

the principles which he taught. I am also thankful that I live in the day of President Young. I can testify that he has carried out the principles taught by Joseph, and that God has been with the people up to the present time. Let us be dictated continually by the Spirit of inspiration. That we may do so, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Brother Fishburn's Choir sang "O Zion forever."

Elder ERASTUS SNOW addressed the Conference. The Savior said "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you." If we keep in mind continually the object for which we are gathered together, and not give way to sordid selfishness, we will attain the object we had in view when we first connected ourselves with the Church of Christ. If the priesthood were all determined to support the kingdom of God and defend its interests, the servants of God would have but little difficulty in leading the people; but as yet the tares continue among the wheat. Great efforts have been made to cause a combination of effort in our merchandizing, manufacturing and other interests. The results thus far have been exceedingly gratifying. Yet there are many who are foolish enough to step aside for the sake of a few dimes from the wise policy sought to be universally adopted among us. Such are blind; they allow a few dollars to stand between them and salvation in the kingdom of God. We should learn the difference between our friends and our enemies. Instead of importing manufactured goods we ought to import labor-saving machinery, and if we have not yet learned to supply ourselves with all the raw material we need, let us import what we need of that until we can produce it ourselves. Let us, however, increase the necessary raw material, let us increase the wool, the flax, the silk and other material. Instead of our wives and our daughters parading the streets, decked in the fanciful, ridiculous articles of dress that are imported from abroad, it would be much more gratifying to see them engaged in some useful occupation at home. Salt Lake City excels every other city or settlement in this Territory for those evils, and the sooner they are abolished the better. I was one of the founders of this city and one of the first two who set foot on this soil, therefore I claim the privilege of speaking my sentiments in regard to these matters. Amen.

Bro. Fishburn's choir sang the anthem entitled, "I will lift up mine eyes to the Hills."

President BRIGHAM YOUNG delivered an interesting discourse, which will shortly be published.

Conference adjourned till 2 p.m.

The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page 272, commencing "The towers of Zion soon shall rise."

Prayer by Elder George B. Wallace.

Two p.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Geo. A. Smith. The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page seventy-nine, commencing "Glorious things are sung of Zion."

Prayer by Elder Franklin D. Richards.

The Tabernacle Choir sang the anthem commencing "How beautiful upon the mountains."

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON presented the names of the following brethren to go on missions to the Eastern States, in addition to those who have already been presented to the Conference:

John P. Barnard, Brigham City
Arich C. Brower, Richmond
Grandison Raymond, Kaysville
John W. Cooley, Grantsville
Jacob E. Terry, Rockville, Kane Co.
Agrippa Cooper, Oxford, Cache Co.
William G. Nelson, Oxford, Cache Co.
Bishop John B. Fairbanks, Payson
Zachariah B. Decker, Sen., Parowan
Daniel McRae, 11th ward
Moroni Reese, 17th ward
Wellington Seeley, Mount Pleasant
W. W. Sterrett, Rich Co.
Nathan Tanner, 14th ward
William H. Walton, Bountiful
Hosiah Kilburn, Bountiful

The following brethren were also presented to the Conference as being called to go on missions to the Sandwich Islands:

James Hawkins, William King,
Harvey H. Cluff.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON presented the Authorities of the Church for the approval or disapproval of the Saints, as follows:

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, George A. Smith his first, and Daniel H. Wells his second counselor.

Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt,

sen., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, jun., Joseph F. Smith, and Albert Carrington, members of the said Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church.
John W. Young, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace and John T. Caine his counselors.

William Eddington, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, Wm. H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thomas E. Jeremy, George W. Thatcher, Charles S. Kimball, Joseph L. Barfoot, Samuel W. Richards, Nathaniel H. Felt, John H. Rumell, Miner G. Atwood, Hampton S. Beattie, Wm. Thorn, Dimick B. Huntington, and Theodore McKean, 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 Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates, and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

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

Benjamin L. Peart, President of the Elders' Quorum, Edward Davis and Abinadi Pratt, his counselors.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum; Robert Price and Wm. McLaughlin, his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Henry I. Doremus and Martin Lenzi, his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacons' Quorum; Peter Johnson and Chas. S. Cram his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Truman O. Angell, Architect for the Church.

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigration Fund to gather the poor; George A. Smith, Daniel H. Wells, and Edward Hunter his assistants for said fund.

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

The votes in favor of sustaining the Authorities were unanimous.

Friday, 2 p.m.

Elder FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS said that the responsibilities are increasing upon all who profess to be Latter-day Saints. The burden of carrying forward this great work rests upon the shoulders of all, but comparatively few realized it; yet the time seems drawing near when all will have to be alive to the carrying out of those measures which have been introduced, and which are so necessary for the welfare of the Kingdom of God. Those who cannot see the benefits to be derived from carrying out faithfully the system of Co-operation are indeed blind. We have already been told by President Young that during the few months that the system has been in operation some \$600,000 have been saved to the Territory. Not only are the pecuniary benefits arising from it considerable, but if we adhere to this system, we will have the satisfaction of attending to our own concerns ourselves. An illustrious visitor to this city, declared, a short time since, that the very best policy we could adopt would be to invite outside capital in order to develop the resources of our Territory. This would be the most suicidal policy that could be adopted by us. The Lord has commanded His servant to build up Zion, and unite His people together. The Saints are increasing in faith and good works, but there is great room for improvement yet. May we continually increase in unity and every good and vital principle of the gospel. Amen.

President GEO. A. SMITH addressed the Conference. I have rejoiced in hearing the instructions given by those who have spoken, for they show that the elders are growing in wisdom. I am glad that we are about to send forth so many experienced elders to preach the gospel to the inhabitants of our own country. Ever since I became acquainted with the gospel I have neglected no opportunity of bearing testimony to its truth. I know that the Prophet Joseph rejoiced that the law of Celestial Marriage was introduced in such a way that all the powers of earth and hell could not destroy it. The agent of a Bible Society asked me some time since, whether we circulated the Bible in our Territory. I answered certainly, for that Book supports the

principles inculcated in our faith, especially the doctrine of plural marriage. There are some passages in the scriptures that monogamists use as arguments against polygamy. In the writings of the Apostle Paul it is stated that "a bishop should be the husband of one wife." It seems that the only inference that can be drawn from this passage is, that a bishop ought to be a married man. These men who are held up in the scriptures as patterns of excellence and godliness were polygamists; of this Jacob is a striking instance. When Jesus was on the earth he denounced fornication, adultery and all other vices, but never said one word condemnatory of a plurality of wives. He said He had not come to destroy, but to fulfil the law; and that law to which He had reference not only recognized, but under some circumstances, commands a plurality of wives. The ancient prophets of God, were commissioned of the Almighty to go forth and warn the people of their iniquities, and were told if they should neglect to do so, the curse of the Lord would rest upon them. They denounced all manner of crimes, but although the men in that day were living with a plurality of wives, no word escaped them derogatory of the practice of that order. Had polygamy been a crime, they would have been under condemnation for not denouncing it. Abraham is called the "father of the faithful," and many of the Christians speak of going to Abraham's bosom; yet he was a polygamist. All Christians expect to go into the New Jerusalem, and if they ever do go there, they will find twelve gates, and on those gates the names of the twelve sons of the four wives of Jacob. No monogamist will want to go in there; and this being the case, how can a monogmist ever get there? And, further, men or women who lift their voice against this principle, under the government of God, will never get into that city. May God help us to gain admittance there, is my prayer. Amen.

Meeting adjourned till ten a.m. to-morrow.

The choir, joined by the congregation, sang the hymn on page 325, commencing "Praise to the Man who communed with Jehovah."

Prayer by Bishop Lorenzo D. Young.

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by President Young.

Bro. Fishburn's Choir sang the hymn on page 218, "An Angel from on high."

The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page 124, "With all my powers of heart and tongue."

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON addressed the Conference on the subject of Celestial Marriage. A full report of his discourse will shortly appear in the NEWS.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then presented the names of the following brethren to go on missions to the Eastern States.

David Nelson, Ogden.
James H. Nelson, "
Orrawell Simons, Payson.
Warren Tinney, "
Nelson Hollinshead, Parowan.
Albert Lutz, 12th ward.
Joseph Eldredge, 16th ward.

The name of E. M. Caste was presented to the Conference, as having been called to go on a mission to Sweden. These brethren were unanimously sustained by the Conference.

PRESIDENT YOUNG made some brief remarks in relation to the 109th section of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, showing how it was introduced there by Oliver Cowdery, against the wish of the Prophet Joseph. His remarks will be published in full.

Conference adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m., Oct. 10.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. George A. Smith. The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page 28, "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform."

Prayer by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on page 209, "Come O thou king of kings."

Short and interesting addresses were delivered by Elders B. Young, Junr., Jos. F. Smith and Erastus Snow.

President GEO. A. SMITH addressed the Conference. The course we pursue is calculated to empty all the money out of our pockets. We import nearly everything and export nothing. We should be alive to this matter. Is there anything we can raise and export? We could raise fine horses and cattle and send them abroad. We could make leather and clothe our feet. We can import sheep and take care of those we have to supply our cloth factories with wool. Our home-made cloth is warm,

comfortable and fine looking. Instead of cheese being brought here from abroad, measures for the manufacture of that article should be adopted in each ward. Let this sentiment be scattered to each city and settlement in the Territory. About thirty-seven or thirty-eight years ago the Lord said to his people, "Let the beauty of your garments be the workmanship of your own hands." We should follow the advice and example of the man whom God has given to us to be a great leader. We have been prospered and blessed exceedingly; it has been the result of the course we have been led into by the Lord through his servant Brigham. God grant that we may be able to keep our covenants. Amen.

Conference then adjourned till two p.m.

The Tabernacle choir sang the hymn on page 66, "I'll praise my Maker."

Prayer by Elder John T. Caine.

2 P.M.

Conference was called to order by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

The Tabernacle choir sang the hymn on page 143, "Oh my Father, thou that dwellest."

Prayer by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the congregation.

President BRIGHAM YOUNG delivered an instructive and interesting discourse upon the nature and duties pertaining to the office of a Bishop, the nature and effects of the Holy Priesthood, home manufacture, co-operation and kindred subjects of importance. The discourse will appear in the columns of the NEWS within a few days.

Brother Fishburn's Choir sang "Pray for the peace of Deseret."

President GEORGE A. SMITH addressed the Conference. The Book of Mormon has been translated into the Deseret Alphabet, and the first and second readers are published, suitable for those desirous of learning that Alphabet. It is desirable that the Bishops and others should interest themselves to disseminate a knowledge of those characters. A knowledge of them will result in much good to the present and to future generations.

Silk culture should receive more attention than it has hitherto. The Female Relief Societies would do well to plant out mulberry trees. The Bishops of each ward should see that sufficient broom corn is planted in their wards to supply all the brooms necessary for the use of the people. It is a shame to us that we should be so slow to adopt principles of true economy. Awake to this subject and take the wise counsels of our President. Those in favor of this will raise their right hands. (Here a forest of hands were raised heavenward.) May the Lord enable us to carry out our good resolutions. Amen.

President DANIEL H. WELLS spoke. The Prophet Joseph at one time published his views concerning government. He advised the abolishment of slavery and the remuneration of the slave owners for the pecuniary loss that would be incurred by the adoption of that policy. The experience of the United States has shown how much misery the nation would have been spared had the advice of the Prophet been taken. This is the case in many instances with ourselves. We often cannot see what would be for our best good until we learn it by bitter experience. We are apt to take our own way in preference to the way pointed out by the Lord through His servants. May God enable us to carry out every righteous principle, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON presented the names of the following brethren to the Conference, they having been called to go on missions:

John Loveless, Payson
Charles H. Oliphant, Eagleville
Thomas R. King, Fillmore
Joseph V. Robinson, Fillmore
Jesse Taylor Jackson, Nephi
Peter C. Wood, Bountiful
Henry Nisonger, Santaquin
Jacob Houtz, Sen., Springville
Hiram Mace, Fillmore

On motion of President Young it was resolved that Conference adjourn until the 6th day of next April at this place.

The Tabernacle choir, joined by the congregation, sang the hymn on page 268, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning."

Benediction by President George A. Smith.

JOHN NICHOLSON,

Clerk of Conference.