

CONFERENCE CROWDS INCREASED TODAY.

Two Well Attended Sessions Held—Priesthood Meeting Tonight—General Meetings Tomorrow.

The second day of the conference is characterized by a marked increase in the attendance. Of course this is due very largely to the clearing up of the weather, but no doubt there was a material number of visitors already coming on the trains and would have been here no matter what the condition of the weather might have been.

At each succeeding meeting the attendance seems to materially increase and it is safe to say that tomorrow will bring out one of the record making conference crowds. There were two sessions today and there will be a general Priesthood meeting tonight. Tomorrow there will be two regular sessions of the conference and in the evening a very interesting meeting will be held under the auspices of the Deseret Sunday School Union.

SECOND DAY.

Oct. 5, 10 a. m.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn which commences:

Come, come, ye Saints, no toll nor labor fear.

With joy we'll sing your way.

Prayer was offered by Elder Lewis W. Shurtliff.

The choir sang:

Come, dear Lord, descend and dwell, By faith and love, in every breast.

ELDER ANTHONY H. LUND,

of the quorum of Twelve, was the first speaker. He was very much interested yesterday in the proceedings of the conference. The words of the Apostles were dictated by the Spirit of the Lord. These conferences are a great benefit to the people. He showed by references to the dealings of God in various dispensations that the Lord had commanded the people to meet together in such capacities as this. At such times we renew old acquaintances, receive new thoughts, and are strengthened thereby in our faith.

To be Latter-day Saints means to walk uprightly before the Lord. If we do otherwise, the world will point us out as hypocrites. It requires constant self-examination, to remain good Latter-day Saints. Let us study the word of God, whether written or given orally through His servants. The Saints are not limited in these days to the written word of God, but have the living oracles, through whom the Lord speaks continually. These latter are as important as the former.

Still we should not neglect the written word of God. We should become familiar with the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants. The Lord has always given revelation to His people. We have revelation today. We could not live a day without it. He referred to the teachings of the world to the effect that those who believe in revelation are going to be taken from the word of God. He said that the Apostle John that they who altered the word of God would be accursed; and yet he believed in revelation. The point which the ancient Apostles desired to emphasize was that no man could change the language of revelation and give this out as the word of God. Many of our people have a great deal of time. During the winter evenings we ought to devote much of our time to self-improvement. We ought to indulge less in amusements, which so often incapacitate the mind for study. The young should connect themselves with the Mutual Improvement associations, and regularly prepare themselves to do the work done there.

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ELDER MARRINER W. MERRILL,

of the quorum of Twelve, was the next speaker. He said he knew that this is the work of God. He had received manifestations from the Lord on the subject. Means are provided by which all the people can learn the principles of the Gospel. We gather in conferences to be reminded of the truth. To have our minds stirred up in relation to things we have read and heard. There is much room for improvement among the Saints. There needs to be among us, in our various localities, an effort in the direction of reform in this respect. The same could be done in relation to the use of tobacco and strong drink. We should take up the lesson given us by President Smith, at the opening session of this conference. When we leave here and return home we should think these matters over, and take steps to make it unnecessary for one of the First Presidency to speak upon the existence of the evils referred to.

We ought, in every respect, to be an example to the world. Some of the youth think it mainly to indulge in practices that are foreign to the spirit and principles of the Gospel. There is evidently a degree of neglect on the part of the officers of the branches of the Church, more especially perhaps among those who act in the Lesser Priesthood. Enquiries should be made as to who are not performing their duty. We ought to take to heart the admonition of President Joseph F. Smith. We certainly can do something toward the abolition of practices that lead along the pathway of destruction and death.

It is highly improper for any of the

breathren to abandon their homes and go to other localities, without first consulting their presiding officers. It is not advisable for Latter-day Saints to go to and fro, as they may fancy, without seeking counsel from those authorized to give it. All things should be done in order and by direction of proper authority. We should be in harmony with the spirit of the Lord. If we take this course the Lord will make us a power in the land. This is His design. If we are good Latter-day Saints, we will appear in our true light in the eyes of honorable people of the earth. We are so regarded by many of them even now. The most desirable results will accrue from our being in harmony with the Priesthood, in the order thereof.

Let us see to it that we shall lend our influence to increase righteousness among the people. There are many things existing among us that could, to a great extent, be abolished, especially in the settlements. Among these are saloons. We are anxious to save our sons from being led astray. If the spirit of God is constantly in our habitations, it will have a mighty effect in that direction.

A great deal of Temple work has been done. An immense amount of it still remains to be attended to. Many have actively neglected this most important duty. There is need of greater responsibility resting upon the Saints than that which relates to the redemption of the dead through the performing of vicarious work for the dead. We will, by and by, meet those who have gone before us. If we have neglected opportunities to redeem them, it will place us in a most embarrassing position.

The speaker concluded with an earnest exhortation, the Saints to be faithful and true to their sacred obligations.

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR,

of the quorum of Twelve, was the next speaker. He began by reading from the 14th section of the Doctrine and Covenants. The Church, he continued, is guided by revelation. But there is a medium through which this revelation is given, which is the Priesthood. Each person in the Church is entitled to revelation, yet it is only for his own guidance, not for the guidance of the Church. The Lord has always given His will to men through the Priesthood. He referred to several instances in the history of the Church, where the Lord spoke through the mouths of His servants, namely which pertain to this part of divine authority—were taken away from them.

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He believed in prophecy and related instances where such predictions had been fulfilled. The judgments of the Lord always follow the warnings of His servants. He said that the Church is in the Priesthood among us," said the speaker, "judgments will begin at the house of God." The Lord had been good to the Southern States in keeping away judgments from them, because the people had fed so many of the Elders while there doing His will.

ELDER M. H. ROBERTS

was the next speaker. He felt dependent on the Spirit of God for what he might say. In the remarks of those who had spoken many events in the growth of the Church had been brought in review before us. The Church is here forever, until all the purposes of the Lord shall have been accomplished. Here and there the idea exists that our growth during latter years has not been so great as it was in early times. This may be true to some extent. But there is a mistaken idea as to the numerical strength of the Church during the first few years. The number of people in the Church at the death of the Prophet was not nearly so great as it has been thought. The number was about 20,000 or 25,000 people, and now we number over 300,000. He did not believe that the Church was increasing so slowly now as it did during the early period. Nor did he believe that the servants of the Lord were less inspired now than in the early days. On the contrary he believed that the servants of the Lord were more inspired in number, and power. At this point he read the words of Nephi concerning the days when the Book of Mormon should appear. The prophecy of Nephi has already been fulfilled. The speaker called attention to the fact that, whether the Book of Mormon originated with Joseph Smith evidence of inspiration in the book, or with Sidney Rigdon, this fact is established in Moses, the higher scriptures, namely which pertain to this part of divine authority—were taken away from them.

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