff reported the work of the local home missionary corps. Last October, some 32 Elders were set apart as foreign missionaries are, and labored in a similar manner, and holding cottage meetings, visiting with all the people-non-members of he Church as well as members. There the Church as are now 37 Elders laboring in this work, which is diligently prosecuted with very good results, particularly in the building up and strengthening of the Elders and lesser Priesthood quor-The Eiders work in conjunction with the block teachers.

PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

Prest. Anthon H. Lund next ad-dressed the congregation, taking as his text Paul's description of the Church of Christ, likening it unto the body

gregation as to whether those of them who had watched the course of Presi-dent Joseph F. Smith did not know for themselves that he was and had been all along inspired of God. The speak-er testified that from the days of Joseph F. Smith's young manhood he had known him, and that he was a servant of God, guided by the Holy Ghost, which is the spirit of revelation. He bore testimony that Joseph F. Smith was the chosen of God to lead the Church and that he had the word of the Lord for His people. The speaker testified to the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in the Church and to the ultimate triumph of truth over er-ror and the coming of Him whose right it is to reign when the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdom of God and His Christ. gregation as to whether those of them \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* God and His Christ.

PREST. FRANCIS M. LYMAN.

their brethren and sisters and the President Francis M. Lyman was the Priesthood of God; there will be no faultfinding with the Priesthood of the Church, love and harmony will abound next speaker. He said that whenever the Lord had a people upon the earth, He always communicated His mind Church, love and harmony will abound and peace and joy will prevail in the hearts and homes of the Saints. He testified to the integrity, humility and unselfish course of the life of the lead-ers of the Church, who are working solely for the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and for the benefit and blessing of the whole people. He always communicated His mind and will unto them through His ser-vants. The Prophet Joseph Smith was honored like unto Moses, for the Father appeared to Him and introduced His son Jesus Christ. Like Moses, also, Joseph, the Prophet, was a lawgiver unto Israel, for he received revelations for the guidance of the Lord's people. So also had his successors, for the Lord had spoken through them all and would continue to do so until His purposes were accomplished in the earth. President Joseph F. Smith, said the speaker, was a worthy successor of

Prest, John R. Winder briefly com-nended the reports given, which mended the reports given, which showed a gratifying condition of the af-fairs of the stake. He was particularly speaker, was a worthy successor of those who had preceded him. The son of Hyrum Smith, the first Patriarch of the Church, he was entitled to the blessgratified with the report of the work of the High Council. He was pleased to know of the harmony and good will existing in the stake, which conditions, ings of God, if he did right, and this he was doing and had done since his said, were increasing throughout Church. early boyhood. Elder Morris presented the general and stake authorities, who were unant-

early boyhood. President Lyman advised his hearers, if they had any misgivings, to examine their own hearts and place them right before the Lord. The Saints of God had never been perfect. They were as other men, weak becaus of their mortality. There had been none per-fect save Jesus Christ, and it was not expected that there would be until Sa-tan had been bound and sin and corrup-tion overcome. It was not the purpose and state authorities, who were unant-mously sustained. The choir rendered an anthem, bene-diction was pronounced by Elder Reed Smoot, and the conference adjourned to

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

### AFTERNOON SESSION. The afternoon session was held in the Tabernacle, with Elder Charles W. Pen-rose, President Francis M. Lyman and President Joseph F. Smith as the senators n overcome. It was not the purpose province of those who stood in aution overcome. or province of those who stood in au-thority to tyrannize over their breth-ren and sisters, nor did they; all had their free agency to say and do as they saw fit. If they did right, the Lord would bless them; if they chose to do wrong they would be held accountable for those wrongs.

Come, thou glorious day of promise, Come and spread thy cheerful ray, for those wrongs. President Lyman paid high tribute to President Joseph F. Smith, than whom no truer man had ever stood at the head of this Church. He had been Prayer was offered by Elder A. W. The choir sang the anthem: "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy." He had been faithful in season and out of season, His integrity to the work of God could not be questioned, and the Saints would do well to give him and his as-sociates their full confidence and sup-

ELDER CHARLES W. PENROSE.

Elder Charles W. Penrose was the first speaker. He began by expressing pleasure at being privleged to attend the Salt Lake stake conference and made complimentary reference to the morning meeting and to the excellent reports made on that occasion. These reports said the speaker were of such port. Concluding, the speaker invoked the blessings of God upon all, and exhorted all to honor and sustain the government of the United States, and to remain of the United States, and to remain reports made on that occasion. These reports said the speaker, were of such a character as to leave no room for doubt in the minds of Latter-day Saints as to the advancement being made and the ultimate outcome of the work of God. He was especially pleas-od to plate the programs being made in faithful to the testimony of the truth. I feel very grateful to the Lord and I feel very grateful to the Lord and to my brethren who have spoken here for the kindly feeling that they have expessed toward me, a humble fellow servant; and I desire to bear my tes-timony of the lives and labors and puri-ty of life and character of the men whom we have heard this afternoon from this stand. I have known them, as it has been stated by them with rei-erence to myself, ever since we were work of God. He was especially pleas-ed to note the progress being made in the organizations of the Church and the energy manifested by the brethren in the discharage of their duties as visitors among the Saints. In this con-nection the speaker urged the Saints to attend the morning meetings of these conferences, as they were of great im-portance to all members of the Church. Referring to remarks made at the Referring to remarks made at the morning meeting, Elder Penrose said forming meeting, Elder Penrose said jt was gratifying to know that despite reports to the contrary, the Saints were endeavoring to sustain, by word and deed, those who are in authority in the Church, and who were endeavoring to teach the principles of the Gospel of Jeaus Christ Jesus Christ

as it has been stated by them with ref-erence to myself, eyer since we were boys together; and I have always known from the beginning until now that they were men who possessed in their souls the spirit of the living God. I need scarcely to say this, because you know yourselves these men, and have heard them often. You have heard them bear testimony to the divine mis-sion of the Prophet Joseph Smith, to the divine mission of our Lord and Sav-ior Jesus Christ, to the great and glorious truth that God has revealed Himself from the heavens again in these latter days, through the instru-mentalities which He has chosen as a means of restoring His Gospel in this generation in its fullness and power, and the Priesthood of God which has authority, divine and effective, from God to man. And you have known Jesus Christ. The speakers said the Latter-day Saints were believers in the word of God. They were willing to have their doctrines tested by the Scriptures of divine truth. Not only were they be-lievers in the written word of former times, but they believed also in that which had been revealed in latter times. They testified that God had spoken

and sisters, if you do not receive any , willing to submit to the judgment of | REDUCTION FOR very great marvelous had been reveal or if you do not receive any very won-derful revelations from heaven, if you will only live so that God can reveal Himself to you if He will. You will our enemies, of those who delight to see us destroyed from off the earth. But we are willing to submit to the judg-ment of God, because He is just. We Himself to you if He will. You will be all right, you will have nothing to fear, you will have nothing lacking, so far as you are concerned, if you are in a position to receive the will are willing to submit to the judgment of righteous men, whether they be par-ticularly friendly to us or not; it mat-ters little. Are they righteous, are they just, are they impartial, will they ren-der a just judgment; if they will we are willing to submit to their indement so for as you are concerned, if you are in a position to receive the will of God whenever He is ready or desires to make it manifest to you. That is enough. And then God will only re-veal to you that which is necessary for your development, for your growth and advancement in the knowledge of willing to submit to their judgment; we are not afraid of it. May the Lord bless you, may peace abide with the people of God. and advancement in the knowledge of the truth

the truth. The Lord Almighty has revealed to me many things for my own guidance, to assist me in the discharge of my duty, as an Elder in the Church, as a High Priest in the Church, as an Apostle, one of the Twelve Apostles in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And I fervently believe that God has manifested to me in my present ca-pacity, many glorious things, many principles and oftentimes much more wisdom than is inherent in myself; and I believe that He will continue to do so as long as I am receptive, as long as I as long as I am receptive, as long as I am in a position to hear when He speaks, to listen when He calls, and to eive when He gives to me that which He desires.

Did you ever hear of a good man, an honest man, a man who was virtuous, and who was noble and upright, in whom Satan was well pleased? Did you ever hear of a Saint or of a serwhom satan was well pleased? Did you ever hear of a saint or of a ser-vant of God who received the encomiums and praises of the father of les? I don't think you have, and do not think you will. The devil generally lies about the good, the honest and the up-right, and when he speaks of them at all he speaks of them to defame them, to belittle them and to make them ap-pear contemptible to the world. He does not speak in a way to give them honor or to establish them in the con-fidence of mankind. Not at all. That is not the mission of the destroyer, of the enemy of all righteousness. His mission is to destroy them. You need not fear when men say all manner of evil against you faisely, when they call you, as they call the Master, the friend of Beelzebub, the friend of publicans and sinners and associates of the wick-ed, unjust, and ungodly in the world. unjust, and ungodly in the world, u need not wonder at that. As the Master Himself has stated, if they have called Him thus, if they have spoken of Him in this way, if they have treated the Master of the house in this way, will they not also treat them that are

of the house in a like manner. In my mind, one of the strongest things, one of the strongest evidences that appeals to judgment and under-standing, of the divine mission that we are engaged in, is that those who are evilly disposed, those who love and make a lie, those whose mission seems make a lie, those whose mission seems to be to blacken the character of their fellow beings, to speak no good but all the ill they can of them, that such characters as these are arrayed against the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That is evidence enough to me that God is here, that the Lord is with His people, that His truth is here and that it is not dead but living. dead but living.

Amen.

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associated with His work in the earth that does not give his soul to it, his heart to it, his sympathies, and his whole heart for the accomplishment of His will in the earth. We will leave others to God, but let us keep ourselves pure and unspotted before God and all men, and keep and observe in our lives the principles of the Gospel of truth, which we have espoused, which is my prover in the name of Jesus Christ rayer, in the name of Jesus Christ.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn: "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet," and after benediction by Elder George R. Emery, the conference was adjourned for three months.





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of Christ. He said he was gratified to tear the good reports given as showin he unity and harmony which prevailed a the Church. If the Saints will live in righteousness the Spirit of God would dwell in the hearts of all, and there dwell in the hearts of all, and there would be no strife, envyings, pride, faultinding, or evil of any kind ex-isting, and there would be no class dis-tinctions in the Church. "Except we are one we are not Christ's." It is not the possession of riches that disquali-fies its owner for the kingdom of hea-ven, but the love of wealth and the idolatry of riches which debar from heaven. He urged humility and dili-gence on the part of the Priesthood. gence on the part of the Priesthood, and efforts to uplift, help and bless their fellow man. The speaker cautioned his hearers against the spirit aultfinding and criticism so prevalent in the community. The Later-day Saints cannot afford to imbibe this spirit, lest they lose the faith, and become recreant to the truth.

ELDER HYRUM M. SMITH.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith, spoke a short time on the fruits of the Spirit of God, as aptly described by Paul, "against which there is no law." A conscientious obelience to the commandments of God will enable all to enjoy the fruits of the Spirit and to the in the meru with the Spirit, and to live in harmony with



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They testified that God had spoken from the heavens' in these days, that He had communicated His mind and will to His servants, and that Joseph Smith had been raised up as a Prophet

Apostle Peter:

authority, divine and effective, from God to man. And you have known them; their lives are an open book to the Latter-day Saints, and to all men who have had anything to do with them or who have had any dealings with them, or who have ever heard of them. They are men of truth, men of honor and men of God; and, as has been said by President Lyman they have to usher in the dispensation of the fulness of times. Eider Penrose spoke of the dual na-ture of man and the like nature of God's kingdom upon the earth. It was the will of the Father that His children blond be wordfad for and that His honor and men of God; and, as has been said by President Lyman, they have never had to be whitewashed, nor cleansed, nor anything covered up in their lives. As I said before, through-out their lives their whole course and conduct has been open to their associ-ates and to all the Church, and they are known. the will of the Father that His children should be provided for, and that His kingdom should be so constituted as to meet every requirement of His sons and daughters, both temporal and spiritual. Elder Petrose explained the principle of revelation in its different forms of manifestation. In illustration of this he quoted the following remarks of the Apostle Peter: are known. Now with reference to the principle

he quoted the following remarks of the Apostle Peter: "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-wit-nesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice which cams from heaven was heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scrip-ture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter i; 10-21. The speaker referred to the manifes-tations of the Holy Spirit and the glits given unto men as recorded in I Cor. xil. Then he showed how the Lord Now with reference to the principle and doctrine of revelation, it may be proper for me to say a few words on this subject while I am on my feet. For me to say, which was the very end that my critics and my inquisitors were endeavoring to get me to say, in order that I might be led into that trap which they had made for me, to say that God that I might be led into that trap which they had made for me, to say that God had given to me a revelation upon some new doctrine, or theory, or principle, or precept, or anything to be written, to be observed or handed down as a guide to the Church, would have been un-true. I could not have said that, for He has not done this. But has God re-vealed to me His mind and His will? Has he made manifest to me a knowl-edge of His truth by and through the spirit of revelation? Did you ever hear of my denying that? No; no man has ever heard me deny that. When I was first baptized as a little child, right up here at the function of East Temple and North Temple streets, where City creek then ran, but where it is now covered and obliterated—when I was first baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, God Almighty revealed to me that I had done an act which He approved; I re-ceived then and there a revelation from Almights God that heas heared.

The speaker referred to the manifes-tations of the Holy Spirit and the gifts given unto men as recorded in I Cor. xil. Then he showed how the Lord spake to Moses, face to face, as one man speaketh with another. To others of His servants the Lord spoke by dreams and visions, as God declared in Numbers xil; 6-8, while others again re-ceived the visitation of angels, which bore to them the word of God. Peter referred to "the more sure word of prophecy," which was "the abiding wit-ness" of the Holy Spirit. Through this channel God directed His work today, and it was the privilege of His servants to be moved upon in ratif utterances by that Spirit. The speaker testified that this Spirit had ever been charac-teristic of the Church of Christ. It was the power by which the Father and the Son were made manifest to man. It was the spirit of revelation. God had spoken directly to the Prophet Jo-seph Smith; He had sent angels to him; He gave to him and Sidney Rigdon the most glorious vision on record concern-ing the eternal future of the human family; and Hg had bestowed upon His servants the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, "the anointing that teacheth all things" that guides into all truth; that is "the testimony of Jesus and the Spirit of Prophecy." This also was given to the members of the Church and by it they knew whether the teachings they received were of God or of man. The speaker quoted from Sections 8 and 68 of the Doctrine and Covenants on this point. Referring to the misrepresentations. Almighty revealed to me that I had done an act which He approved; I re-ceived then and there a revelation from Almighty God, that has been with me like a well of living water, springing up unto everlasting life in me, which has been a stay and a staff to me in all my daily walks, at home and abroad. God Almighty revealed to me that Jo-seph Smith was a Prophet of God, that his message was divine, that he was raised up by the power of the Almighty to lay the foundations of this great lat-ter-day work. The Lord Almighty has revealed to me the truth that he sealed his testimony with his blood, that he was true to the end, as was the Son of God, true until he cried "It is enough!" upon the cross. The Lord Almighty has revealed to me in terms that are unmistakable and that are undeniable that Brigham Young suc-ceeded lawfully and divinely to the presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by the will of the Almighty. I would not be with-out that revelation for all the gold and wealth of the world. The Lord reveal-ed to me in terms that cannot be mis-taken, by me at least, that John Taylor was inspired of the Lord and was the lawful taken, by me at least, that John Taylor was inspired of the Lord and was a Prophet of God, and was the lawful and divine successor in the Priesthood and presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Brigham Youns. The Lord revealed to me that Wilford Woodruff lawfully and divinely succeeded John Taylor, that Lorenzo Snow lawfully and divinely followed Wilford Woodruff. I leave to you to say whether the Lord willed, and whether it is lawful and right, that I should be in the position in which God has suffered me to be placed. I shall not be my own julge, I shall not judge myself with reference to this position. It is enough for me to live, or try to live, according to the light that I pos-sess and the intelligence that God has of the Doctrine and Covenants on this point. Referring to the misrepresentations, of President Joseph F. Smith's testi-mony at Washington concerning revela-tion, the speaker showed that the ques-tion put to President Smith as to wheth-er he had received a revelation from God, to which he gave a qualified negative, was predicated on the inter-pretation placed on the term by the at-torney. What the interrogator called "revelation," as he defined it himself, in his argument, was "personal contact with God." speaking with Him "mouth to mouth." hearing God's voice "as one man speaks to another." To this Pres-ident Smith answered, no. " But he said he had received revelation that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and testi-fied that he himself was guided by the Spirit of God. live, according to the light that I pos-sess and the intelligence that God has given me, so that when the Almighty desires or wills to make known His purpose or His law through me, that I shall be worthy as an instrument to receive His word and give it to those to whom it is intended and unto whom it belongs. You need never fear, my brethren