

BISHOP JAMES WATSON

made a few remarks. He said: In our ward, the Nineteenth, we are much like other wards, some very good people and some not so good. I think the most of the Saints there are trying to do the best they can. I desire that we may work righteousness and be faithful. I am satisfied that this is the work of God, and we should seek the salvation of mankind. May He bless us with the living testimony and enable us to do His will.

ELDER WM. B. BARTON

said: I have great pleasure in knowing that I am associated with the work of God. In contrasting the condition of Israel today and of Israel in the days of Moses, one would suppose that the latter, after seeing the power of God manifested as it was among them, would never again have turned aside from His worship. They saw the plagues that were visited upon the Egyptians, and witnessed the great deliverance wrought for themselves. But with all these events before them they turned to the desires of their own hearts and cast out the servants of the Lord; in consequence the judgments of the Holy One were poured out upon them. In the history of the Nephites also, they turned aside to pleasure seeking and to worldly desires, and were therefore destroyed.

How will it be with latter-day Israel? There have been great manifestations of God's power in bringing to them the Gospel and protecting them from darkness. But are we not getting worldly minded, and disregarding the plain requirements of the Gospel? If we are, is there not danger ahead? We should turn to and remember the sacred covenants we have made. The riches of this world are worthless when compared to the riches of eternal life, which will remain with us after we pass from this stage of action, and enable us to progress forever. Through the revelations of God the Prophet Joseph opened up a vast arena of thought and action to our understanding. Upon our course here depends our reward hereafter. If we expect to dwell upon a sanctified earth, we must sanctify ourselves. Let us be more diligent in our labors in this life for the living and the dead. The Lord will cut his work short in righteousness.

I would say to the young men, awake and learn to comprehend the powers within your grasp; give your strength to the Lord and He will reward you abundantly. Let us put on the whole armor of righteousness and go forth in strength for the battle of life. We need spiritual as well as temporal food, therefore let us obtain it at the appointed time and place. I rejoice in the knowledge of the Gospel. May this knowledge, and the love of the truth increase with us henceforward. The clerk read the reports of the Fifth, Sixth, Ninth and Tenth quorums of Elders, and of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards.

BISHOP W. L. N. ALLEN

said the Gospel we have embraced is the Gospel of eternal life. I well remember the first Elder whom I heard preach, 40 years ago. I had come to the conclusion that the Lord did not acknowledge the various sects, and when I heard the testimony of the Elder I recognized the truth. I have never since seen the time when I desired to take a backward step. I have had the testimony of the Holy Ghost, which brings peace and happiness. If there was a time when the Saints needed this Spirit it is now; for the adversary is endeavoring to lead the people astray. The circumstances we are passing through will result in our good if we are faithful. The Gospel is restored to the earth, and the Kingdom of God will be established. He will try us even to the laying down of our lives. When the clouds are gone the light of heaven will rest upon us. This is the Kingdom of God and it will remain forever. May we prove faithful to it. In our ward, the Twenty-first, I suppose we are like the others. As a general rule the people desire to do right, but there are many who do not seem to realize the necessity of performing their duties as Saints.

Conference adjourned till 2 p. m. Benediction was offered by Bishop James H. Mousley.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

6 o'clock.—Prayer was offered by Elder O. N. Liljenquist.

The Priesthood of the Seventeenth Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as presented at the last General Conference, with the exception of Apostle Erastus Snow, deceased, were unanimously sustained.

THE STAKE AUTHORITIES

of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion were unanimously sustained as follows:

Young, John Nicholson, John Clark, David L. Davis, James Moyle, Orson A. Woolley, William W. Riter, Edward Snelgrove.

President of the High Priests' Quorum—Elias Morris with George B. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar as Counselors.

Clerk of the Stake and of the High Council—James D. Stirling.

Stake Reporter—John M. Whitaker.

Patriarchs—Charles W. Hyde, John Lyon, Lorenzo D. Young, William J. Smith, George W. Hill, William Draper, Joseph C. Kingsbury, Alonzo H. Raleigh, Alexander Hill, Washington Lemon, Thomas E. Jeremy and Henry Norman.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

The following were unanimously sustained to act in this capacity:

Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose.

Anderson, James H., Livingston, Charles Angell, Theodore J. Morgan, Jos. R. Morris, Elias Armstrong, Francis McGhie, James Anderson, Wm. N. Beattie, Walter J. A. Brighton, Wm. S. Burton, Willard C. Brown, Henry W. Ball, Joseph. Jr. Burrows, Josiah Ballantyne, Richard A. Caine, Alfred H. Cummings, Horace H. Clawson, Spencer Cannon, George M. Campbell, James Christopher, M. Cowan, Wm. A. Cummings, B. F., Jr. Douglass, Wm. H. Davis, David L. Davis, David F. Eddington, Wm. Eardley, James W. Emery, David S. Farmer, Erastus G. Flashman, James T. Goff, Hyrum, Groesbeck, Hyrum, Goddard, Heber S. Gibby, Richard Hardy, Leonard G. Hughes, Francis D. Barker, Joseph Harris, Thomas Hyde, Frank H. Hyde, Joseph S. Jensen, Andrew Johnson, James H. Knox, Wm. Kimball, Andrew Lambert, George C. Lamberti, Richard G. Young, Harry A.

The presidency of the Elders' quorums and the Bishops and Counselors of the various wards in the Stake were voted for, and unanimously sustained.

ELDER FRANKLIN S. RICHARDS

addressed the congregation. He said we are living in an age of great intellectual development, as evidenced by the marked advance in science. When we take up our newspaper we do not stop to think that it is only in the last century that printing had been brought to such perfection. We do not stop to think when we read the news from all parts of the world, that forty-four years ago the first telegraph line was built. What condition would the world be in today if the telegraph lines were swept from the earth, and the knowledge of constructing them taken away? Or if such were to be the case with railroads, steamships, sewing machines, agricultural machinery, etc? When we consider these advances we begin to realize that the human family is making rapid strides in science. Why is it that for nearly 6,000 years these truths have been hidden? Is it because men today possess greater intelligence than men did anciently? Not by any means. It is because of a purpose in the mind of God that this condition exists. And the age of revelation in the domain of science is not yet over. Is there any reason, then, why revelations in science should not come to the Latter-day Saints? Not if they prepare themselves to receive them. This can be done only by earnestly devoting themselves to these lines of study, and by seeking to the Lord. In order to do this our people must be taught in the principles of science.

At the last General Conference a Board of Education was appointed. Stake Boards have since been organized, with a view to establishing schools for the education of the children of the Saints in the arts and the sciences, as well as the principles of the Gospel. In this Stake it is proposed to establish an institution of learning that will be an honor to the people. We should take our places at the front. Now that this step has been taken, will the people of this Stake have the wisdom to sustain such an institution? I am requested to read a resolution for your consideration. Not merely for you to raise your hands in its favor, but that you will also put your hands into your pockets, and give to its object your practical support. The resolution offered is as follows:

"Resolved, That we sustain Angus M. Cannon, W. B. Douglass, John Nicholson, Elias Morris, James Watson, Francis Cope and W. A. Rossiter as members of the Board of Education for this Stake, to act in harmony with the Territorial Board of Education appointed at the last General Conference of the Church;

"That said Board be authorized and empowered to solicit, receive, manage and disburse contributions, endowments and donations for the establishment and maintenance of an institution of learning in Salt Lake City, to be known as the Salt Lake Stake Academy; to establish, maintain and conduct such academy, and, in the management thereof, to employ teachers, make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable, and do all other things requisite."

A vote taken on the adoption of the resolution was unanimous in its favor.

PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON

read from the Doctrine and Covenants the revelation on tithing, given through the Prophet Joseph at Far West, Missouri, July 8th, 1838, as follows:

"Verily, thus saith the Lord, I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the bishop of my church of Zion. For the building of mine house, and for the laying of the foundation of Zion and for the Priesthood, and for the debts of the Presidency of my church;

"And this shall be the beginning of the tithing of my people;

"And after that, those who have thus been tithed, shall pay one-tenth of all their interest annually; and this shall be a standing law unto them for ever, for my holy Priesthood, saith the Lord.

"Verily I say unto you, if my people observe not this law, to keep it holy, and by this law sanctify the land of Zion unto me, that my statutes and my judgments may be kept thereon, that it may be most holy, behold, verily I say unto you, it shall not be a land of Zion unto you;

"And this shall be an ensample unto all the Stakes of Zion. Even so. Amen.

I am told that a great many have deemed it of no use to pay any more tithing. They say, what is the use if it is to escheat to the state, and the government is to take it? We pay tithing for the building of temples, for the support of the poor, etc. God has said that if we do not pay our tithes and offerings, this shall not be a land of Zion to us. The government has taken some of our property. But what is that compared to the homes we have been driven from? When we were forced to leave our homes, why didn't we cease to build them, if because we were robbed of them is a justification for ceasing? But it is no justification. Have we ceased to serve God? What is property to the Latter-day Saints compared to their sacred duties? We have said, what is imprisonment when contrasted with our sacred obligations? When we have seen our leaders slain in cold blood we have glorified God because we hoped to meet them beyond the tomb. And have we ceased to trust in God? No. Let our enemies seize our property if they will. They are the ones who rob the poor, deprive the widows, and render destitute the orphan and the sick and distressed.

But shall we cease to divide our substance with the suffering? If we do God will cease to make our valleys fruitful, and to give to us bountiful harvests. Do we remember the parable of the husbandmen who put to death the son of their master? Will we forsake the Fountain of living waters and cease to pay our tithes? No; they may seize our offerings for the poor and needy. They may take by force that which we have donated to feed the hungry and clothe the destitute. As President Taylor said, when it was proposed to distribute the Church property, we cannot afford to touch that which has been consecrated to a holy purpose. Let our foes rob us of it if they will, but let us not touch it except for the purpose for which it is consecrated. The Saints cannot and will not disregard that principle of right. The Lord says to us, Pay your tithes and offerings, and I will bless you; and let those tithes be used for the feeding of the poor and for the purposes set forth in the revelation. The government does not now lay claim to that which is coming in, or should be, and we can use it as the Lord has directed. Let the Bishops teach the people this principle and relieve the poor and comfort the afflicted. If there are any who are not willing to be Saints, let them be removed, not because they do not pay tithing, but when they fail to keep the law of God.

As to excessive pleasure-seeking, we have the example of the business of the city being suspended for amusements. Will they do it at the Conference, where the people are taught the way of life? We shall see. This wave of pleasure-seeking is leading to serious evil.

I am informed that of 400 High Priests in this Stake, only 200 are enrolled on the record of the High Priests' quorum. I would like the Bishops to report the names of these High Priests to the president of the quorum.

I would like to speak of the great subject of education, but there is not time. Let us go to with our might, educate ourselves and our children in the principles of truth, and become pure and God-like that we may be saved in his presence. God bless you all. Amen.

The conference was adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Bishop Joseph Poland.

SUNDAY EVENING.

7:30 o'clock, President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang:

Earth with her ten thousand flowers,
Air, with all its beams and showers,
Prayer by Elder B. F. Cammings, Jr.
Choir sang:

How are thy servants blessed? O Lord:
How sure is their defense!

ELDER C. F. WILCOX

addressed the congregation. We have had several very interesting meetings and much good instruction during this conference. I was especially interested in the remarks made by Elder F. S. Richards this afternoon, in reference to the intellectual progress that has been made during the last 60 years. I am also much impressed in contemplating the religious progress which has been made during the last 60 years. Today we have a very different conception of God from that which formerly prevailed. We knew by the Scriptures that He has a body, and that He also possesses and displays passions, such as indignation towards those who offend Him. It was formerly supposed that faith alone was sufficient for salvation, and that works cut no figure in securing that end. But the Saints understand that faith without works is dead. Formerly repentance was held to be sorrow for wrong-doing, though the sin be immediately repeated. But we understand repentance to be such a sorrow as will lead the sinner to cease sinning. By receiving the Spirit of Truth, we will be led into all truth, which, as truth comes forth from God will bring us back to God. Formerly the people did not believe in laying on hands for the healing of the sick; but we know that the gift of healing is among the Saints. It was formerly supposed that unbaptized infants went to purgatory, but the Saints know that they are saved through the merits of Christ. Formerly it was supposed that a man could not be saved unless he confessed, while in the flesh, a faith in Christ; but the Saints understand that the dead have the Gospel preached to them, and an opportunity to be saved by it, through having its ordinances performed vicariously on earth in their behalf.

The speaker referred to the subject of educating our children. We are no longer separate from the world. Those who are not of us are becoming numerous and wealthy in our midst and they are obtaining control of our schools. If we remain passive and allow those who are not of us to gain control of the education of our youth we shall have occasion to mourn.

ELDER S. W. RICHARDS

next spoke. I would the people would receive and practice what they have heard at this Conference. I have spent nearly fifty years in this Church, and yet I continually hear in the meetings of the Saints things that are good. I do not go to meetings for what I hear altogether, but for what I feel; and Saints who go to meetings to hear something, rather than to feel the influence and power of the Holy Spirit, do not derive the benefit from their worship that they might. It is because of the course we have taken, that we are being dealt with as we are. We have not lived according to the law, for those who live according to the law shall by the law be saved. We must submit to the law which has been revealed to us, or come under condemnation. When the Saints were in trouble in Missouri, the Lord told the Prophet Joseph that tribulation had come upon them because of their transgressions, and promised that if the Saints would thenceforth keep His law they should triumph over their enemies, but if they would not their enemies should prevail over them. The Lord will not hold guiltless the Saints who neglect to train their children, and allow them to run the streets, learning folly and wickedness. A day of reckoning will come, in which we will have to give an account of our doings as parents in this regard. If the Saints will keep the Sabbath day, and teach their children so to do, they will have bestowed upon them everything the earth produces, which will enhance their welfare and happiness.

The speaker made a strong appeal to mothers to look diligently after their children, and train them up in the right way. He exhorted the Saints to study the revelations, that they might know what the law is, and conform to it; and expressed his strong attachment for the principles of truth which have been revealed to the Saints.

ELDER J. E. TALMAGE

said: An Elder in Israel is always supposed to have a testimony ready, and to be ready to bear it, under any circumstances. I believe the strangers among us have noticed, during this conference, some peculiarities of the Saints. They must have noticed that it is not the policy to cover up the sins of the people, but rather to call attention to them, and exhort the people to repent. I grieve to say that numbers of young persons, born among the Saints, over whose heads wonderful promises have been made, are straying into strange paths. But this sorrow does not amount to despair for the future of Zion, for there are many young people in Israel who have never bowed the knee to the Baal of wickedness. But there might and ought to be more faith among our young people than is the case.

The speaker cited from Scriptural history a number of instances, showing how God blessed His people, and responded to their faith, in their contests with their enemies. In the case of the defeat of the Israelites at Ai, the Lord told Joshua that it was because there was transgression among them. When the facts were disclosed it was found that a soldier had hidden away certain spoils, taken from the enemies of Israel, though God had commanded that the spoils be not touched. Is there not some unclean thing hidden among the young people of the Latter-day Saints?

That upon which a man fixes his heart, that which he holds dearest, is his God. Some are worshipping the clothes, or jewelry; and others worship houses and lands; others worship power or reputation. Men, in the worship of these Gods, have sacrificed wife, children, and even life. They have forgotten their covenants and sacred obligations, in their idolatry. But our sacrifices should be made only

to the God of heaven. If this is the case our prayers, when we are in trouble, will be answered.

We cannot all be leaders. That man makes the best general, who has been obedient as a private. The speaker cited the occasion when the arms of Moses were held up by two elders, while he prayed long and earnestly that the Israelish army might be victorious and with such effect that they won the pending battle, and said: Not many men have such power with the heavens that the holding up of their arms decides the fate of armies. But it is the province of every Latter-day Saint to hold up the arms of the servants of the Lord whom He has chosen to be the leaders of His people. We have voted to sustain them at this conference. The vote is a note of hand, that we would, when their arms grow weak, hold them up, that the progress of Zion's enemies may be stayed.

Those who have laid the foundations of this work have set us an example difficult for us to excel. Let us see if our young men will be as faithful in their day and calling as their fathers have been. Many of them are certainly censurable for their lack of diligence in improving their minds. At this Conference we have voted in favor of establishing educational institutions of a character adapted to the proper training of the children of the Latter-day Saints, and it is doubtless a good thing that we have been placed in a position that has made this course necessary. There are many righteous people in the earth, who would receive the Gospel, were it presented to them properly, and we should train and educate our young men in such a manner as will fit them to perform this work.

President Angus M. Cannon announced that this Conference would be adjourned until the first Sunday in March next, at 10 a. m.

The choir and congregation sang the Doxology.

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

Water and Sewerage.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 24, 1887.

Editor Deseret News:

I was much pleased and interested while reading in yesterday's semi-weekly the article headed "More Water." Increasing the depth of the Jordan river near its head, is a move in the right direction. I hope after they have deepened it sufficiently for all future purposes, they will put in a substantial headgate a few rods from where it comes out of Utah Lake, to keep back what is not needed in Salt Lake County in the winter and spring of each year, not interfering with the rights of Utah County people, and hold the surplus in reserve; and hereafter we need have no more trouble about a water supply for Salt Lake City or county. Utah Lake is a natural reservoir for Salt Lake County, probably it has no equal in all the world.

I also noticed, while reading the MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, that the sewerage question is ripe again, and that Alderman McCormick "was tired of being button-holed on every corner" on the subject. Now friend Mc. don't tire out on that subject too soon, for it will be a long time before the sewage of Salt Lake City will be forced out between the Jordan river and the Hot Springs lake into Davis County. I would as soon undertake to remove the Chinese from San Francisco. Engineer Lowrie's sewerage system is all right for Denver on the Platte river and most other places, but "Jordan is a hard road to travel," it is slightly up hill at the lower end, when the lake is high. Don't hurry; there is plenty of time for all hands to get tired of that job yet. Take it easy, is the advice of an

OLD CITY COUNCILOR.

The City's Dead.

The following is the Sexton's report for the month of August, 1888:

Consumption.....	2
Convulsions.....	4
Cholera infantum.....	6
Cerebro spinal meningitis.....	1
Croup.....	1
Cancer.....	1
Childbirth.....	1
Diphtheria.....	2
Effects of Injury.....	1
Fever (scarlet).....	2
Fever (typhoid).....	4
Fever (brain).....	1
General debility.....	1
Gastritis.....	1
Heart disease.....	1
Hypnotic disease.....	1
Inflammation of bowels.....	2
Inflammatory rheumatism.....	1
Lung disease.....	1
Marasmus.....	2
Old age.....	4
Pneumonia.....	3
Stroke.....	1
Syncope.....	1
Suicide.....	1
Tumor in stomach.....	1
Not reported.....	9
Total.....	56

SEX OF DECEDENTS.

Males.....	31
Females.....	25

AGES.

Under 1 year.....	6
1 to 5 years.....	20
5 to 10 years.....	6
10 to 20 years.....	6
Over 20 years.....	18

NATIVITIES.

Utah, 30; other parts of the United States, 2; England, 6; Sweden, 3; Switzerland, 2; Russia, 1; Denmark, 2; not reported, 1.

ROBERT PATRICK,
City Sexton.