

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, convened in the Boreary adjoining the north end of the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, and commencing Sunday, April 6, 1856, at 10 a. m.

President Brigham Young presiding. On the stand, Presidents B. Young, H. C. Kimball, J. M. Grant.

Of the Twelve Apostles: P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, G. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, A. Lyman, L. Snow, E. Snow.

Seventies: Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, A. P. Rockwood, H. S. Eldredge.

High Priests' Quorum: David Pettegrew. Presiding Bishop: Edward Hunter. Patriarch: Isaac Morley.

Presidency of the Stake: David Fullmer, Thomas Rhoads, P. H. Young. Clerk of Conference: Thomas Bullock.

Reporters: Geo. D. Watt, John V. Long. Choir sung a hymn.

Called to order by Pres. Kimball, who requested the congregation to close up, keep order, and be as quiet as possible, that all may hear. Our religion comprehends every thing on the earth, therefore let us be Saints, for to us this is the very gate to heaven.

A hymn was read by the clerk; sung by the choir. Prayer by Pres. J. M. Grant. Singing by the choir.

Pres. B. Young exhorted the saints to keep profound silence, and told the doorkeepers to stop driving away those children who come early in order to get a seat in which to hear and worship comfortably.

Rider George A. Smith addressed the congregation, saying it is enough to try the lungs of a giant to speak to this immense congregation. Alluded to the church on the 6th of April, 1830, when it was organized with six members, and now those few have increased to a great and mighty people.

Referred to the first cause which produced the exterminating order of Governor Boggs in Missouri. Exhorted the people to make good fences, to save forage, and provide comfortable shelter for cattle in winter, and spoke upon other matters of policy. Compared the blessings of health we enjoy with the sickness in Illinois and Missouri.

Names of 177 persons, called to go on missions, were read. Pres. Kimball notified those whose names were read to come to the Tabernacle at 5 o'clock this evening, that they may receive their blessings and make arrangements for starting.

Choir sung, "O my Father, thou that dwellest." Benediction by Elder W. Woodruff. April 6, 2 p.m.

Called to order by Pres. Kimball. A hymn, by Bernard Snow, was read; sung by the choir. Prayer by Pres. Joseph Young.

Choir sung a hymn. Elder Orson Pratt asked a blessing on the sacramental emblems, and preached to the assembled thousands. Names of 70 persons, selected to go on missions, were read.

Choir sung an anthem. Benediction by Lorenzo Snow. 5 p.m.

115 missionaries received their blessings under the hands of Elders P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, G. A. Smith, W. Woodruff, L. Snow and E. Snow. April 7, 9 a.m.

Showery. Meeting in the Tabernacle. Called to order by Pres. Kimball. Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff. Choir sung, "Come all ye saints who dwell on earth."

Elder Parley P. Pratt addressed the congregation alluded to the spirit of prophecy manifested yesterday; referred to the time when he first saw the Book of Mormon and received the priesthood, and contrasted that period with some of the results at this time, the eleventh hour of the last dispensation.

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke upon the close times we are passing through, and exhorted the saints to be faithful and exercise wisdom. Elder Thomas Bullock read the "Act incorporating the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society;" also the bye-laws of said Society.

Elders John Hyde and John B. Brown were voted to take missions to the Sandwich Isles, and James P. Cleary to New Jersey. Henry Moon was voted to be bishop of the 1st ward in G. S. L. City.

Jacob Weilar was voted to be bishop of the 3rd ward. Leonard W. Hardy, " " 12th " Frederick Kessler, " " 16th " Alonzo H. Raleigh, " " 19th "

Called for persons who are willing to turn in property to help the P. E. Fund. Choir sung, "Oh Lord, thy people bless," &c. Benediction by J. M. Grant. 2 p.m.

The band played "Hail Columbia," and a march by St. aus. Congregation called to order by Pres. Grant. Choir sung, "Bring forth the royal diadem."

Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff. Choir sung, "Praise the Lord, all ye nations." Elder Woodruff treated upon the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Convention, the Constitution of the State of Deseret was read by Thomas Bullock, and presented by Pres. Grant, for approval or disapproval by the people, when it was unanimously adopted by the vast host of electors present.

The Memorial asking for the admission of Utah into the Union was read by Elder Bullock, and on presentation by Pres. Grant was unanimously adopted.

Pres. Grant presented Geo. A. Smith and John Taylor, Delegates elected by the Convention, and their election was unanimously confirmed by the people.

Pres. Grant then presented the authorities of the Church as follows:— Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator; Heber Kimball, first counselor, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator;

Jedediah M. Grant, second counselor, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator. Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, members of said quorum.

John Smith (eldest son of Hyrum), Presiding Patriarch. John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum.

Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, Albert P. Rockwood, Benjamin L. Clapp, and H. S. Eldredge, Presiding Presidents over all the Seventies.

John Nebeker, President of the Elders' Quorum, James H. Smith and Aaron Seave his counselors. Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop of the whole Church.

Lewis Wight, President of the Priests' Quorum, George Dockstader and William Whiting his counselors. McGee Harris, President of the Teacher's Quorum, Adam Spiers and David Bowman his counselors.

Alexander Heron, President of the Deacons' Quorum, John S. Carpenter and Frederic A. Mitchell his counselors. Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Daniel H. Wells, Superintendent of Public Works. Truman O. Angel, Architect for the Church. Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund to gather the poor: H. C. Kimball, W. Woodruff

O Hyde, G. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, J. M. Grant, P. H. Wells, Edward Hunter, Daniel Spencer, Thomas Bullock, John Brown, William Crosby, A. Lyman, C. C. Rich, Lorenzo D. Young, P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, F. D. Richards, and Daniel McIntosh, his assistants, and agents for said fund.

David Fullmer, President of this Stake of Zion, Thomas Rhoads and P. H. Young his counselors. Heman Hyde, Eleazer Miller, Phinehas Richards, Levi Jackman, Ira Eldredge, John Vance, Edwin D. Woolley, John Parry, Winslow Farr, William Snow, Daniel Carn, and Ira Ames, members of the High Council.

George A. Smith, the Historian and General Church Recorder. Not one negative vote was given. Eight persons were voted to go on missions.

President Grant then related what is doing in England towards removing 10,000 persons from that country this season, and called on the people to aid the P. E. F. Company by all the means in their power, so that the company may increase their sphere of usefulness.

President Kimball spoke concerning the missionaries sent out at this conference, and exhorted the people to store their grain, for the time would come when people from the nations and States will come here to buy grain from us. No man, said he, has language with which to portray the troubles that are coming upon the world, and I know it is so.

Singing by the choir. Elder W. Willes sung, "Deseret the home of the free." Choir sung, "O my Father thou that dwellest." Benediction by Elder Willes. 5 p.m.

President Kimball said some of the missionaries may not have had their endowments, but opportunity will be given for their receiving them. The Apostles met in the Tabernacle, and blessed and set apart 83 persons to their missions. 6 p.m.

The High Priests met in the Council House. The Seventies held their quarterly conference in their Council Hall. Tuesday 8, 9 a.m.

Called to order by Pres. Kimball. Singing by the Choir. Prayer by Patriarch Isaac Morley. Singing by the Choir.

Elder Ezra T. Benson addressed the congregation. Singing by the Choir. Elder Orson Pratt spoke a short time upon the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Elder Patrick Lynch gave an interesting account of some of his experience while preaching in Ireland. Singing by the Choir. Conference adjourned to meet in the Tabernacle on the 6th of October next, at 10 a. m. Benediction by Patriarch John Smith. THOMAS BULLOCK, Clerk of Conference.

The Conference was numerously attended, and the customary harmony characterized its action. The list of the names of those appointed on missions was not presented in time for this number. —[Ed.]

A frightful majority of our middle class young men are growing up effeminate, empty of all knowledge but what tends directly to the making of a fortune; or, rather, to speak correctly, to the keeping up of fortunes which their fathers have made for them; how many women as well as men have we seen wearying their souls with study undirected, often misdirected; craving to learn, yet not knowing how or what to learn; cultivating with an unwholesome energy the head at the expense of the body and the heart; catching up, with the most capricious selfwill, one mania after another, and tossing it away again, for some new phantom; gorging the memory with facts which no one has taught them to arrange, and the reason with problems which they have no method of solving; till they put themselves into a chronic fever of the brain, which often urges them to plunge, as it were to cool the inward fire, into the ever restless sea of doubt and mischief. It is a sad picture. There are many who may read these whose hearts will tell them it is a true one.—What is wanted in these cases is a methodic and scientific habit of mind, and a class of objects on which to exercise that habit, which will fever neither the speculative intellect nor the moral sense; and those physical sciences will give as nothing else can give it.—Kingsley's "Gladius."

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR MARCH, 1856.

BY HENRY E. PHELPS.

Table with columns for Day of Week, Day of Month, Thermometer (6 a.m.), Weather (6 a.m.), Wind (6 a.m.), Thermometer (12 m.), Weather (12 m.), Wind (12 m.), Thermometer (6 a.m.), Weather (6 a.m.), Wind (6 a.m.), and REMARKS. Data covers March 1st to 31st.

POLITICAL DIVISION.—The following embrace the numerous classification of New York voters:—[New York Oct. '55.]

- Republicans, Whigs, Democratic Whigs, Woolley Heads, Silver-Greys, Prohibitionists, Temperance party, Stringent Licensers, Moral Suasionists, Constitutional Rights party, Liquor Dealers, Teetotalers, Democratic Republicans, National Democrats, Hunkers, Barnburners, Hard-Shells, Soft-Shells, Half-Shells, Reformers, American Democracy, United Americans, American Protestants, Know-Nothings, American party, Know-Somethings, Choctaws, Hindoos, Sons of the Republic, Templars, Land-Reformers, Anti-Renters, Liberal party, Practical Democrats, German Democracy, Working Men.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HO FOR CARSON VALLEY. JENNINGS & WINDER want all persons indebted and having claims to call and settle immediately as W. Jennings is called to go on a mission to Carson Valley. 5-2t

NOTICE. I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION A 2 year old Heifer and Calf, crop off left ear, red color with a few white spots, no brand visible. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away. JOHN HOOPER, Kay's Ward. 5-3t

NEW GOODS JUST ARRIVED. THE SUBSCRIBER has brought from California a few thousand Grape Cuttings which he will offer for sale, at the premises of Joseph Cain, opposite Hyde & Price's, on East Temple St.; price —25 cents each. JAMES A. WILLIAMS. 5-2t

\$10 REWARD. I WILL PAY THE ABOVE REWARD for the delivery to me of a yellow cream colored Flat-head horse; flesh brand W. E., and I think on the hoof BLAIR, some 5 years old; strayed from me last fall or the early part of the winter; last heard of with Weavers herd. S. M. BLAIR. 5-3t

TAKEN UP BY THE SUBSCRIBER AT OGDEN City, in January last, and now in the care of Richard Douglass, a large black and white Cow, about 8 years old, branded S B R on left horn, brands on left shoulder and left hip, but not intelligible. The owner is requested to take her away and pay charges. JOHN PINCOCK, near Jordan mills. 5-1t

WHEAT. TWENTY-FIVE Acres of the best Grain Land in the Territory of Utah for sale, situated nine miles north of G. S. L. City, and a good stock farm situated on Bear river, containing 224 acres, partly enclosed by a Spanish wall, with two large springs on it sufficient to irrigate the whole farm. Also a fine two horse carriage and harness. All for sale for cash or stock. Enquire of the proprietor, John Pack, 17th ward, G. S. L. City, or at the farm, nine miles north of the city. 5t

NOTICE. I SHOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE all who have any claims against me to call and have them canceled, and those who have paid a part of their 16th ward city wall tax to me would do well to call and see that our accounts correspond, as I shall hand over my book to the Bishop for collection, and any one that may feel like paying over what is my due, can have the chance to do so either to me or the Bishop. THOS. HALL, 16th Ward. 5-1t

NOTICE. CHARLES WHITE—next door to Dr. Clifton's, 13th ward, buys and sells all kinds of fruit trees. Grafting and budding from bearing trees, done to order and warranted. Fruit trees pruned, transplanted and taken care of. I have five different kind of apple buds, brought from the States. All orders left at my residence or with Judge Elias Smith, G.S.L. City Post Office, will be promptly attended to. References:—John Nebeker, Pres. B. Young, Wm C. Staines and Edw'd Sayers. 5-2t

TAKEN UP BY THE SUBSCRIBER about the 25th of February, a red and white Cow, 4 years old, small horns, white stripe down her face, bush of tall white, white spot on rump and on right shoulder; she has a crop off right ear and a swallow fork in the left; no brands; will have a calf this month. Also a yearling Heifer, lined back, red sides, her hind-parts all white; she has a brand on the left hip not plain enough to be made out. The owner can have them by proving property and paying charges. WILLIAM BARNES, Kaysville City, Davis County. 5-2t

NOTICE. AT A COON'S, April 7th, 1856—a white, 3 year old Heifer and Calf, the heifer is branded on left hip with a mule-shoe. The owner can have her by proving property and paying charges. 5-1t A. COON.

NOTICE. I WILL TAKE A FEW MORE COWS on shares at my well known herd ground at Black Rock. Store pay paid for calves. References:—Wm Carter, Henry Michael, Wm Bringhurst and Joseph Rooker. CHAS. WHITE, 13th Ward. 5-2t

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