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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Forty-Second Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, met in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday October 6th, 1872, at 10 a.m.

Conference opened Sunday, the weather being fine and the people in the settlements having mostly gathered their crops, the attendance was unusually large for a first meeting, there being probably in the vicinity of ten thousand people assembled.

There were present on the stand:

Of the First Presidency.

Brigham Young, Sr., Geo. A. Smith, and Daniel H. Wells.

Of the Twelve Apostles.

Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, John D. Williams, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Jr., John Smith, Lorenzo Dow Cullom, John Smith.

Of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies. Joseph Young, Albert P. Rockwood and Horace S. Stride.

Of the Presidency of the High Priests' Quorum.

Elias Smith, Edward Snelgrove and Elias Morris.

Of the Presidency of this Stake of Zion.

George B. Wilcox and John W. Caine.

Of the Presidency of the Bishopric.

Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little.

These were the Bishop, Elders and lesser men from every settlement in the Territory.

Conference was called to order by PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG.

The grand choir sang:

"Praise ye the Lord; my heart shall join,

In work so pleasant ordain'd."

Opening prayer by ELDER ORSON HYDE.

"Earth, with her ten thousand flowers,

Air with all its beams and showers."

Was sung by the choir.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG addressed the Conference. He requested the people assembled to be as still as possible, as the building was large and was consequently difficult to make all quiet. He said that those who might speak should direct their discourse in a direct line from the stand without turning to the right or left. It was not necessary to speak excessively loud in order to be heard throughout the building, but each word should be distinctly enunciated, before commanding attention to others.

President Young then spoke of the objects for which the people met together in Conference. The audience calculated to lead away the Saints from the spirit and genius of the gospel of Christ were alluded to in a clear and pointed manner. It was shown, in the discourse, that but a few of the people were able to bear prosperity. In proportion many were liable to forget God, when they had most reason to be true to his cause, and show to him their devotion and worthiness of these means. There were some, however, who could be prospered materially and thank God for his blessings, and who were willing to sacrifice all necessary for the cause of righteousness.

The speaker next drew a vivid picture of the present condition of the Saints. He spoke of the causes of their gathering from the various nations, as well as effects of their coming to this land, and pointed out the way in which the people could promote the cause of God and prepare for the coming of Christ.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH addressed the assembly. He said if Latter-day Saints wished to be edified, they would be so according to their faith. If faith was manifested in God our speakers would be inspired by the Almighty, our desires would be gratified.

The speaker described the inevitable results of infidelity and co-mitement evils. He contrasted the progress with the past temporal condition of the Saints showing how greatly the Lord had blessed them. He was sorry that, in many instances, an increase of wealth had not produced a corresponding increase of faithfulness, but rather the contrary. Many who, when poor, faithfully and punctually paid their tithe, now neglected that important duty. He explained the nature of the law of tithing, and showed that compliance therewith required of all the people of God in every case. He included the humbler servants of the Lord, and assured the Saints not to place themselves in the position of the people of Israel who lived in the days of Malachi, who were charged with robbing the Lord. This charge was preferred because of their neglecting to pay tithes and offerings.

President Smith then alluded to the recent visit of himself and other brethren to California, and to their visits to various scattered churchmen in that State. It had been between thirty and forty years since he had visited such religious institutions previously, and it was his opinion that they had made no visible progress during that period. He alluded with satisfaction to the condition of the Sunday school system of Utah. The speaker then bore testimony to the fact that God had raised up Joseph Smith to introduce a progressive system of religion in which were the principles of eternal life.

PRESIDENT D. H. WHALEY was the next speaker. He commenced by bearing testimony that the Almighty had restored, in this age, the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood. It was true that the scriptures existed previous to the restoration, but there were none given authority to administer the ordinances taught in the holy writ as being valid. He also declared that the gospel of Christ was one of promises. The Elders of the Church went forth proclaiming that those who would receive the word of God, would obtain a knowledge of individual revelation as it had been born nature to its principles.

The speaker continued for some time, showing in full measure that those who would enter into an estate in the celestial Kingdom would qualify at that position by complying with the plan of redemption devised by God, and by laying aside their own ideas of religion, however they were not in unison with the system adopted by the Almighty. The building up of the Kingdom of God on the earth was a co-operative work, and we were engaged in it only so far as we co-operated with and were obedient to the Lord.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Praise God, in his holiness."

Conference adjourned till 2 p.m.

Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt.

The choir sang:

"Whosoever offendeth, let him be loosed as mighty as mountains may."

Opening prayer by Elder JOHN TAYLOR.

"I was on that dark, that solemn night,
When powers of earth and hell arose."

Was sung by the choir.

While the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was being administered, ELDER ORSON PRATT addressed the Conference. He read a portion of the 18th chapter of Isaiah, commanding at the 3rd verse, which relates to the gathering together of the people of God in the latter days. After expressing thankfulness for himself and brethren belonging to the church together, and to unite their testimonies regarding the goodness and work of God he delivered a discourse on the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, as well as other predictions, relating to the same subject, by other servants of the Almighty, delivered in modern as well as ancient times. He discussed, a branch of his subject, and commented upon, the nature of the Holy Priesthood, showing that without it no administrative or purposing to be connected with the gospel, performed by any man, could be done. The speaker reviewed the causes of the antipathy which existed among the world towards the Saints. His discourse was elaborate, and was illustrated and embellished with appropriate and happy comparisons, and, before concluding, he alluded to the folly of partisans and sectarians seeking and striving for the overthrow of the Latter-day Saints.

ELDER ORSON PRATT was the next speaker. He said he had come to speak to the audience of the importance of the 18th chapter of Isaiah, as an important revelation given through the Prophet Joseph forty years ago, and which was contained in a letter written by the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, to the Church, addressed to W. W. Phelps. Elder Pratt read several extracts from the letter addressed to, which treated upon the laws of tithing and consecration, and also upon the fate of those who apostatized from the Church of Christ. The speaker then treated upon the importance of obedience to the law of tithing, which was given by revelation from the Almighty.

The speaker then spoke of the importance of the letter just read above, clearly showing that those who were in sympathy with this law would, by this course, cause their own and their fathers' and children's names to be blotted out from the records of the Church. His discourse was short, but powerful, clear and impressive.

Conference adjourned till Monday, the 7th, at 10 a.m.

The choir sang the anthem,

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness

thereof is his."

Conference was dismissed by prayer by ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF.

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Air with all its beams and showers."

Was sung by the choir.

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