

Edward Hunter, his assistants and agents for said fund.

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

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

President Heber C. Kimball commenced his address by asking the question, "shall we go to work and build a temple? Voices: yes. Is this the feeling of the people here to-day? Voices: Yes. As the body without the spirit is dead, so also is our faith without works. He then asked the people if they would pay their tithing, and the congregation responded yes. He said there was no lack of means, all that was required was the will; and if the people will do it God will help us. Spoke of the importance of the Latter Day Saints concentrating their means and their energies for the purpose of erecting a temple to the name of our God.

President Brigham Young made a few timely remarks on cash tithing. Counseled the people to make their investments in the kingdom of God, and then they will see the benefits resulting from it.

President Daniel H. Wells called for fifty teams to go to work and haul rock from Little Cottonwood, for the building of the temple, that number to be on hand for service from this time until the temple is completed. He wished the hauling to be done on labor tithing. Each settlement is expected to furnish its quota of men, teams and wagons, to be provided with suitable camping equipage, so that the work can be prosecuted through the winter season.

Elder George A. Smith took up the subject of improvement, and metaphorically presented the Latter Day Saints as one great building and our President as the great master builder; argued that it is our duty to unite our strength and build that temple. If we do right it is for us to follow him, and if he says brother, go south and raise cotton; go to these flats and make adobies, into those hills and get lumber, we should do it with our whole hearts. We have come here to build up Zion, and we should be willing to go and do what we can, and to do it when and where he dictates us. Touched briefly upon the subject of paying cash tithing, and exposed the conduct of some; contended that it is the duty of every man to strive and do his share towards the building up of the kingdom of God upon the earth. He was in favor of sending down two or three hundred families to the cotton country this fall, to raise cotton, in figs, grapes, etc.

Choir sang a hymn, after which F. D. Richards pronounced the benediction.

2 p.m.

Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Bishop Edwin D. Woolley.

Choir sang "Come let us anew our journey pursue."

President Brigham Young made pointed remarks on the science of music. Alluded to his late visit to the extreme northern and southern settlements of the Territory, and their adaptation for producing every thing that is necessary to sustain human life.

Elder Albert Carrington was then called upon and read an address which is being sent to all the Bishops of the Territory, calling upon them to use their best endeavors to husband the tithing now being placed in their hands, so that all may be preserved to assist in building the temple the coming season.

Elder Ezra T. Benson felt thankful for the present opportunity of speaking to the brethren and sisters in Great Salt Lake City. He ever felt anxious to discharge those duties that were required at his hands. Spoke of the general duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Latter Day Saints. Advocated the doctrines of tithing and consecration; and the necessity of the saints being liberal with their means and doing all in their power towards the building up of the kingdom of God. He said the temple would cost one million of dollars, and one half of that sum was wanted for the next season's operations. Admonished the brethren and sisters to be faithful in all things, and said many other good things.

Elder Mark A. Coombs, being invited to make a few remarks, told his experience in the Church, and described the way and manner of his receiving the gospel, in Jackson County, Missouri. Related a vision which the Lord gave him to open his mind ready for the reception of the "Word of Wisdom," which was revealed through Joseph Smith.

President B. Young called for volunteers to go to Washington County and raise cotton, indigo, figs, grapes, sugar, olives and all the products of a southern climate.

Patriarch Isaac Morley made a few remarks, in which he bore a strong testimony to the truth of the latter day work now being accomplished by the saints of God. Offered some pertinent remarks on self government, and the saving effects of being submissive to the powers that be. In conclusion, he said, "let us strive to understand our relationship to each other, and never neglect to harken to counsel. I feel to leave my blessing upon the people, as it is my right by virtue of the patriarchal office. I bless you, brethren and sisters, with the blessings of the heavens and of the earth and the fullness thereof; also with the blessings of eternal life and exaltation in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father, and I do it in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen."

Brother Daniel Bonelli then read the names of the Swiss brethren who were selected to go and settle in the southern part of the Territory.

President Brigham Young said that as the brethren did not choose to volunteer for this

mission the Presidency and Twelve would make the selections, and they would expect the brethren to go and stay until they are released.

Choir sang "The spirit of God like a fire is burning."

Benediction by Elder George A. Smith.

At half past six in the evening the Bishops held a meeting in the Tabernacle for the transaction of business, Bishop Hunter presiding. Nearly all the wards and settlements in the Territory were represented, the house was densely crowded and a good spirit prevailed.

The presiding Bishop delivered a short address, during which he briefly touched upon the important items of business upon which he desired them to express their minds.

President D. H. Wells then arose and delivered an excellent discourse on the building of the temple, the gathering of the poor saints from all the nations of the earth, the necessity of sustaining the families of missionaries while they are abroad preaching the gospel to those who sit in darkness.

Several enlivening songs were sung by Messrs. Wm. Willis, George Goddard, Andrew Sprowl and Charles W. Penrose, after which the congregation was dismissed with benediction by President B. Young.

TUESDAY, Oct. 8, 1861, 10 a.m., Bowery.

Choir sang "The morning breaks, the shadows flee."

Prayer by Elder Jacob Gates.

Owing to the disagreeable change in the weather which took place during the opening ceremonies, the conference adjourned to the Tabernacle.

Tabernacle, 10.30.

The choir sang "Pll praise my maker while I've breath."

Elder William W. Phelps read and commented upon several passages and revelations contained in the *Evening and Morning Star*, a paper published in the early days of the church. He bore testimony to the restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith. Quoted Matthew and Mark on the promise of "a hundred fold" to him that forsakes houses, lands, mothers, wives or children; he also made numerous other quotations, and comments in his usually eccentric style.

Elder William H. Miles was next invited to the stand. He reviewed his experience in this church for the past twenty-one years; said he rejoiced in the privilege of being here, and also in the opportunity of bearing testimony to the truth of the religion he had embraced.

Elder Wm. Willis sang "The city I love so well."

President Brigham Young preached a highly interesting and instructive discourse upon the important subject of marriage for time and all eternity.

Choir sang "Praise to the man who commended with Jehovah."

Benediction by Elder G. D. Watt.

2 p.m.

Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Choir sang "O, say what is truth."

President Brigham Young called the attention of the Bishops and people to the importance of gathering up all such worn out fabrics, articles of clothing and other material suitable for the manufacture of cotton and linen paper. He said twenty-five thousand dollars had been expended in the paper machine, and it was a good one. The only thing now lacking, he observed, is material to make into paper, and he wished the people to save their rags and to gather up all suitable refuse material for making paper. Said we ought now to print our own school books, works on science, &c., and if we can get the rags and the flax together we can soon make the paper and print our own books.

Elder Lorenzo Snow next addressed the congregation. He spoke with energy and spirit upon the principles of tithing and consecration, and the necessity of always holding everything ready and upon the altar of sacrifice. Counseled the saint to be faithful and diligent in the discharge of those duties devolving upon them as children of God.

William C. Dunbar was called upon and sang the favorite hymn "O Zion, dear Zion."

Elder Orson Pratt introduced the Missionary Fund, and said that it had been determined that the missionaries should be sustained in this Territory, and their families be supported here so that the brethren could go forth with the spirit of their missions upon them, instead of striving to get means to sustain their families at home. Referred to his missions abroad and the course he had taken in publishing pamphlets on the first principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Spoke also of the doctrine of consecration; advocated the building of the temple in which to administer ordinances for the living and for the dead, and stated his willingness to do anything in his power for its erection. He then dwelt upon the subject of the gathering of the poor from all nations; was of opinion that a servant of God had no right to plead ignorance in regard to his duties, but he ought to learn what his duties were and then do them.

President Heber C. Kimball reviewed the early history of the church; alluded to his connection with Zion's camp and the promises of the Almighty to the Elders at that time. Bore testimony to the truth of the work in which he was engaged.

Choir sang "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation."

The conference adjourned till the 6th of April next at 10 a.m.

President Daniel H. Wells pronounced the concluding benediction as follows:—

"O God the eternal Father, at the close of this our conference we render unto thee our unfeigned gratitude for the blessings thou hast poured out upon us, and the instructions thou hast given us during this conference. We thank thee that we live in this age and generation of the world in which thou hast revealed thy holy gospel, and that we have become the happy recipients of the blessings thereof. Qualify us to perform the duties required of us with pure hearts, willing minds and ready hands, walking uprightly before thee all the days of our lives. Direct our steps day by day, enlarge our capacities, and strengthen us to discharge our duties in a manner acceptable unto thee, filling up all our days in usefulness in thy kingdom, bringing to pass thy purposes according to thy good mind and pleasure. Accept of us now, while we devote and dedicate ourselves and our efforts unto thee in the building up of thy cause; his we desire to do in the days of our prosperity while the hand of mercy and blessing is extended over us, that we may labor to accomplish thy purposes with credit to ourselves, and honor to thy cause, producing all things necessary for the building up of thy kingdom and the maintaining of thy people in these mountains, according to the directions we may receive from thy servant Brigham, from time to time. May the instructions which have been given us this conference be acted upon by us in all our vocations of life. Bless thy people in all their settlements in these mountains and throughout the world, and in all the avocations and enterprises they may be engaged in that have for their object the building up of thy kingdom and cause upon the earth, may they be abundantly prospered; shield them from the powers of the adversary, and from evil influences that may attend upon their footsteps, and let them be made aware that thy power is over them. Bless the rising generation, enable thy people to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to rear up thy kingdom in their day and generation. Bless the earth and the elements that they may bring forth in their strength for the sustenance of thy people. Thwart the plans of our enemies, and may they waste and destroy each other, while thy people shall abide in power and in strength. Gather out from our midst the workers of iniquity, and let thy people dwell in righteousness, and build cities and temples and public buildings in these valleys of the mountains, wherein they shall worship thee, and none make them afraid, and finally receive us to thyself, and unto thee be ascribed all the glory world without end. All these blessings we ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: Amen."

J. V. LONG,

Clerk of the Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WEBER COUNTY SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

OGDEN CITY, September 30, 1861.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

DEAR SIR:—The education of the young being a subject interesting to us as a people, no doubt a brief account of the display made by the various school districts in this county, under the supervision of Francis A. Brown, Esq., superintendent of common schools, will be received with pleasure by the readers of the News.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., the schools in this county, with the trustees and teachers, met in this place at the Ogden Seminary. There being between six and seven hundred boys and girls present on the occasion, dressed in their Sunday attire.

The procession was formed by the superintendent at 9 a.m., headed by the Ogden City martial band under the direction of Capt. R. D. Sprague.

Then came schools from the first, second and third districts, under the direction of Mr. John Leavitt, with appropriate banners. Schools from the fourth, fifth and sixth districts, under the direction of Mr. William Burton, with banners.

Schools from the seventh, eighth and ninth districts, under the direction of James McGuire, with banners. The procession passed along Main Street, and down North Tabernacle Street, the band playing spirited and soul-stirring airs, to a beautiful box elder grove; on the north side of Ogden river, belonging to Mr. William Kay, where the procession were comfortably seated; and a great many spectators who were present, principally the parents of the juveniles.

On a stand which had been previously erected were Bishops West and Bingham, A. Palmer, of the presidency of the stake, and other officials of this place.

Mr. Brown, in a short address, congratulated the trustees and teachers, and all present, for the interest they had manifested in having a day of recreation, that our youth may be encouraged and stimulated in the prosecution of those studies which will be a blessing to them through life.

He then called upon his own school, the second district, to sing, "Here's to the friends we love."

After which he examined the pupils in the various studies which they had made, and the answers to the questions were prompt, which

must have been very satisfactory to all present, the most of his pupils having only commenced their studies last spring.

Mr. McGuire's school, ninth district, then sang, "We're the pupils of Plain City."

Music by the band.

The schools then sat down, by districts, around tables spread with refreshments got up in good style, to which the youngsters did ample justice; after which they took their former position.

President Palmer then addressed the assembly for a short time. He was highly gratified with the proceedings of the day, and thought that it would be long remembered with pleasure by the children. The education of the rising generation was of vital importance in the kingdom of God, as it laid a foundation for their future usefulness. He spoke of the lack of books, and in many instances the lack of competent teachers, as being a great hindrance to the progress of education amongst us. Treated upon the responsibility of parents in instructing their children in correct principles, principles which would exalt the mind and enoble the character and prepare them to become useful members of society.

Bishop West heartily concurred in the remarks of Elder Palmer. He had conversed with Judge Brown on the propriety of having such an exhibition, to create a feeling in the minds of parents to cause them to make some move in the education of their children, and he considered that the proceedings of the day would be productive of much good, and expected to see such celebrations, only he hoped they would be oftener and a great deal better.

Elders Hammond and Spires followed on the same subject.

The assembly was then dismissed.

In the evening Mr. Brown's school met to speak various pieces which had been studied for that purpose. The Ogden City string band was in attendance, enlivening the scene with sweet music.

Much credit is due Mr. Brown for the interest he has taken and the exertions he has used in stimulating all connected with the education of our youth and it is hoped that his labors will bring about much good in the several districts in this county.

WALTER THOMPSON.

BENNEPLANT.—(Sesamum Indicum.)

ED. NEWS:

DEAR SIR:—I presume there are few of the inhabitants of Utah who are acquainted with the medicinal properties of the benneplant. Long experience in the use of it, and the great benefits I have seen derived from it, has induced me to endeavor to make this valuable plant known to the people at large. It has been used in our family for upwards of thirty years, and invariably with the most beneficial results; and if the properties were more extensively known, I am satisfied its use would become general.

The benneplant (of which the leaf is the part used), is especially beneficial in all cases of cholera infantum, diarrhea, dysentery, catarrh, and all affections of a similar nature. It has also been proved to be a great remedy for sore eyes; I have never known it used without producing immediate relief in any of the diseases above named. But for all cases of dysentery, either in children or adults, its influence and healing properties appear almost miraculous, and there are many of our citizens who can testify to its virtues from its use during the present season.

This highly valuable plant is now successfully introduced into our Territory, and as its healing properties become known, it will doubtless be generally cultivated. I have secured, this season, a good portion of the leaves, which I will distribute to those desiring to benefit by them at my residence, south of the Public Square, in the 16th Ward, of this city, for a very trifling charge, and will cheerfully give further details, as to properties, and the method of using the benneplant whenever called upon.

WM. DEER.

The Absent Judge No Secessionist.

"Judge Crosby, of Utah" has, says the *Sacramento Union*, been visiting Gen'l Sumner, commanding the Department of the Pacific, and adds that the Judge "is a devoted lover of the Union." Our devil is exceedingly pleased to hear it! We hope that Mr. Lincoln's attention may be called to this fact and save the unpleasant consequences of another attempt at the removal of a "four years Judge," for the President has certainly been "posted" much to the contrary by some of the Judge's quondam friends of Fort Crittenden. We learn of other Utah officials becoming quite Unionish down-east. Were it not too personal, we would recommend a few more of our "transients" to shake hands with Gen. Sumner.

THE PACIFIC SECESSIONISTS.—A recent pony from the east, took back again to California, a heavy package of letters addressed from friends on the Pacific to friends in the Confederate States. The letters were opened at the Dead Letter Office and remitted to Gen. Sumner for his calm perusal. The General will doubtless find some of his visiting, hand-shaking lovers of the Union among the number.