

Another meeting of the same kind will be held this evening at half-past six o'clock, in the same place.

Saturday 8th, 10 a.m.

The Choir sang:

"Give us room that we may dwell"

Prayer by Elder Erastus Snow.

The Parowan Choir sang:

"There is no time like the present time."

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW

Spoke on the first principles of the gospel. In the course of his remarks he alluded to some of the causes which induce people to apostatize from the truth. He also treated upon the transient nature of worldly honors and pleasures and the consequences which result to those who are engrossed by them, and the glorious destiny of those who become grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus through a faithful observance of His laws. He alluded to the calling of missionaries to settle new sections of country, and stated that many who had been called on such missions, and had run well for a season and then given up, are now going into darkness. Such are in danger of forsaking the service of God. He showed that it is the duty of the Saints to go where the Lord and His servants want them and to labor as they are directed.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH.

Spoke: He advised the brethren to work for a reasonable remuneration, and to do all the labor that has to be done in this Territory, instead of making it necessary for those who want it done to import it, on account of the high price demanded for it. If the brethren go to mining, he would advise them to work for pay instead of taking up claims for, in most cases, those who invest in mining speculations fail, financially. If those who own mines want the brethren to work for them, do so and get money. He continued at some length on this subject and gave some very practical illustrations.

PRESIDENT D. H. WELLS

Spoke on the religious beliefs and practices of the world, showing that whatever of a saving nature may be inculcated in the various systems extant, is comprehended within the purview of the gospel of Jesus which we have received, and what is lacked by them to make up the plan of salvation is also incorporated in the gospel which is a complete system. He showed that the principles of the gospel would yet infuse themselves into the minds of the Saints to such an extent that they would be sought after to fill positions of trust all over the world.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Spoke briefly on the labor question. He advised the brethren to work for strangers who come here if they desire it, and use the means they receive in payment for the building up of the Zion of God.

The choir sang:

"Awake ye Saints of God, awake."

Prayer by Elder Jacob Gates.

Conference adjourned till 2 p.m.

Saturday 8th, 2 P. M.

The choir sang:

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

Prayer by Elder Elias Morris.

The Parowan choir sang:

"Hark! the song of Jubilee."

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON presented the Authorities of the Church to the Conference. The votes to sustain them in the following order were unanimous:

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; George A. Smith, his first, and Daniel H. Wells his second counselor.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, Sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Jun., Joseph F. Smith, and Albert Carrington, members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church. John W. Young, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace, and John T. Caine his counselors.

William Eddington, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, John Squires, Wm. H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thos. E. Jeremy, Joseph L. Barfoot, Samuel W. Richards, John H. Rumell, Miner G. Atwood, Wm. Thorn, Dimick B.

Huntington, Theodore McKean and Hosea Stout, members of the High Council.

Elias Smith, President of the High Priests' Quorum, and Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris as his counselors.

Joseph Young, President of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies, and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop; Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little his counselors.

Benjamin L. Peart, President of the Elders' Quorum; Edward Davis and Abinadi Pratt, his counselors.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; Wm. McLachlan and James Latham, his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Martin Lenzi and Henry I. Doremus, his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacon's Quorum; Peter Johnson and Chas. S. Cram his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Truman O. Angell, Architect for the Church.

Horace S. Eldredge, President of the Perpetual Emigration Fund to gather the Poor.

Albert Carrington, Historian and General Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff, his assistant.

Elders Lorin Farr, of Ogden, and Wm. L. Paine, of Kaysville, were called to go on missions to England.

When the motion was put to the Conference to sustain President Brigham Young as Trustee-in-Trust for the Church, he arose and tendered his resignation of that office. At this the congregation manifested strong signs of disapproval. And, when Elder Cannon stated that there were two motions before the Conference, one to sustain President Young as Trustee-in-Trust, and the other to accept of his resignation of that office, thousands of the people shouted "no," "no," and, when the first motion was put, the vast congregation, agitated by one common feeling, moved and surged for a few moments, and, not satisfied with merely holding up the right hand in token of sustaining the motion, great numbers rose to their feet and held up both hands and a murmur went up from the human sea. Many of the strangers present held up their hands as if impelled by the same spirit that moved the great assembly. The scene was one which will never be forgotten by those who beheld it, and but few persons present could prevent feelings of intense emotion swelling up in their bosoms. There stood the veteran, faithful leader of a people who had been led by him through the most trying scenes that have proved him to be their best earthly friend as well as spiritual guide, and the people uttering a united protest against his resigning to act for them in a position of trust.

President Young tendered his resignation of the office of President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, and nominated Horace S. Eldredge as his successor to that office. The resignation was accepted and the nomination unanimously sustained.

When the motions were put to sustain President George A. Smith as Historian and General Church Recorder, and President Daniel H. Wells as Superintendent of Public Works, they resigned those offices. Albert Carrington was nominated to the office of Historian and General Church Recorder, which was carried unanimously. Nominations to the office of Superintendent of Public Works was left over for the present.

A vote of confidence and thanks to the First Presidency, for their labors in the offices they had just resigned, was carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Gave it as a reason for the First Presidency resigning those offices that they would be more free to travel among the people and preach to them. He delivered a very powerful discourse in which he showed what had produced the wonderful union that exists among the Latter-day Saints. His remarks were reported.

ELDER ORSON HYDE

Addressed the Conference for a short time. He stated that none had ever helped the Saints but the Almighty, and that He would continue to be their friend. He prophesied of the ultimate triumph of the Saints over all their enemies and that no power would ever stay their progress.

The choir sang:

"Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah."

Prayer by President George A. Smith. Conference adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Sunday 9th, 10 a.m.

The Parowan Choir sang:

"How beautiful upon the Mountains"

Prayer by Elder Albert Carrington.

The choir sang:

"The morning breaks, the shadows flee."

ELDER JOHN TAYLOR.

Showed that, in the Latter-day Saints taking the course they do they are but carrying out the designs of the Almighty, and that no power will ever hinder them from performing the work they have commenced if they are faithful.

The gospel addresses itself more particularly to those who love truth and right. There is no wickedness so despicable as that which is perpetrated under the garb of religion. It has been mostly men who were enwrapped in the cloak of pretended christianity, who in the past have driven and persecuted the Latter-day Saints. God, in inaugurating the work in which we are engaged, has commenced to correct all the evils that are in the world. Notwithstanding the numberless religions and vain philosophical organizations that exist, the demon of war and other great wrongs still stalk abroad. No power can correct them but that of the Almighty, through revealing heavenly principles to those who are willing to receive them. There has been considerable said about the one-man power. It is a mistake to use this expression in connection with the Latter day work unless God be called that one man. He believed in the power of God; but the Almighty raises up men to act for him on the earth, as he raised up a Moses to lead Israel anciently. President Brigham Young is the mouth-piece of God to us. We are all instructed by him; we receive intelligence from the same source as he does and we therefore know that he speaks by the inspiration of God. This cements us together. We sustain him as our head and this is the one-man power. Our unity extends to temporal concerns because it is right. God has a right to govern us in those matters, for He created them all. He created all our surroundings as well as those beautiful bodies which our spirits inhabit.

MR. MARTIN HARRIS, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, arose and bore testimony to its divine authenticity.

President George A. Smith spoke a short time: he said it is remarkable to have the testimony of Martin Harris. The Book of Mormon, however, carries evidence with it. The promise has been fulfilled that those who do the will of God should know of the doctrine that it is true; thus the Book of Mormon has thousands of witnesses. He bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the latter-day work.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON read the testimony of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon as published on the first page of that book.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG gave a brief account of the manner in which the witnesses of the Book of Mormon left the church. He related circumstances showing that none of those witnesses had ever denied their testimony. He bore testimony that Joseph Smith was as great a prophet, as true and faithful, and as good a man—Jesus excepted, as ever lived.

The choir sang:

"Go, ye messengers of glory."

Prayer by Elder Charles C. Rich.

Conference adjourned till 2 p. m.

SUNDAY 9TH, 2 P. M.

The Parowan choir sang

"He's gone to the silent land."

Prayer by Elder George Q. Cannon.

The choir sang:

"Arise my soul arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears."

ELDER ALBERT CARRINGTON

Addressed the conference: He showed that there is but one way by which the human family can attain to the things of God; that is by obeying the simple principles of the Gospel of Jesus. He desired the welfare of all mankind whatever might be their views or traditions. We gathered to these valleys to devote ourselves to the worship of God

and there can be no better or nobler pursuit. Many would like to see us give up this pursuit and introduce the institutions of so-called civilization amongst us; but we will never do it. Although he, in common with the rest of the Saints, had been driven and persecuted for worshipping God according to the dictates of his own conscience, yet he had no bitter feelings against his persecutors, as he believed they did it in their ignorance. He continued to speak for some time on the political position of the people of this Territory, showing that Congress could not be Constitutionally sustained in the position it assumed toward them. The programme of the enemies is to oppress them, so as to goad them on to the commission of some overt act that would be a pretext for waging an exterminating crusade against them. Those, however, who plot and scheme for the overthrow of this people will accomplish their own discomfiture.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH

Addressed the Conference. He stated that when the State of Deseret applied for admission into the Union as a State Congress was bound, according to the Constitution, to give us a republican form of government in which all the officers would be elected by the people, but they did not do it. He spoke in relation to the ordinance of baptism for the dead, showing that all the benefits of that ordinance could not be fully enjoyed until a temple should be built in which it could be administered; and that, if we go to work with a determination to finish the Temple here, our enemies will begin to howl; yet, if the Saints continue faithful, they will accomplish the work. We should devote some of our attention to erecting that building. Let the Saints learn all they can about their fathers, that the ordinances pertaining to the dead may be attended to.

President Smith then spoke on the nature of the institution of marriage. He said, let every man marry for eternity and every woman seek after a good, faithful husband, for the man is not without the woman nor the woman without the man in the Lord. The speaker gave some excellent instructions on the subjects upon which he treated.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Spoke for some time on the subject of salvation for the dead, who had passed from earth without the privilege of obeying the gospel. He showed the comprehensiveness of the plan of salvation. At the conclusion of his discourse he blessed, in the name of Jesus, the congregation, all the Saints and all the inhabitants of the earth who are for the promotion of truth and righteousness.

Elder Cannon called over the names of the following brethren as having been called to assist Elders C. C. Rich and Lorenzo Snow in settling the northern part of the Territory:

Ezra T Clark
Bro Vitsall, 13th Ward
John L. Brushes
David Hess, Farmington
Niels Wahlstrom, 17th Ward
Ludwig Suhrke, 14th Ward
Charles E. Robinson, Pleasant Grove
John A. Robinson, do
Charles A. Berry, Springville
Horace Drake, 12th Ward
John Luther Dolton, Weber City
Ebenezer Farns
Charles Hubbard
James Peterson, Mill Creek
Jeppe George Farlman
Joseph Evans, Lehi
Joseph Thomas Kingsberry
Carl Marcussen, North Ogden
Wilhelm Hiskey
J E Lane
Daniel Law
Benjamin Clark
Peere Fordham
William Jenkins
Walter Hoge, Providence
Lewis Gerand
George B. Morris, 19th Ward
George Clissold, 11th Ward
William Andrus, Morgan County
Benjamin Wright, South Cottonwood
Frederick Y. Bishop do do
Charles K. Wright, West Jordan
Henry Lewis, 20th Ward
Joseph E. Mullet, 19th Ward
Milo Andrus, Jr, Dry Creek
Laron Andrus, do do
Samuel M. Price
David B. Bybee
Alma Peterson
Charles Peterson, Weber City, Morgan Co
Thomas Ashment
Benjamin Peart
Miron Higley, Jr
Henry Dixon
Niels Rasmussen
Ezra F. Martin, 3d Ward
Andrew J. Johnson, 15th Ward
Robert Collins
Fritz L. Johnson, 19th Ward