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## THIRTY - THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-third Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convened in the Bowery, Great Salt Lake City, on Monday, April 6, 1863, at 10 a.m.; President Brigham Young presiding.

There were on the stand: Of the First Presidency, Presidents Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Daniel H. Wells;

Of the Twelve Apostles: Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow and Franklin D. Richards;

Of the First Presidency of the Seventies: Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Albert P. Rockwood and John Van Cott;

Of the Presidency of the High Priests Quorum: John Young, Edwin D. Woolley and Samuel W. Richards;

Of the Presidency of this Stake of Zion: Daniel Spencer, David Fullmer and George B. Wallace;

Of the Presidency of the Bishoprick: Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little;

Of the Patriarchs: John Young;

Reporters: George D. Watt and John V. Long.

Conference was called to order by the President, and the choir sang "Know then that every soul is free."

The opening prayer was offered by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Another hymn was sung, after which President Daniel H. Wells delivered an address on the building of the Temple, showing the necessity of doing all that can possibly be done for the building up of the kingdom of God on the earth, that the Saints might become an independent people. In speaking of the hauling of rock and the work to be done on the Temple this season, he regretted, he said, that the brethren should be such slaves to their appetites, especially in regard to tobacco, which it seemed they must have, or they could not work. He stated that it was the design of the authorities to again commence work on the Temple immediately after conference, and it was hoped that the brethren would prepare and make ready their teams for hauling the rock to the Temple. He observed that we had before us the work of a life-time, and that it should always afford us joy and peace to do anything that we can do for the building up of the kingdom of God. It was also in contemplation, he said, to build a new Tabernacle of suitable dimensions to accommodate the people, and that not long hence we should begin to attend to the necessary ordinances for the dead.

Pres. Heber C. Kimball related some interesting incidents connected with his early travels and labors in the ministry. He then made some encouraging remarks upon the prospect before us of rearing a Temple to the name of our God, and said that in this great work we were all equally interested.

Elder George A. Smith expressed his gratification at being in the presence of, and associating with so many of the Elders who first engaged in this last ministry, and he was now delighted with the prospect of so many of the sons of these veterans going to take part in the same great work. Mentioned the second mission that was sent to Europe from this church, and described the condition of the Elders after being robbed of everything they possessed by the benevolent Christian State of Missouri, and then reduced by disease to almost the last stage of human endurance. He concluded by calling attention to the impoverished condition of the Saints in the European missions, and hence the necessity of our helping the outgoing missionaries from this Territory.

Choir sang, "How happy every child of grace."

Benediction by Elder George A. Smith.

Afternoon.

The conference was called to order at two o'clock. The choir sang a hymn and Elder John Taylor offered prayer.

Choir sang, "Come let us join our cheerful songs."

Elder John Taylor spoke on the subject of home manufactures. He rejoiced in the rising, spreading glory of Zion, and the vast and rapid increase of the kingdom of our God. In the building up of Zion it is intended that the Zion below shall be ready to meet the Zion from above. He remarked that the Saints are the ones who have to build up the kingdom of God upon the earth, and it is of no use to depend upon gentiles for they will not do it. Then let all the Saints lead out in the paths of truth and righteousness. Made some remarks upon the gathering of the poor the present season, and felt happy to learn that the Saints had responded to the call for five hundred teams to go after the poor Saints.

Elder Ezra T. Benson made a few pertinent remarks on the rapid spread of truth and the

growth of the latter day kingdom. He remarked that the kingdom of God as a whole was like the principle of plurality of wives, it had got a good start and could not be stopped!

Elder Erastus Snow gave a brief account of the prosperous condition of the cotton-growing district.

Choir sang, "Hard times come again no more."

Elder F. D. Richards dismissed with the usual benediction.

Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Singing by the choir and prayer by Bishop Lorenzo D. Young.

Elder George A. Smith said he hoped to see the time when the Saints would be able to meet in a snug little Tabernacle, 250 by 150 ft., so arranged that all will be able to hear the speaker. He felt truly gratified in the contemplation of the good prospects for this season's emigration, and he felt it to be his duty to advocate the propriety of having good and efficient teamsters, such as will be teachers, presidents or apostles to the companies—men who will make their wagons their headquarters. Observed that Zion is to be the most beautiful and the most delightful situation upon the face of the earth, and it is important that we should labor to make our inheritances pleasant and agreeable abiding places. With this understanding home manufacture was the religion that he wanted to preach.

Elder Orson Hyde made a few remarks after which the clerk read the list of missionary names.

Pres. Heber C. Kimball made some instructive observations to the young men whose names had just been read over to take missions to Europe. They were the sons of the Apostles, Prophets and the first Elders of this church, and he felt to praise God that they were going. When he first went out to preach he had to trust in God, and he wanted these boys brought to do it also, that they might learn to follow in the footsteps of their fathers.

Elder Charles C. Rich followed with some wholesome instruction on present salvation.

President Brigham Young then arose and appointed a meeting of the missionaries at five o'clock in the afternoon. Said he wanted these missionaries to go forth trusting in the Lord God of Israel, preach the gospel and comfort the Saints; but he did not want them to ask anything from the poor, but what they did receive, from those who have means, he wished them to use it wisely, and to sustain themselves as far as possible.

Choir sang, "Come, O thou King of kings."

Elder Orson Pratt dismissed with prayer.

2 p.m.

Choir sang a hymn, and Elder W. W. Phelps prayed.

Choir sang, "On the mountain tops appearing."

Elder Amasa M. Lyman was called upon and presented the authorities of the church as follows:

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Heber C. Kimball, his first, and Daniel H. Wells, his second counselors.

Oson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards and George Q. Cannon, members of said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the whole church.

Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion, and David Fullmer and George B. Wallace, his counselors.

William Eddington, John V. Long, John L. Blythe, George Nebeker, John T. Caine, Joseph W. Young, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, Thomas B. Broderick, James H. Hart, John Squires and William H. Folsom, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Edwin D. Woolley and Samuel W. Richards, his counselors.

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

William Squire, President of the Elders Quorum; James Smith and Peter Latter, his counselors.

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

Samuel M. Moore, President of the Priests' Quorum; Richard W. McAllister and George Openshaw, his counselors.

McGee Harris, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Adam Speirs and David Bowman, his counselors.

John S. Carpenter, President of the Deacons' Quorum; Samuel G. Ladd and Warren Hardie, his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works.

William H. Folsom, Architect for the Church.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather the poor; Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells and Edward Hunter, his assistants and agents for said fund.

George A. Smith, Historian and general Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff his assistant.

The foregoing quorums and authorities were all voted for separately, and each and all unanimously sustained by the conference.

Elder Lyman then delivered a highly interesting and instructive discourse on the building of temples, tabernacles and otherwise beautifying and ornamenting the Stakes of Zion. He then spoke of the renovating and sanctifying power of the truth when applied, and its inculcations carried out in the lives of men.

Elder Lorenzo Snow bore testimony to the good spirit and good teaching that had characterized the Conference. Made some pertinent remarks on the liberty and freedom afforded by the gospel of Jesus Christ, after which he discoursed at some length on the particular religion of the Saints.

Choir sang, "God is my song."

Benediction by Elder George D. Watt.

Tuesday Evening.

Priesthood Meeting.—John Young, presiding.

Singing by the audience.

Prayer by Elder George B. Wallace.

President John Young made a few remarks expressive of his desire to receive the reports from the branch quorums of High Priests in the public meeting, if the brethren were prepared to do so. Reports were then handed in and read by the Clerk of the High Priests Quorum.

Bishop Hunter next addressed the priesthood. He spoke highly of the response that had been made by the brethren to the call for teams to go east. He wanted the farmers to turn their attention to raising white beans as well as flax, hemp, cotton, cane and other necessities.

President Brigham Young called the attention of the priesthood to the necessity of the Latter Day Saints becoming a self-sustaining and independent people, producing within the limits of their own territory, so far as practicable, everything they consume. His entire discourse, which will be printed in full, was designed and calculated to show men how to live independently.

Elder George Goddard was called upon and sang: "The city I love so well."

Elder Samuel W. Richards pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Choir sang, "The glorious gospel light has shone."

Elder Wilford Woodruff offered prayer.

Choir sang, "Lift up your heads ye scattered Saints."

President Brigham Young called the attention of the Conference to the Missionary Fund by stating that the first business of the morning would be to present to the Conference the subscription list of yesterday to the Missionary Fund. Brother Thomas Bullock then read the names and amounts donated by individuals on yesterday.

The President then briefly reviewed the history of the Missionary Fund, and showed that three years ago a subscription amounting to \$12,000 was raised for that fund, but now the subscription was so small that he was almost ashamed to name it. He then announced that no further subscriptions were wanted here, during Conference, but that the matter would be left entirely with the Bishops throughout the Territory, and the brethren were then instructed that their donations would be subscribed must be delivered to brother John T. Caine or Archibald N. Hill, in this city. Immediate returns were requested.

He did not feel that he was called upon to multiply words upon a subject so familiar to the Saints as that of sustaining the Elders who go on missions from this point. This community is free from poverty, starvation and the distress that are entwined around the habitations of the poor Saints in Europe.

Domestic economy, neatness in the domestic circle, the obtaining of the comforts of life by honest industry and the duty of every man to make his family comfortable were subjects that called forth much useful instruction, as will be seen by the verbatim report when published.

The erection of a new bowery adapted to the wants of the people here formed an interesting part of the President's remarks, as he described its design, dimensions and commodiousness.

President Young then spoke of the indebtedness to the Perpetual Emigration Fund,

and regretted that the brethren were not more punctual in paying up their bills that were due the Fund, that the company might be able to send for more of the poor.

Choir sang, "I saw a mighty angel fly."

Benediction by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

Afternoon.

Choir sang, "When all thy mercies, O my God."

Prayer by Elder J. V. Long.

Choir sang, "Great God attend while Zion sings."

President Brigham Young announced his intention to visit the southern settlements this spring, and that he would start about the 20th of this month. He invited all who wished to accompany him, and told them how to prepare for the journey.

President Heber C. Kimball next addressed the meeting on a great variety of practical subjects.

President Daniel H. Wells preached on the doctrine of obedience, the necessity of securing the faith and confidence of the brethren in the church in every place. Reasoned on the duties of the Saints to hold secure their grain and everything they possess subject to the controlling influence of the Priesthood. Spoke of the kind of manufactures that are necessary. He argued the propriety of carrying out the words of President Brigham Young in all things.

On motion of President Kimball, the Conference adjourned till the 6th day of October next at 10 a.m.

Choir sang the Saints' national anthem,—

"O God bless Brigham Young."

The concluding benediction was pronounced by Elder Orson Hyde.

J. V. Long,

Clerk of Conference.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The citizens of the south-western Wards of Great Salt Lake City have of late manifested a commendable public spirit, and have made, since the flood last season, which materially affected the lower Wards, some permanent and valuable improvements, which will be of great public benefits and cannot fail to materially enhance the value of property in that part of the city.

Among the improvements thus made is a good turnpike road from the 5th Ward Jordan Bridge eastward across the bottom, on 8th South Street, which has been raised or thrown up above high-water mark, and will hereafter, when some of the intersecting streets shall be repaired, be one of the principal roads leading out of the city. The road is not quite finished and the turnpiking should be extended through the 5th and 4th Wards to the State Road, to make it complete, which is the intention as soon as it can be accomplished. Levees, which have cost several thousand dollars, have also been constructed on the east side of the Jordan this spring, wherever the banks were so low that the water when high, as it has been during the past year, has overflowed, and inundated much valuable farming land, which can now be cultivated as heretofore, and will add materially to the wealth of its owners or occupants specially, and be of incalculable benefit to the community generally.

The road has been in part, if not wholly constructed by means of the Territorial Road tax, expended under the direction of A. Cunningham, supervisor, who in that respect has set an example, which some other road supervisors would do well to imitate. The work of constructing the embankments made to confine the water of the river within its natural channel has been paid for by subscriptions, raised for that purpose, these immediately interested, of course, contributing more liberally than those who will only be indirectly benefited by the enterprise.

In connection with the improvements of a public character which have been made in the south-west part of the city this spring, we are pleased to state that those of a private nature have not been neglected, although many more might profitably be made there as well as in other wards where there is not a proper degree of thrift manifested.

Raining as we go to press.