

## SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference and monthly Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall, this city, today at 10 a. m., President Angus M. Cannon, assisted by his counselors, Joseph E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose, presiding.

The Stake roll was called, showing as follows: Six High Councilors, four Patriarchs, Elders Elias Morris, George B. Wallace and William C. Dunbar of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, seven presidents of Seventy, and twelve home missionaries. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Sixth, Thirteenth, Seventeenth, Twenty-third and Cannon of the city; the Mountain Dell, East Jordan, and Hunter of the country wards. The Elders were represented by their presiding officers from the Second, Third, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth quorums. The Lesser Priesthood was represented by members from the First, Fifth, Sixth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-first city wards, and Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, Union, Granite and Sandy of the country.

The Stake Presidency of the Relief Societies, and the Stake Superintendency of the Sunday Schools, the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, the Primary Associations, and the Kindergarten Associations, responded to the roll call.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

On the mountain's top appearing,  
Lo, the sacred herald stands.

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

Singing, choir and congregation:

Come, come ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,  
But with joy wend your way.

On the recommendation of their Bishops eighteen brethren received certificates authorizing their ordination to the office of Elder.

Reports were made of the Sabbath schools by Elder Thomas C. Griggs; Y. M. M. I. A. by letter from Elder Joseph H. Felt; Relief Societies by Sister M. I. Horne; Y. L. M. I. A. by Sister Mary Freeze; Primary associations by Sister Camilla Cobb, successor to Sister Ellen C. Clawson, deceased; Kindergarten association by Sister Georgiana F. Young.

These organizations were reported as in generally good condition, special mention being made of the opening of a Sunday school at Bingham, with Elder James W. Ure as superintendent.

Elder Karl G. Maeser spoke upon the subject of the Kindergarten work, emphasizing its importance. He predicted that this feature of education would soon be recognized as of prime importance. He would very much regret to see people of other denominations take the lead of the Latter-day Saints in establishing and sustaining such schools. Children who had thus been trained would make much greater progress in subsequent studies, on account of the training of the mental

and spiritual powers there received. He recommended the labor of the officers of the various wards in the direction of educating the parents to a full appreciation of this work. The movement could not succeed without their co-operation.

Elder Charles W. Penrose expressed his interest in the kindergarten work. He urged the appointment of two suitable young ladies from each ward to attend the meeting at the Constitution building on Friday at 8 p. m., to gain an understanding of the work to be done. This work would be distinct from that of the Primary associations, and would not interfere with that labor. He spoke of the advantage to be derived from impressing the principles of the Gospel upon the minds of the young children, through the entertainment and training provided in the kindergarten. Such early impressions would be vivid and lasting.

Elder Penrose spoke of the duties of the Priests to visit from house to house, and teach the people in faithfulness and kindness, with the assistance of the Teachers. He recommended that these laborers assist in creating an interest in the kindergarten and other good movements.

He reported an excellent attendance, and larger offerings than usual at the fast meetings on Sunday last; commended the change of the fast day to Sunday, and gave some instructions with reference to the administration of the Sacrament in the fast meetings. He spoke in praise of the general faithfulness and goodness of the Saints of the Stake, and urged them to the performance of all good labors, especially recommending the work for the dead.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor announced the Relief Society conference for Saturday, December 19, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., in the Fourteenth ward hall, and the Primary association conference in the Assembly Hall on the same day at 10 a. m. He called upon the Bishops of the wards, and each promised to assist in arousing an interest in the kindergarten work by making suitable appointments of young ladies for the meeting above referred to.

The choir sang the hymn,

Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder John T. Caine, and the conference adjourned to 2 p. m., with meetings appointed for tomorrow at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The Salt Lake Stake conference which began Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, was continued in the afternoon at 2 and on Sunday at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

Prayer by Elder A. W. Winberg.

The choir sang:

Come all ye sons of Zion  
And let us praise the Lord.

Elder James Mallin, president of the First quorum of Elders, and Elder James W. Ure, president of the Fifth quorum, represented their respective quorums. While the attendance was not all that could be desired, many of those who had coveted to attend the meetings not doing so, active measures were being taken to make

the meetings profitable, and to induce the brethren to be present. Notwithstanding the negligence of some, the majority seemed to be alive to their duties. Elder Ure also reported his Sunday school work in Bingham canyon. The two branches of that Sunday school were reported in successful operation, great interest being taken in them by the sisters especially.

Bishop Bills of South Jordan ward addressed the conference, giving a history of the commencement of the work in Bingham. The request for religious work had come from the people of Bingham, and in response to this, Elders were sent from South Jordan until the matter was taken in hand by the officers of the Stake. He reported the South Jordan ward in good order, with all its organizations intact.

Elder John Smith, Patriarch to the Church, was the next speaker. He bore testimony to the truth of the work, and promised the blessings of the Lord in response to faith and diligence. God would always be found ready to guide His people in perplexity and doubt, if they would always heed the monition within, and remain true to their covenants. He commended the work done in the Elders' quorums for its value in preparing young men for active duties, and advised the young people not to be backward in asking questions.

Elder Angus M. Cannon spoke on the subject of the kindergarten work, stating that the object of the active work now being taken up was to induce members to join the association and give it thorough support. The evil one would do all in his power to gain the hearts of the children of the Latter-day Saints. Contact with the opposing influence would do much to draw even older ones away from the pure faith of God; the young were in much greater danger. He who placed himself and his in such danger, was sinning not only against himself but against the sacrifice of Christ and labor of His servants.

Much greater evil would follow the friendly intercourse between the people of God and those not under the covenant, than many seemed to think. He urged the Saints to faithfulness in the work, advising them to give way as little as possible to their weaknesses. He spoke against the tendency to ill-sorted marriages, advising singleness in preference to such alliances. Gathered out from the wickedness of the world, the Saints should see to it that they do not make this gathering of no effect, by giving way to the evils they intended to escape.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor followed in exhortation to strict integrity to the work of God. Those who had accepted the responsibilities of important positions should see to it that these responsibilities were not neglected or underestimated. He urged the Bishops to diligence and faithfulness in acting as fathers to their wards and the various organizations therein. Proper consideration should be given to the members of organizations and to their needs, no attempt being made to apply the same treatment to all. The speaker urged care and diligence upon parents performing their duties to their children,