

Moroni, and ——— Stewart of Millburn.

The Apostles present dwelt upon the privileges enjoyed by the Saints, the necessity of the proper education of the young, the means necessary to be employed, and exhorted the Bishops to be active among the people that they may become sanctified before the Lord and keep His commandments; the payment of tithing, taking care of the poor, the necessity for diligence in laboring for the redemption of the dead, the necessity of instructing the Lesser Priesthood in the duties of their calling, the great benefits to be derived by attending meetings, fast meetings, and the blessings obtained through fasting and prayer, with many other subjects of great interest to the Saints.

The general and Stake authorities were presented and sustained unanimously. The following named brethren were sustained to be ordained High Priests: Jacob Nielsen, Lars Jensen and Thomas D. Reese.

Stake statistical and Sunday school reports were read.

President Lorenzo Snow made the closing remarks. He urged upon parents the importance of influencing their children to attend the Primaries, M. I. Associations, Sunday school, fast meetings and all other meetings provided for their benefit.

After the singing of an anthem by the choir and the pronouncing of the benediction, conference adjourned to meet in Ephraim on the 14th February, 1891.

Five meetings were held during conference, at which there were large congregations.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

A "CONSCIENTIOUS" COMMISSION.

We publish today an interesting and pointed communication from Mr. David L. Murdock. The gentleman pays his respects to the Utah Commission, a body chiefly conspicuous for official manipulation, the object of which is to render political frauds not only possible but absolutely certain. Their chief occupation—as a majority—has been to pursue a course of action that would render their existence perpetual. It may transpire one of these days, however, that these gentlemen have reckoned without their host, the majority of the people of Utah, whose rights have been invaded by their one-sided administration.

If the quotations from the commission report cited by Mr. Murdock be carefully scanned, it will be observed that this useless and not excessively ornamental body of election managers, foisted upon a long suffering people, express animated jubilation over the fact of one political party gaining ascendancy over another. As an administrative

official is supposed to be impartial, this partizan preference exhibited in a state document is not only undignified but exceedingly small. This ascendancy of the "Liberal" control in this municipality is made a source of self-glorification and idiotic pride. If these gentlemen had a keen sense of honor the situation would be to them a source of shame, because of the fraudulent processes by which, under their auspices, the result was attained. The Commission, however, adds insult to injury by stating that the election was a "fair" one. It was notoriously otherwise. The News happened to point out the "Liberal" frauds that were being perpetrated and the Commission became suddenly inquisitive, and wanted the editor of this journal to tell all about it, as they were not familiar with the details. The editor drew attention to the fact that there were ample opportunities for the Commission to institute an inquiry, but they preferred to remain in blissful or pretended ignorance.

Since the Commission rendered their report to the Secretary of the Interior, developments have occurred which will give them ample scope to represent the kind of fairness which exists in elections conducted under their purview. We commend that they inform the government that the "Liberals" whose victory is a source of such self-satisfaction to the Commission, stole six of the fifteen Councilorships of this city. They might state that the District Court, Judge Zane presiding, so decided; that the "Liberal" managers appealed from his decision, and that when the time for the session of the Territorial Supreme Court arrived the appeal was withdrawn, in order to defeat the law and perpetuate the theft. One would suppose that such infamies would cause those "conscientious" administrators of the election laws to crawl into their holes and pull the apertures in, after them, rather than indulge in official glorification over such shameful results of corrupt partisanship. We are ashamed that such crimes should be condoned and unpunished.

Among the facts that should be presented in the next official report of the Commission to the Secretary of the Interior are those elucidated and proved in court in connection with the school election referred to by Mr. Murdock, when an office was stolen from the People's candidate by "Liberal" "flim-flamming," the position being subsequently

relinquished by the contestee when the frauds were brought to light. Judge Zane, in that connection drew the attention of the grand jury to the suspicious conduct of H. S. McCallum, one of the registrars appointed by the Utah commission to conduct the "fair" election of last February.

Perhaps the commission may direct the attention of the secretary, in their next report, to the fact that under their "conscientious administration of the election laws," the office of clerk of Salt Lake County was stolen by the fraudulent operations of their appointees. The methods employed for the consummation of the steal were peroration by connivance of a "Liberal" judge of election, and the striking from the registration lists on the morning of the election of numbers of legal voters of the People's Party, and the rejection of the ballots of the people thus robbed of their franchise by "Liberal" election judges. The Commission should be careful to state that these are not mere matters of report but stubborn facts proved in a court of law.

Yet the majority of the Commission consists of "conscientious" men. Very! This reminds us of a remark once made by the facetious Dr. H. J. Richards, who is given to expressions of caustic humor. The conduct of some person was under criticism, when the Doctor said that the individual referred to was "a very good man."

"How do you know that, Doctor?"

"Why, I heard him say so."

The majority of the Commission are "conscientious" officials. For have they not said so themselves? And then look at the abundant evidence upon which to found such a self-laudatory statement!

DEATH OF JOHN F. BOYNTON.

By courtesy of Brother Alma H. Hale, of Smithfield, we are enabled to publish the following, from the *Standard* of Syracuse, New York, of October 21st, giving an account of the death of Dr. John Farnham Boynton, one of the First Apostles of the Church in this dispensation, but who subsequently apostatized:

"Dr. John Farnham Boynton, who died, after an illness of a few hours, at his home in Highland Place at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, was an old resident and a remarkable and widely known man. His figure was commanding, his character of marked individuality, his mind powerful, unique and inventive. He was in his eightieth year. He was apparently in