DESERET EVENING NEWS.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1895.

THE CLOSING DAY.

Proceedings at the Semi-Annual Conference, Salt Lake Stake.

TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS TO SAINTS.

Exhortations to Observe the Word of the Lord—The Progress and Sensitive of the People.

MORNING SESSION.

Singing by choir and congregation: The time is far spent, time is time coming.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. W. Ivins.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Softly breathe the sacred hearing
Of the good millennial morn.

The general statistical report of the Stake was read, showing the following totals:

Statistical report of the Salt Lake Stake for the six months ending December 31, 1894:

First Presidency, 3; Apostles, 5; Patriarchs, 50; Seventies' High Priests, 60; Elders, 2,400; Priests, 60; Teachers, 60; Deacons, 1,310; Missions, 10,302; Total Officers and Members, 25,216; Children under 8 years, 8,000; Total of souls, 33,216; Net Increase, 1,201; Families, 6,006.

Statement of tithe-offerings and of earthly accounts of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, showing receipts and disbursements, for the support of the worthy poor in the different wards during the six months ending December 31st, 1894:

Balance on hand Four Corns, 1894	$ 2,340 [illegible]
From Fast offerings	3,702 [illegible]
From Bishops' accounts	2,000 [illegible]
From church works	[illegible]
From General Tithing fund	14,000 [illegible]
Total receipts	[illegible]

Disbursements and amount on hand Dec. 31st, 1894:

Amount disbursed during six months	[illegible]
Balance on hand December 31st, 1894	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

Bishop Woolley, Clerk.

The reports of the High Priests' quorum, Sunday Schools, Y. L. M. I. Associations, Primary associations and fast offerings, were also read.

All the reports were accepted and ordered filed.

Elder Edward Partridge, Counselor to the President of Utah Stake, was the first speaker. He stated that the responsibilities upon the Latter-day Saints are greater at present than at any time in the past. Born in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, he had always had a desire to return to that land and assist in establishing the center Stake of Zion. The time for performing this work is much longer coming than was anticipated by the early settlers of this Territory. Their privations were great, and they thought such to comple from them; but even now the time does not seem very near at hand for their return to Missouri.

But under the great privations of the past, the people were cheerful and faithful; the danger of losing the spirit of the Gospel is, if anything, greater in our present prosperity. The willingness of the world to welcome the Saints into its various organizations, renders it much more likely that some will succumb to the influences of the world. The Prophet Joseph Smith has warned the people against yielding to the sophistry and outward courtesy of the world. While they should take advantage of the favors bestowed by the world upon them, they should be wise enough not to yield to its slandered ness. Nothing should supersede the principles of the Gospel.

Elder John H. Murdoch, a Patriarch of Beaver Stake, followed. Referring to the magnitude of the work in which the Saints are engaged, he claims that the experiences gained therein will tend to impress upon us the great fact that God is gathering out and blessing in a special manner all engaged in the labor. Circumstances will never overcome them. Even difficulties will tend to elevate the Saints who surround them. Though called to pass through diverse experiences sufficient light will always be given them to avoid mistakes or to overcome their evil effects.

The speaker paid a high tribute to the Book of Mormon as a record of righteousness and a proof of the divinity of the latter-day work. He shows that soul-saved faithfulness is necessary in a people who intend this land, for deviation therefrom in the past has always been followed by destruction. All engaged in the work of bringing about the final consecration of this land should do everything possible by their own virtues to make the labor honorable. This is the object of their isolation from the deep sins of the world at large. He who does not perform his part to make the destiny of the Latter-day Saints more bright, is not worthy of a place among them.

Elder Daniel Thompson, counselor to President Brigham Young, of Millard Stake, felt to testify that no land never been called upon to do anything by those who have presided over him in the Church, which was not calculated to advance his condition in things pertaining to righteousness. Discouragements and difficulties tend to strengthen men and make them more considerate of the unfortunate and the oppressed. Looking at the condition of the people, the most he attack by the fact that God has fulfilled His promises so far in the present, and this gives great hope for the future.

Elder Anthony W. Ivins, counselor to the president of St. George Stake, was the last speaker. He referred to the promised signs of the coming of the Son of God, as given to the ancient Apostles, and stated that the preaching of the Gospel to the nations of the earth would be one of the most prominent. Through the keys given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the Latter-day Saints have been commissioned to perform this great work. These powers were given gradually: Aaronic Priesthood, Melchisedec Priesthood, special powers and keys, all in their proper place and time. This should be a testimony of the divinity of Joseph Smith's mission and of the work he has left to do. The powers the Latter-day Saints possess carry with them the responsibility of testing the testimony of their children into all the world whose inhabitants may, if they will gain the same testimony. The witnesses of the truth of the Book of Mormon were to bear it, and declared to be responsible for its acceptance. He closed with a strong testimony of the Gospel and its eternal character.

The choir sang the anthem,

Jerusalem, my glorious home.

Benediction by Elder C. W. Penrose.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang the hymn—

Guide us, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrims through this barren land.

Prayer was offered by Elder Geo. R. Walker.

The hymn commencing—

Jesus we have obeyed the heard
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord,

was sung by the choir.

The sacrament was administered by the President of the Twelfth ward.

The general authorities of the Church, as outlined at the last general conference, and the following officers of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion were present to be sustained and unanimously sustained:

The general authorities of the Church as presented at the last Conference were unanimously sustained, as were also the following Salt Lake officers:

Stake President—Eugene M. Cannon, president; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Fairbanks, Thomas McEwan, George L. Farnsworth, Henry Hindmarsh, Andrew W. Roberts, John T. Dunn, Amos F. Fleming, Hilaire Pratt, Henry F. Richards, Enos A. Smith, Joseph D. C. Young, John Nicholson.

Absentee High Councilors—John Clark, David L. Eccles, Owen J. Worthen, William W. Riter, Edward Sudgwick, John Kirkham, Frank H. Hyde, Spencer Clawson.

Presidency of High Priests' Quorum—Elias Morris, president; George S. Walker and Wm. C. Dunbar, counselors.

Secretaries—Jerome B. Young, Wm. J. Sauls, Wm. Dryer, Joseph C. Kingsbury, Amos M. Raleigh, Warren Larkin, Joseph Horne, Zenos Ramsey, Andrew N. Hill, Nephi Pyle, Wm. H. Walker, Daniel Romney and Jacob Weiler.

Clerk of the Stake and of the High Council—Andrew H. Spalding.

Librarian—William Budge.

Board of Directors—Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, Joseph E. Taylor, Jr., Joseph Wm. W. Riter, Richard R. Tanner.

Relief Society—Mary Isabella Horne, president; Emma S. Tayler and Helen M. Whitney, counselors.

Young Men's M. I. Association—Joseph E. Taylor, president; Royal B. Young and Jesse W. Earsley, counselors.

Young Ladies' M. I. Association—Mary A. Freeze, president; Mary Pratt Young and Nellie C. Taylor, counselors.

Sunday Schools—Joseph E. Taylor, superintendent; Joseph F. Smith and Horace S. Ensign, assistants.

Primary Association—Elise C. Clawson, president; Cecilia C. Cook and Louie Ann Wells, counselors.

Tabernacle Choir—Evan Stephens, leader; Joseph J. Ingram, organist, and all the members of the choir.

Sacramento Meetings of Salt Lake City—Andrew W. Winters, president; P. Nave and Martin Christopherson, counselors.

Outside Meetings—Arnold H. Schulz, president; Henry Hosner and Hermann Greber, counselors.

Elder Francis M. Lyman, of the Council of the Apostles, was called to address the congregation. He felt that the spirit of loyalty and fidelity to the Priesthood and the discipline of the Church and to sacrifices should be cultivated in the hearts of the Latter-day Saints. They have been favored more than any other people in the restoration of the Gospel and in the testimony of the Holy Ghost. Though loyalty in worldly matters is generally understood and observed, not all are as careful as they might be to their loyalty to all the Church institutions. Children should be trained to this loyalty that they may grow up all under the temptations of the world, and especially the tendency to contention, dissension and to become "unequally yoked with unbelievers." In this way, also, there may be implanted in the hearts of all, a distinction to withdraw from the body of the Church or to complain of the requirements of the ecclesiastical organization. The diversity of spirits in various families, the disputes frequently observed there, can be overcome only by the cultivation of this loyalty through the spirit of God.

Latter-day Saints are not led blindly, but by the light of the Holy Spirit, which converts and enlightens every soul. He withdrawal is an evidence of departure from that which is right and proper. It is given to every man to believe and to do that which is right, and God expects each to use this power to the fullest and faithfulness to God. In no place is there greater independence of spirit than among Latter-day Saints, for they know and move in Holy Spirit.

The speaker closed with praise to the encouraging reports of the Davis Stake, presided yesterday at that conference. The advance step taken there and in all other Stakes and wards, should be maintained, and others continually taken. No time takes of reformation is genuine unless it is eternal, and every advance a man makes in this direction depends upon himself for its extent and its permanence.

President George Q. Cannon was the next speaker. His remarks will be found to fall on page 4 of this issue.

The choir sang the anthem,

O, come, let us sing unto the Lord.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder John Henry Smith.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened by the choir singing the hymn commencing:

Another day has fled and gone.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. H. Cannon.

Singing:

What was whatever is in the Universe?

Elder John Henry Smith of the Council of the Apostles was the first speaker. He spoke of the marked tendency on the part of the Latter-day Saints to provide for the wants of those who cannot care for themselves. At present, however, conditions have changed so as to render this work extremely difficult on account of the lack of employment to which new comers can or will adapt themselves. There is an unusual number of people in this city who have found themselves in the past few months in most distressing circumstances. In other States where most of the people are employed in fulfillment and productive industries, these disappointments do not exist. It would seem from the contrast that we are really gathering into cities and not enough are taking up land. Something should be done to relieve the people of the cities of the load which rests upon them in this regard, and distribute it amongst those who are not so burdened. In the same way the proper degree of pride and independence can be cultivated through self-support. Thousands and million were most recent relief, are probably not so numerous as the younger, able-bodied men and women, who should be taught to be self-supporting for their own sake, as well as others. The idle hand is easily tempted and tested, for, like all other bad habits, broken with difficulty. The idea in this respect, should be, as far as possible, to allow every one deserving aid to receive a portion at least of its value in labor, whereby wealth may be increased and our surroundings beautified. As the condition will be productive of many evils, dishonesty, intolerance, etc., and of no good whatever.

Men who possess financial ability frequently utilize this ability even beyond the line of safety, for the good of others. Everything possible should be done in this direction to prepare for the perfect conditions of labor and distribution of means which shall exist when Christ comes to reign.

Elder John W. Taylor, of the Apostles, followed. He said that those who had spoken during the conference had, like the Savior, spoken with authority and power, of things which they knew. These testimonies are common among the Latter-day Saints, and by living up to the principles of the work of God every one may receive one. Men who speak in this way are not speaking by the power of men, but by the authority of God. His doctrines are advanced, not their own.

This testimony and power have come through the influence of inspiration from God, thinking every man who places himself in a condition to receive this blessing. This is in accordance with the promise made through the Prophet Joel, and repeated by Peter on the day of Pentecost. It has been renewed with the restoration of the Gospel in this day, and is given to all to whom the voice of God's servants shall come.

Those only shall remain true to the end and be able to endure the day of the coming of Christ, who keep themselves unspotted from the sins of the world.

Elder Heber J. Grant, of the Council of the Apostles, stated emphatically that no one who keeps the commandments of God will be led astray. Only to who transgresses will lose his testimony and depart from the faith, losing the fruits of the Gospel manifesting themselves, every one may know of its existence, life and strength, who will remain faithful to its requirements.

Elder A. H. Cannon, also of the Apostles, referred to the idea which seems to be springing up in the hearts of some of the young people that they cannot find in the Gospel sufficient room for the use of all their talents. If the promises of God are studied, it will be found that out of Zion must go forth the revelations, and others of ability to regenerate the world. For this the young people may prepare themselves by the exercise of all their talents.

Men who have sought to retard the work of God, have frequently fallen into ruin, and soon will be the fate of all who attempt to destroy in the future. No matter how slight the talents of a man, he may use them all to the best advantage for the salvation of the human family, and by the means gain the love of those whom he is instrumental in saving from sensual captivity in the world. Capitalists, Many who are of great ability are seeking earthly fame and reward for their talents, while the reward of many of the humble will come to them in the future because of the privacy of their well-doing. And he who uses his ability in fulfilling unto the work of God, will find his efforts vain as worthy of commendation.

The Conference was adjourned to the first Saturday in June at its usual hour.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Go, ye messengers of peace.

Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young.

Here Jackson County Veterans.

CO. OF MOS., Mo., Feb. 28, 1895.

Editor Deseret News.

Having seen a notice in your paper by Oliver Huntington winning the names of those still living who were driven from Jackson county, Mo., we, Samuel Kendall Gifford and James H. Gifford, now living in the Territory, submit our name with a few others:

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Henry Dee Gifford, lives near the town of Joseph, Sevier county, Utah.

Rosie Gifford Hatfield, lives in Springville, Utah.

Oliver Duvall, lives in Harmony, Washington county, Utah.

James H. Gifford, born 19th of January, 1833 resides in Pine valley, Washington county, Utah.

Martha Brazeen Hamlin, lives in Glendale, Kane county, Utah.

Elizabeth A. Gifford Kelly, lives in Tonter, Rabbit valley, Utah.

Elizabeth Rebecca Hamlin, lives in St. George, Utah. G.

Value of Forests.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

BOISE CITY, Ida., Feb. 1st, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Enclosed I send you a clipping from the N. Y. Sun, which would be of interest to all the farmers of Utah, if you have not already published it. I am so deeply interested in the matter of tree planting and the saving from destruction of the young trees in our hills which is so ruthlessly destroyed every fall by unthinking people, that I cannot refrain from sending you anything bearing on the question, trusting that the same law will be made by our new state.

Yours truly,
GEORGE ARGYLE.

Following is the clipping above referred to:

THE VALUE OF OUR FORESTS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Prof. Fernow, chief of the division of forestry of the department of agriculture, today appeared before the House agriculture committee and advocated the passage of the bill for the creation of a college of forestry and of forestry and to require a course of instruction in the principles of forestry in all agricultural colleges.

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