

that the necessity of attending the first meetings of the conference is not sufficiently impressed upon the people by their teachers. In many Stakes one-third the size of this, a much better showing is made in the first conference meeting than here today. A little forethought would prevent the wards from being without representation. Ward officers should not depend upon receiving official instruction second hand.

The dark financial clouds resting upon the people now can be removed only by living up to the laws of God and ceasing to squander means. Many, however, whose lives are considered failures by men, are successes in the eyes of God. The breaking of the Word of Wisdom alone entails a tremendous loss upon the people. Tea, coffee, tobacco and beer cost the people of this Territory about a million dollars each year, an equivalent of the whole amount of wheat raised here.

Elder Grant commended the liberality of the people in the erection of the Temple, and suggested that if their hearts are in the work named this morning they would be able to make up the deficiency. The concentration of affection upon worldly things is destroying the spirit of the Gospel in the hearts of many. It frequently happens that an increase of income results in a seeming inability to keep pace with the increase in the payment of tithing.

Notwithstanding diversity of talent, every man is able to keep all the commandments of God, and this is all He requires. Hence, none should repine over the lack of talent.

It is estimated that every dollar put in circulation does twenty dollars' worth of work each year; and if the million dollars sent out of the Territory yearly were kept at home, it would cancel nearly the whole indebtedness of the people.

Striking illustrations of the squandering of means in other directions were made to impress upon the minds of the people the necessity of keeping money at home.

Learning by the things they suffer, the Saints will see how to use their means for the advancement of the work of God. But it is better to use it without the bitter lesson, for thus many will be led to reflect upon the reason for the sacrifice, and to emulate the example.

Elder A. H. Cannon referred to the care of the poor, urging those who are able to do so, to leave the city and make homes in the country, where land may be procured at the government price. Self-dependent effort is all that is required. Thrifty co-operation of husband and wife will accomplish wonders in this direction. The speaker would not, however, advise those who possess homes here to sell them, but they should retain their possessions, which will become very valuable in the near future.

Determination to go forward and not to retreat will bring about the victory of the work.

Elder Angus M. Cannon commended the movement to acquire a part of the public domain through homestead entry; even the feeble may do this through residence. He also spoke in commendation of the effort being made to gather a library for the Temple.

The choir sang the anthem "Jerusalem, my glorious home."

Conference adjourned to meet in the Tabernacle tomorrow at 10 a. m. Benediction by Elder S. A. Woolley.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Choir and congregation sang:

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

Prayer was offered by Elder Samuel B. Biteman.

Singing by the choir:

"Lo, the mighty God appearing"

Statistical and financial reports of various Stake organizations and of the Stake itself were read. The Stake report shows:

The statistical report of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, for the six months ending June 30th, 1894, shows as follows:

First Presidency, 3; Apostles, 4; Patriarchs, 17; Seventies, 1,355; High Priests, 489; Elders, 2,420; Priests, 540; Teachers, 433; Deacons, 1,752; members, 18,323; total officers and members, 25,386; children under 8 years, 8,123; total of souls, 33,509. Total increase, 1,574; total decrease, 1,300; net increase, 274. Families, 6,495. Individuals drawing support, 2,616.

The following statement of Fast offerings and charity accounts, showing receipts and disbursements to the worthy poor for the six months ending June 30th, 1894, was read.

Receipts. Balance on hand January 1st, 1894, \$2,979.57; from Fast offerings, \$4,735.29; from Relief Society, \$2,714.10; from other sources, \$765.29; from Bishop's General Storehouse, \$14,004.60; total receipts, \$25,198.85. Disbursements. Disbursed to the poor, \$22,598.48; balance on hand, \$2,600.37; total, \$25,198.85; number of poor drawing support, 2,616.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor spoke deprecatingly of the fact that many persons moving from one ward to another neglect to take notes of standing. It is an inexcusable neglect. He also referred to the paucity of fast offerings; these should be the main source of support for the poor. The advisability of the needy being assisted to means of self-support was emphasized. The idea that Salt Lake City constitutes Zion should be discouraged; unoccupied lands in all parts of the Territory may be made component parts of Zion.

Elder C. W. Penrose. To be a Saint in truth requires constant exertion, both in doing and in hearing the Word of God. Neglect in attending to meetings would not be so manifest if the teachers would do their duty properly. Their visiting from house to house and their exhortation of the people are not attended to with sufficient system and faithfulness. Even the highest officers of the Church should be instructed regarding their duties as members.

The best proof of love for neighbors is shown in administering to their wants. The people should learn thrift, looking to the future and providing for it.

The regulation established by the authorities of the Church appointing the first Thursday in the month a Fast day also includes the donation of a sufficient amount for the benefit of the poor. Greater diligence in this matter

would relieve the general tithing fund of this responsibility of supporting the poor. By attention to this matter the people will place themselves in touch with God and bring His blessings upon them and their posterity.

Elder Angus M. Cannon regretted the absence of some officers of the Stake from the conference. These men have received their offices for the glory of God, not their own. They are servants of God, and should do their service well. Their dishonor of God's work will cause Him to dishonor them.

Proper control of appetites and the kind relief of the poor were advised. The fact that three times as much is given to the poor from the tithing fund as is received from fast offerings is most unfortunate.

Men as the heads of families, Bishops, etc., as the heads of their organizations, must be diligent and faithful as mouthpieces of God thereto, in order to be worthy of their positions.

The choir sang the anthem, "Let the mountains shout for joy." Benediction was pronounced by Elder Orson F. Whitney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir:

He died, the great Redeemer died.

After prayer by Elder Wm. C. Dunbar, the choir sang the anthem,

Worthy the Lamb that was slain.

The sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth wards.

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Stake Presidency—Angus M. Cannon, president; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Eddington, Theodore McKean, George W. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Anders W. Winberg, John T. Caine, James P. Freeze, Milando Pratt, Henry P. Richards, Elias A. Smith, Joseph D. C. Young, John Nicholson.

Alternate High Councilors—John Clark, David L. Davis, Orson A. Woolley, William W. Riter, Edward Snelgrove, John Kirkman, Frank H. Hyde, Spencer Clawson.

Presidency of High Priests' Quorum—Elias Morris, president; George B. Wallace and Wm. C. Dunbar, counselors.

Patriarchs—Lorenzo D. Young, Wm. J. Smith, Wm. Draper, Joseph C. Kinsbury, Alonzo H. Raleigh, Washington Lemon, Joseph Horne, Joseph Harker, Archibald N. Hill, Samuel Friday, William H. Walker and Ezekiel Holman.

Clerk of the Stake and of the High Council—James D. Stirling.

Reporter—Willard Done.

Board of Education—Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, David McKenzie, J. M. Sjodhal, William W. Riter, Richard K. Thomas.

Relief Societies—Mary Isabella Horne, president; Elmina S. Taylor and Helen M. Whitney, counselors.

Young Men's M. I. Association—