

James A. Allred offered the dedicatory prayer.

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UTAH STAKE CONEERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Utah Stake was held on Saturday. Elder David John of the Stake presidency opened the conference with a few timely remarks.

He was followed by several ward bishops who had encouraging reports to offer concerning their respective wards.

On Saturday afternoon the conference was addressed by the three patriarchs, Elders John Brown, George Halliday and J. P. R. Johnson.

On Sunday morning Elders Heber J. Grant and Abraham H. Cannon, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, were in attendance. Elder Cannon was the first speaker. He referred to the departure of the Saints from old and honored customs. In his youth, the speaker had looked upon the President of the Church as one who stood between God and His people, and he had felt greatly favored in being in the presence of the President or his immediate associates. It was formerly customary for the Saints to consult the President on what would now be considered the most trivial affairs. There has been a departure in these matters. For a few years prior to the present depression, an era of extravagance existed among the Saints, contrary to the advice and admonition of the Priesthood. What has been the result? Reference was further made by the speaker to the recent railway troubles as a warning of what is to follow. The Saints have been told that they are to be cut off from communication with the world. These matters were mentioned in the hope that there might be a return to the old time custom of confiding in the Priesthood and seeking the advice of those in authority. One brother had advanced as an argument against seeking the counsel of one in authority, that he was in the habit of relating to his family the secrets confided to him by his brethren. This was wrong. Those holding positions in the Priesthood had no right to reveal what had been confided to them by their brethren to any one, save it be their superiors in authority and for the purpose of getting further advice. The speaker spoke of the responsible position to be occupied by the people of Zion in the nation when the destruction of the last days shall come, and urged the Saints to prepare themselves for the great mission that lay before them.

Elder Grant addressed the congregation. He dwelt on financial theme. Two instances were related. In the one case the speaker, in connection with Apostles Moses Thatcher and F. M. Lyman, had canvassed the Territory armed with a circular letter from the Presidency of the Church asking the Saints to subscribe of their means for the advancement of the kingdom of God. After canvassing the Territory from one end to the other, only half of the amount required was obtained.

In the other case there was no circular from the Presidency of the Church, but the prospects of a good

dividend were good. The amount wanted was \$200,000, but \$500,000 was obtained without going out of Salt Lake city. "They thought they were going to make money out of it, but the financial panic fooled them, and they have not done it." Reference was made by Elder Cannon that riches would come to Utah. The said he believed this, every word of it, but it was not necessary to wait for it to come; it was right here; \$100,000 was sent out of the Territory every month for tobacco, beer, tea and coffee and sugar to sweeten it with. Other statistics were given, and the people were most strongly urged to be patriotic in raising and manufacturing all they needed instead of sending out millions of dollars every year for imported articles. The evils of individual indebtedness and bonded municipal, county, territorial and school district indebtedness were touched upon.

The Word of Wisdom was emphasized. An instance of a lady in Sanpete was related. She was very sick and sent to Salt Lake for a doctor. He came and his prescription was that she quit using tea and coffee, and he charged her \$350. The speaker would have given her the same prescription for nothing, but some people did not want anything unless they paid a good price for it.

On Sunday afternoon the Stake clerk read the statistics of the stake. There are in the Stake 15,444 members of the Church and 6,342 children under eight years of age.

The General and Stake authorities were sustained by the Saints.

Elder Heber J. Grant resumed his address by expressing a hope that the remarks made in the forenoon and to be made in the afternoon might be beneficial even if not very pleasant.

The medicine of the sick man is rarely palatable. The financial theme was continued. A story was related illustrating the number of debts which could be cancelled by spending money for home manufactured articles, and so keeping money at home and in circulation. The speaker supplemented his remarks by urging his auditors to put into practice the teachings of the Sabbath day. They should not be narrow minded and prejudiced—"don't look through a shotgun barrel." Politics was treated by the speaker. There was too much prejudice by Republicans against Democrats and Democrats against Republicans. The Saints should get to the position that because a man does not agree with them politically is no reason why he is not perfectly honest and sincere. The speaker agreed with Henry Waterson; there were too many Democrats, and too many Republicans, and not enough Americans.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon thought that while we were overcoming our political narrowness, we should at the same time endeavor to modify our religious views. He did not mean to say we should not look after our own first, but that our hearts should be softened towards those who are not of us. He believed there are men against whom the officers of the Church have inflicted harsh judgment, who will yet stand in higher places than those same officers. As for those who a few years ago so bitterly persecuted us, the speaker believed some of those men

were as sincere as we have been in our religion. God will yet touch the hearts of many of them and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. The speaker believed that all of the human race, except the sons of perdition, will eventually receive salvation. Even those who repent on the death bed—who have such repentance as is only given through God—will gain salvation. True, they will have to atone for the wrongs they have done. It is the duty of the Saints, not only to labor for their own salvation, but to search out the grains of gold from the sands of the earth. Let judgment be left in the hands of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The superintendents and teachers of the Sunday schools of this Stake met in Union meeting Monday evening, July 16th, in the Fourteenth ward assembly hall. Assistant Superintendent R. S. Horne presided.

The excellent musical exercises were rendered by the Sugar House Sunday school choir, led by Brother Arthur Castleton.

Opening prayer was offered by Assistant Superintendent Henry Cox, of Sugar House.

About half the city schools were represented, also the schools of Brighton, Sugar House, Forest Dale, south district of Big Cottonwood and the Deaf Mutes.

Elder George R. Emery, one of the teachers of the Sixteenth ward theological class, addressed the meeting on theological class work. He began by stating that it had been their greatest study to get all the members of the class interested, otherwise they felt that the work would be but half done, however good the lesson might be made.

His class was at present studying the first part of Roberts's "Outlines of Ecclesiastical History." The usual practice was to call upon all the members in the order that their names appeared upon the class roll book, and assign to each one a topic of the chapter under discussion, a chapter sometimes making several lessons. If the member did not feel confident to address the class extemporaneously upon the topic assigned, he was expected to stand up and read from the text book his part of the lesson. Opportunity was given to the class, after the remarks of each speaker, to add anything that would throw further light upon the subject.

Brother Emery then conducted what might be termed a model Sunday school lesson, calling upon members of his class to present the eighth section of the first part of Roberts's work, the subject being well presented, and in an intelligent and interesting manner, by the students, in the same manner as is done every Sunday morning in the class.

Miss Ida Bowman was the first speaker from the class, who gave a very lucid description of the "Conditions of salvation," as taught by the Savior and His Apostles, sustaining her position by Scripture reference and quotations.

Brother John Perkins gave a brief description of "The Church" as it was organized by the Savior and His Apostles.