

power and glory in doing the will of the Father. So the Apostles who succeeded Christ were to tarry at Jerusalem until they should be endowed with the power of the Holy Ghost, which should lead them into the obedient course that Jesus followed. The faithful ones of this dispensation, who stood unmoved in the midst of persecution and apostasy, had merited and received recognition as the worthy representatives of God to men. Such individuals stood firm and steadfast upon the perfect foundation laid by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Taylor recommended that the young people who were under the infidel tendencies of modern scientific teaching, should be patiently instructed in the harmony of true science with the Gospel of Christ, that all harm be kept from them. He also suggested that all amusements be engaged in under the proper influence, and wherever possible under the direct control of the Priesthood. The circular promulgated by President Taylor during his life with reference to dancing was referred to as still in force, and, if conformed to, it would be much to counteract the insidious influences now tending to the destruction of the virtue of the young. They who preserved themselves from such influences and sins would find their reward in the constant and increasing power of God resting upon them.

The tendency toward litigation between brethren was deprecated, and the advice given that, wherever possible, the courts of the Church be appealed to for the settlement of difficulties before they should grow to be too serious for easy adjudication. Dependence upon the ministrations of the Priesthood in cases of sickness, and the gaining of power over the spirits of evil, by fasting and prayer, were strongly commended. The speaker closed with an earnest appeal for harmony and unity.

Elder C. W. Penrose testified to the truth of the instructions given during conference, and expressed his regret that they had not been heard by a greater number of people. He spoke of the work of the evil one and his associate spirits, as producing doubt, infidelity, and rebellion in the minds of men. While tendency of modern thought seemed to be in the direction of unbelief in the reality of the existence of spirits and of God, the speaker testified of the reality of these existences, and the creation of men in the image of God. The reality and the power of Satan in the earth were referred to, and the Saints warned against giving way to the influence exerted by the spirits of evil. Submission to the direction of God and His servants and proper respect for the Priesthood would keep men in the path of right, and shield them from the insidious temptations which would seek to overthrow them. The order of the Priesthood was shown and the benefits derived from conformity to that order were portrayed. In conclusion, the speaker testified to the ultimate triumph of God's work and the establishment of His kingdom. Adjourned until Saturday, June 12, at 10 p. m.

The choir sang the anthem:

The nations bow to Satan's thrall

Benediction by Elder Elias Morris.

SAN JUAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held in the Bluff ward meeting house Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21.

After the usual opening exercises President F. A. Hammond welcomed the visiting brethren to our conference and requested the Saints to extend every hospitality to them as they had come a distance of ninety miles through mud and snow; he regretted that some of our leading brethren were not with us and even Moab and Monticello wards were not represented on account of deep snows. Exhorted the Saints to live in harmony with with themselves and the leading authorities; desired that the heads of families see that the several members of the family take part in family prayers.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up in hearing reports from the several wards which were listened to with marked attention. Spiritually the Saints were improving but owing to the protracted drouth crops had failed almost entirely in some places; in others very light crops were gathered and many were short of breadstuff, seed, etc. The different organizations were all in good order and well attended.

Saturday at 2 p. m. Elder Wm. Hall, of the Stake presidency addressed the Saints on the principle of sustaining home industries; encouraged the starting of a tannery where we have such an abundance of the now famous canigre root; told of the advantages Mancos, Colo., had for home seekers—plenty of good land and water.

Elder P. D. Lyman, of the Stake presidency, spoke principally to the young. He deplored the manner that many of our young men had to labor, (on the cow range part of the time) in the worst kind of company; noted how much more favorable our girls were looked after; exhorted the Saints to be temperate in their living.

At 7 p. m., Priesthood meeting. The time was taken up in general instructions to the brethren in their callings.

Sunday, 10 a. m. The time was given to the ward Sabbath school. It being one of the meetings of the conference. The brethren without a single exception and a good number of the mothers attend the Sabbath school at Bluff, when at home. It is claimed that no other ward has a better record in this regard.

Sunday, 2 p. m. After singing and prayer, the Sacrament was administered, general and Stake authorities presented and sustained, then the subjects of tithing, preparing for famine, word of wisdom, and other timely topics were dwelt upon and listened to with a desire to be benefited.

The Y. M. and Y. L. associations, Primary and Relief Societies each held a meeting. A manifest improvement was noticed and freely spoken of in them.

A Stake board of education was organized, consisting of F. A. Hammond, Wm. Hall, P. D. Lyman, F. L. Jones, Jerry Hatch, Geo. Hall, with Lewis Burham, L. H. Redd and Secretary Hyrum Taylor as general superintendent and A. P.

Sorensen and D. J. Rogers as his assistants.

We have had a warm, wet winter. Stock of all kinds have wintered well. Lots of snow in the mountains. The cattle and husbandman each feel that their day is coming, which will be much appreciated.

Conference adjourned for three months.

L. H. REDD,
Assistant Stake Clerk.

TEMPLE NOTICES.

The Salt Lake Temple will close on Friday, April 2nd, and reopen on Wednesday, April 7th. In order to accommodate the visiting Saints from the districts outside of Salt Lake Stake, the opening day (April 7th) will be devoted to the performance of baptisms. The higher ordinances will be attended to on Thursday and Friday following (April 8th and 9th.)

LORENZO SNOW, President.

MANTI TEMPLE

Will close on Friday, April 2nd, and reopen on Monday, April 12th, 1897.

JOHN D. T. MCALLISTER,
President.

ST. GEORGE TEMPLE

St. GEORGE, Utah, March 10, 1897.—The St. George Temple will close on Friday, March 28th, 1897, and re-open on Tuesday, April 27th.

DAVID H. CANNON,
President.

A CARRIED EVERYONE WITH HIM.

D. H. Wells Jr., a nephew of Governor Wells, who for the past year has been a student of the Cornell university, gave a good account of himself recently in a discussion that took place between his school and the University of Pennsylvania.

The subject of debate was:

Resolved, That the United States and the several states should establish courts of compulsory adjustment of disputes between employes and private corporations which possess franchises of a public nature.

The Cornell Daily in its issue of March 8th has this to say of the debate:

Wells was a treasure house of argument. His eloquent pleas carried every one with him, and his second speech, the closing one for the negative, will long be remembered by those who heard it. He summed up each line of thought briefly and then launched out into a purely extemporaneous peroration, the most eloquent of the evening. It was crammed with thought and the words came in a torrent. The applause which followed lasted several minutes.

Wells closed the debate for the negative by advocating sensible and business-like settlement of disputes rather than compulsory ones. The speech was memorable for the speaker's wealth of extempore thought, glowing diction, enthusiasm, and for the eloquence of the whole plea.

Scott, as he is familiarly called, has a whole host of friends in Salt Lake who will be pleased to learn of his success. He lately attained his majority.