

# THIRTY-EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The 20th Ward choir sang the anthem "O, come, let us sing unto the Lord," composed and arranged by Brother J. J. Daynes.

Elder John Taylor offered up prayer. Bro. Fishburne's choir sang "How will the Saints rejoice to tell."

President George A. Smith expressed peculiar sensations and feelings that were elicited by thinking that at every general conference for years past our beloved brother and President, Heber C. Kimball, was with us. But now he is gone; and while we feel the loss, we cannot but rejoice that he has received the reward of his life of humility, integrity, righteousness and unswerving faithfulness.

Brother Smith reviewed at length the early history of the Church, and the persecutions which commenced as soon as the Prophet Joseph received the plates. About forty-nine times was the Prophet brought before the courts on various charges trumped up against him, and in every instance he was acquitted. He was again arrested and without examination was lodged in prison at Carthage; and while there, though under the pledged faith of the State of Illinois, given by its governor for his security, he was basely murdered, his brother Hyrum was murdered, and Elder John Taylor who was with them received four balls.

A summary of the discourse during the time occupied by the afternoon meeting would only do it injustice, the history of the Church being brought down to the expulsion of the Saints from Nauvoo; and some interesting documents were read illustrating the historical remarks made.

The conclusion of the discourse was postponed till to-morrow morning.

"Singing, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' by the Tabernacle choir.

Prayer by Elder Brigham Young, junr.

Singing by the 20th Ward Choir, Anthem, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff. Bro. Fishburne's Choir sang, "An Angel from on high."

President George A. Smith continued his historical discourse.

After bringing it down to the point where the persecuted Saints reached this valley, under the guidance of President B. Young, he described the appearance of the country when they arrived, so barren-looking and burnt-up that scarcely a particle of green vegetation was to be seen, and the ground black with hideous-looking crickets, that seemed to eat up and destroy every particle of vegetation. As the trains now bring the immigrating Saints to these valleys, where smiling plenty and a beautiful country greet them on every hand, they cannot realize what this place then was. Yet here, having arrived in extreme destitution, many of them barefooted and almost naked, the early settlers lived and labored, under the direction of the Priesthood; and while yet in the midst of great poverty, steps were taken to gather out the Saints still left behind in the East and those in the nations of the earth. The perpetual Emigration Fund was organized and the work of gathering commenced and has continued.

He referred to the opening of commercial houses here owned by men not belonging to the Church, and to the vast sums of money made by them in an incredibly short time. The Buchanan expedition was alluded to, and the fact noted that it destroyed and wasted forty millions of dollars of money belonging to government, and that was all it did. It is said by some that the money brought into the country by that expedition, and the merchandising consequent upon it, were a source of great prosperity to the people. But the flour which government paid twenty-eight and a half dollars a hundred for, was bought from the Saints at about five dollars a hundred, and paid for in poor goods. The mer who had made money from us had not employed it for the benefit of the Saints, but they had used their influence and means to add to our troubles and heap injuries upon us. Papers have been sustained from such sources that have spread abroad and persistently circulated the most vile and false calumnies against us; and that have called us assassins, cut-throats, vile and abominable; and represented our religion and institutions in the most odious light which corrupt imaginations can suggest, to stir up enmity against us, and to send armed bodies here to destroy our lives and property, and drive us from our homes. We crossed the great plains to come here and serve God. Shall we do so; or shall we forget the object of our gathering together? Shall we continue to sustain a influence and a power that would destroy us, and have the responsibility of our destruction upon our own heads; or shall we sustain righteousness, truth, virtue and the Kingdom of God? He would fellowship no one who would give aid to strengthening the power of evil; and he exhorted the Saints to fellowship no one who would not sustain the Zion of God.

Singing "Hard times come again no more," by Bro. Fishburne's choir.

President B. Young instructed the Saints on the principles of salvation, and treated on a number of subjects. A synopsis of his discourse would convey a very inadequate idea of it; and as it was reported in full we direct attention to it when published.

The Tabernacle Choir sang "Glory be to God in the highest."

Prayer by Elder E. L. Sloan.

Singing by the 20th Ward choir; anthem, "Praise ye the Lord."

Prayer by Elder Franklin D. Richards. Bro. Fishburne's choir sang, "Now pray we for our country."

President D. H. Wells spoke of the overruling providences of the Almighty in our behalf, manifested in the prosperity and progress of the Saints. But the blessings He has bestowed upon us cannot be enjoyed by us unless we are obedient; and we must prove by our actions that we will employ those blessings to further the cause of truth, and not aid in building up the kingdom of the evil one. We have gathered out from the

nations and we have desired to see our children trained up uncontaminated with the errors and false opinions existing in the world; but we must keep ourselves separate and apart from the society of the wicked, or we shall have with us the iniquity and wickedness of the Babylon from which we have gathered. We do not expect to cease communication with the outside world. We are on the highway of the nations, and we expect many will come here. Some will wish to remain, which they have a perfect right to do; but we must keep ourselves uncontaminated by wickedness; we must preserve our own interests and sustain ourselves, and we must build up the kingdom of God, or He will find a people who will do it and keep His commandments in all things.

The names of the following brethren, from the places specified, were then presented to the Conference to go on a mission to the Southern settlements, and were unanimously sustained: Albert W. Davies, Adam Spiers, Geo. Naylor, B. L. Adams, Ward Pack, Alfred Lampson, William Asper, S. L. Sprague, Jr., Jno. Hunt, Elliot Hartwell, Silvester Jackson, W. L. Allen, Boyd Stewart, John W. Chamberlain, David Stewart, Bernard Rigby, Fred. Heath, George Goodrich, William Atkins, John Wayman, Amos Neff, Isaac Groo, Moses Thurston, Charles B. Taylor, Wm. Red, Daniel Seegmiller, Charles Seegmiller, James Vantassel, John Gabbott, Smith Bros.

Spanish Fork—Geo. B. Snell, Willard O. Creer, August Swensen, John H. Koll.

Payson—Daniel Stark, Curtis, William Heaton, Joseph Tanner, William Whitman, Jesse Taylor, Newell Potter, John Burr, John W. Keil, Christopher F. Dixon, Charles O. Burr.

American Fork—Arza Adams, Alexander Nichol, Henry Chipman, Steven Mott, Alexander Miller, William Kelly, Nathan Adams, William Kelly.

Springville—Elmer Taylor, Lyman S. Wood, Eld, Lorenzo Johnson, Richard Thorn, Nelson Spafford.

Nephi—Samuel Claidge, Samuel Linton, Charles Foote, George Harmon, Israel Hoyt, John Esplin, Thomas Vickers.

Battle Creek—Ben. W. Driggs, Chauncey Bacon, Henson Walker, John Long.

Bountiful—William S. Muir, Israel Barlow, Jun., David Thackerell, Thomas James, David Thompson, Brigham Y. Baird, Christian Christiansen, Thomas Atkinson, Peter Corney, Chester Call.

Farmington—Job Welling, David Hees, Oliver Robinson, Thomas Grover, Jr., David Saunders, Alma Hayes, Philander Brown, Elias Van Fleet, Lorenzo Watson, Thomas Stiles.

Centerville—William Myers, Ira Parks, Z. Cheeny, Michael Gains, Lyman Leavitt, Thomas Stoworth, Chas. Hogg, John Myers, George Leavitt.

Coalville—Hyrum Eldredge.

West Jordan—John Benion, Samuel Egbert, John Egbert, Robert Pickston, Samuel Bateman, Joseph Bateman, Benj. Cutler.

Mill Creek—Edward Pugh, James Miller.

Grantsville—Arret Hale, Ara W. Sablin, James Karl.

Tooele—David H. Leonard, Robert McHendrie, Peter Phister, George Coleman, Captain John Gillespie, Wm. A. Pickett, Orson P. Bates, Enos Stookey, Herriman's Fort—Thomas Butterfield.

Draperville—Joseph G. Brown.

Kaysville—Geo. Stevens, William A. Flint, Robert Egbert, James Shearer, John Weaver, James Green, James Sheen.

Big Cottonwood—James Spillet, Daniel G. Bryan, Charles Bagley, Preston Lewis, Wm. Newman, Samuel Rich, Duncan S. Casper.

Provo City—Martin W. Mills, Riley G. Clark, Samuel Pratt, Zenos T. Pratt, Vm. Brown, Alfred D. Young, Benjamin E. Bullock, Thos. C. Clark, Lyman L. Wood, Benjamin M. Roberts, James Stratton, John H. Carter, James C. Snow, George Baum, Caleb C. Baldwin, Hyram Pratt.

Morgan County—Sanford Porter, Ogden City—Chauncey W. West, Jun., Nathaniel Leavitt.

President B. Young then addressed the Conference on a number of subjects. His remarks were reported in full for publication.

The name of Elder Joseph W. Young, who was appointed last winter to go south and assist President Erastus Snow, was presented to the Conference, by the President, who unanimously voted that he should fill the mission and be blessed and prospered.

Conference was then adjourned till April 6th, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to meet in the New Tabernacle.

Singing "Children of Zion awake from thy sadness," by the Tabernacle choir.

President Young pronounced the closing benediction.

E. L. SLOAN,  
Clerk of Conference.

(Special to the Deseret Evening News.)

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

Washington, 6.—A statement of the public debt, issued late yesterday afternoon, shows the total debt, less cash in the Treasury, to be \$23,467,895. The coin in the Treasury amounts to nearly \$7,000,000; the currency in the Treasury \$13,800,000. Four millions three hundred and twenty thousand in bonds have been issued during the month, to the Pacific railroad companies, including these bonds, the net decrease of the debt during the month is \$970,000.

Atlanta, 4.—In the legislature to-day, a committee was appointed to examine the eligibility of Beard, Blecher and Davis; after a full investigation they found that Beard has in his veins more than one-eighth of negro blood. The report was adopted, and Beard was declared ineligible. The House adjourned sine die.

Buffalo.—The 20th annual convention of the Free Will Baptists of North America met this afternoon; about four hundred delegates were present from all parts of the country.

Philadelphia.—A public reception will be given to McKeelan on Thursday by his old comrades in arms in this city; the reception committee is composed of 18 generals. It is announced that no political devices or inscriptions will be permitted in the line.

Montgomery.—The Governor has signed the registering bill. Both Houses have passed bills providing for an election. The senate bill makes it a misdemeanor for any person to challenge votes, punishable by fine and

imprisonment. The Democrats strongly opposed the registration and election bills.

New York, 7.—A New Orleans dispatch to the Tribune, dated 5th, states that three men undertook to chastise Mr. Bentley in the presence of his school. Bentley's friends interfered, when he then had a warrant issued for the arrest of his assailants. Before the warrant was executed a band of armed men commenced slaughtering negroes.

New Orleans.—The Bulletin states that 100 negroes were killed and wounded. The office of the newspaper in the progress of the disturbance was gutted, and its type and presses thrown into the street, and Mr. Durant, one of its editors, lynched.

New Orleans.—The Times, of the 5th, says that 15 Republicans and 8 Democrats were killed at Threaveport, and that armed patrols hold possession of the county.

San Francisco, 7.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Silver Mountain, California, October 6th; the atmosphere was almost immediately afterwards filled with smoke.

Troy, N. Y., 7.—A fire, to-day, destroyed property to the amount of \$200,000. P. A. Moore & Son were the principal sufferers, losing \$140,000; Hinamin & Schanaker loss \$28,000 and D. Wellard & Co. \$29,000.

Washington, D. C.—General Dyer, chief of ordnance, has been relieved from the charge of the ordnance bureau until the conclusion of the investigation of the court of inquiry in his case.

Washington.—The published statements, that owing to the revolution in Spain, this Government was interesting itself about the purchase of Cuba, are altogether untrue; the subject has not been mentioned in the Cabinet.

Boston.—The Republicans of the seventh district have renominated Boutwell for Congress.

Utica.—A State Convention of colored men was held to-day. A communication to secure the rights of colored women, was received from Susan Anthony. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Republican National State tickets. A declaration of principles was adopted, and several addresses made, when the convention adjourned.

Springfield, Mass.—The National convention of French Canadians, in the United States, assembled to-day, after parading through the streets with music and banners.

Ithica.—The dedication of Cornell University, to-day, was a success in every particular; over 300 students have arrived.

Pittsburg.—A serious riot occurred to-night at about 9 o'clock. The Republican torchlight procession was passing along Wide street, and when near the tunnel, was assailed by a mob. A fight ensued, in which stones and missiles flew in every direction; clubs were freely used. About forty shots were fired, several persons severely wounded.

Boston.—The Republicans had an immense meeting at Faneuil Hall to-night.

Newark, N. J.—A very large Republican demonstration was made here to-day.

New York.—A mass meeting of German Republicans at the Cooper Institute, this evening, was addressed by Governor Solomon, of Wisconsin, and John A. Griswold.

Toledo.—The Ohio Grand Lodge of Good Templars met to-day; over 500 delegates were present from all parts of the State. The order has now a membership in this State of 28,000, being an increase of over 10,000 since last year.

New York.—The Times and Tribune dispatches say that Judge Chase has come out in favor of Grant.

General Sherman has written to the authorities for more troops to aid in subjugating the Indians. He is said to complain bitterly of the delays in sending reinforcements, and states that unless he is promptly furnished with the troops he desires, nothing can prevent wide spread and disastrous conflicts with the discontented tribes.

FOREIGN.

London 5.—The new deep sea submarine telegraph from Malta to Alexandria, Egypt, was successfully completed on Saturday.

Copenhagen, 6.—The King delivered a speech yesterday, at the opening of the Rigsdag. He said negotiations with Prussia in the matter of Schleswig Holstein had been thus far without result. It was the desire of Denmark to preserve peaceful relations with Prussia. The ratification of the treaty for the sale of St. Thomas and other West Indian Islands to the United States has been postponed by the Rigsdag for one year.

New York, 6.—The Ocean Queen brings the following news: Wm. Parker, Superintendent of the Panama Railroad, was assassinated Sep. 27 by J. Baldwin, civil engineer in the employ of the Railroad; the latter suffering from delirium tremens, shot himself, and will probably die.

San Francisco, 6.—Honolulu advices to Sept. 16th say, commercial matters are unusually dull.

The whaler ship *Milo*, from the Arctic ocean, to July 17th, reports thirty-nine vessels damaged by ice. The catch of the whaling fleet this season is poor.

Heavy shocks of earthquake were felt at Hilo and other places early in September.

Robert G. Lawrence, of the firm of James Robinson & Co., died Sept. 12th. He was a resident of Honolulu since 1822.

E. Perkins has assumed the duties of the American Consulate at Honolulu. Surveys are being prepared for building a light house on the reef at the entrance of the harbor at Honolulu.

Paris.—Advices from Rio Janeiro mention a rumor that President Lopez has been defeated by the allies and obliged to retire from his position as Santa Bernard.

Paris.—A report from Spain says the Carlists are agitating in the Basque provinces and Aragon, and some of the local Juntas have issued protests against the supremacy of Marshal Serrano.

London.—Advices from China state that the Emperor has opened the port of Chifu, in the Gulf of Pecheli, to foreign trade.

Pesth.—The Ambassadors of the various powers resident at Vienna, and Mr. Bancroft, the American representative at Berlin, have united in an address to Moleke, which will be presented on the occasion of his banquet.

London.—It is said that the committee appointed by the last House of Commons on the subject of the Land Laws in Ireland, will report to the next session at an early day. It is thought the ministers will bring in a bill to adjust the question as soon as possible.

## LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Office at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, on the 8th day of Oct., 1898; which, if not called for within one month, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

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