

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE SINGING DURING CONFERENCE.

The singing during Conference has elicited general and well-merited praise and commendation; and never before, we think, has the Tabernacle choir been in such a state of efficiency; and the highest credit is due to Professor Careless, the conductor, and to the brethren and sisters of the choir for their excellent rendering of the various compositions...

The accompaniment on the large organ, by young Brother Daynes, evinced a decided improvement, and he should feel encouraged to persevere diligently to attain excellence in his profession.

Music is destined to reach a high degree of perfection among the Latter-day Saints. Like most other professions here, this in days past has received but little attention, and has not been studied scientifically, hence its interpretations have been crude, and have lacked that finish and delicacy so necessary to the musical artist.

PLAGIARISM.—The following needs no comment: SALT LAKE CITY, U. T., May 4th, 1870.

Dear Sir:—Hearing that it is your intention to start, in a very few days, on a mission to Europe, we should be pleased to see you, since more on the board of our Theatre, with which you have been so long associated, before your departure. We therefore desire to tender you a complimentary benefit, ere you leave us, as a slight token of the respect in which we hold you as a gentleman, and an esteemed member of the city's drama.

- S. A. Mann, Marshall & Carter, E. D. Hoge, Theo. F. Tracy, Geo. W. Young, Woodmansee & Bro., J. B. Malben, Wm Jennings, S. S. Walker, C. V. Spencer, T. & W. Taylor, Hooper, Eldredge & Co., R. T. Burton, C. R. Barratt, J. Townsend, E. B. Zabriskie, H. W. Nalshitt, John Sharp, J. Little, Geo. Reynolds, Nal Stein, H. Sandler, S. P. Fossett, Chas. Smith, G. W. Crocheron, David Candland, Geo. A. Harding, Thos. Harding, Wm Howard, Patrick Lynch, A. Norbeck, J. M. Moore, T. G. Webber, H. S. Beattie, W. H. Foster.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 8th, 1870. Presidents Smith and Wells, Secretary Mann, Chief Justice Wilson, Messrs. Pratt, Sen., G. C. Cannon and seventy-two others.

Gentlemen:—Your favor of the 4th inst. tendering me a complimentary benefit at the Theatre, previous to my departure for Europe, has been received. For the mark of esteem manifested towards me I very sincerely thank you, and I take pleasure in naming the evening of Wednesday the 11th inst. as my happy to inform you that the kindness of President Brigham Young has furnished me the Theatre, and the members of the Dramatic Company and Orchestra have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. Beneficial great play of "Sixtus the Fifth, Pope of Rome," and the farce "Wanted a Young Lady" will constitute the bill presented. Respectfully, etc., R. F. NESLEN.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.—Bro. E. T. Draper writes: "As Bro. Scowson was going home from Conference on Saturday night, on his way to Draperville, he drove into Canon Creek to water his horses. The water was deep and running very fast, causing the wagon to upset, turning himself and three passengers, — two women and a man, into the water. One of the women was lame and could not walk without a crutch, which she lost in the water. The man grabbed hold of her, and the other woman caught hold of him, and all were going down stream. Several others passing kindly helped them out, otherwise they could not have got out alive. Bro. Scowson held to the lines, which helped him in getting out. The wagon box floated many rods before they could get it."

GLAD TO HEAR IT.—We have been informed that the City Council has granted, to the residents on the bench north of the 20th Ward, the privilege of taking water from Red Butte to irrigate the lots in that locality. A meeting of all persons interested in this matter, will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow, (Tuesday) at the 20th Ward School-house. The work of making a ditch along the northern part of the bench, will be commenced immediately, and will be completed in a short time, providing all parties interested will co-operate and each do his part.

Bro. C. MOORE.—While landing the singers and music generally during the Conference, we must not forget to give a share of praise to Brother C. Moore, the gentleman who supplied the wind to the organ. Bro. Charley has labored faithfully in this very onerous and responsible position for several years. He is a very assuming gentle-

man; and, though he does a great deal of blowing by way of duty, he is not naturally a "blower," in the popular conception of that term. The music at Conference, executed as it was, was owing, in no small degree, to the exertions of Charley; for, if the wind had not been raised, the organ and singers would most assuredly have been played out; and there is no disputing the fact that the manner in which Charley managed the "church organ" proves him to be on his feet in his profession!

ARRIVALS at the TOWNSEND HOUSE, May 8th, 1870.

- P. F. Anderson, Ogden, P. F. Swing, Ohio, C. W. Hillman, Silver, Montana, J. D. Wadsworth, New York, John G. Ayers, Richmond, Va., Ab'm S. Blanton, Grass Valley, Cal., Geo. W. Tibbitts, Sheridan and Servant, U. S. A., Gen. Johnston, M. J. Asch, Kansas W. Forsyth, J. M. West, San Francisco, Wallace Foulger, Ogden, B. W. E. Jensen, City, J. James Allen, Ogden, D. A. Bartlett, J. W. Angell, Plattburgh, N. Y., M. Seward and wife, Massachusetts, John P. Schmitt, Little Rock, Arkansas, A. Folger, Cincinnati, Ohio, C. L. Haines, Chicago, W. R. Lachell, St. Louis, J. J. Owen, San Jose, Cal., W. J. Reese, Louisville, Ky., F. B. Tipton, Walla Walla, T. Martin, J. Rodgers, Dr. T. Schenker, Iron City, Utah.

ARRIVALS at the SALT LAKE HOUSE, MAY 9, 1870.

- W. H. Kidder, Ogden, Ben Matern, J. J. Race, Miss Sarah Stone, Ogden, Miss A. L. Galt, Robt. E. Everson, Syracuse, N. Y., E. R. Edwards, Ogden, Geo. W. Kirk, New York, L. J. Herriot and wife, Ogden, S. D. Woodhull, San Francisco, B. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, New Zealand, Wm. Handpide, Edinburgh, Wm. Jeffrey, New Zealand, Thomas Ball, Miss Ball, T. G. McLeson, Cal., M. Woodman, San Francisco, John Spencer, City, G. L. Howard, Little Cottonwood, W. S. Woodhull.

MAY 9. J. J. Mann, San Francisco, S. J. Mann, San Francisco, P. S. Buckminster, Elko, Nevada, L. O. Loomis, Hamilton, Nevada.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (concluded).

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW. Alluded to the saying of Jesus "except ye are one, ye are none of mine." He spoke at some length on the necessity of the saints increasing in unity and in their efforts to develop home manufactures and to cease importing from abroad. This might be considered a hackneyed subject but the Lord will never allow His servants to be silent with regard to it until the people thoroughly understand it and are willing to take hold of it in the right way. Capital should not be viewed as individual property, but should be devoted to the building up of the Kingdom of God. Our young men should not feel above entering the workshop; and our young folks, male and female, should have a practical as well as a theoretical education. Co-operation as applied to merchandising is but an initiatory step towards its universal adoption. Zion's Co-operative Institution is now purchasing woolen goods manufactured at the Desert Mills. This is a step in the right direction. When people wear good home-made cloth and discover that one pair of pants suffices where they previously had to have two pairs, they will probably cease to import foreign goods.

ELDER LORENZO SNOW. Spoke on the eternal nature of the Kingdom of God and the necessity of being planted on the rock of revelation.

ELDER JOSEPH YOUNG, SEN. My lungs are not so strong as they formerly were. The promise of Jesus was that "if any man will do my will he will know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself. For one I know this to be true. It is required of all men that they should be baptized in the remission of sins and receive the Holy Ghost. This is part of the will of the Lord. If we are faithful God will take care of us.

The choir and congregation sang "The spirit of God like a fire is burning." Prayer by President Geo. A. Smith.

SUNDAY, 10 a. m.

The choir sang: "O God, thou good, thou great, thou wise." Prayer by Elder John Taylor. The choir sang: "How beautiful are their feet."

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH. A very pleasant feature of our assembling here and one that is noticed by nearly every visitor, is our music. The material of which our grand organ is composed has been almost entirely obtained in these mountains, and it has been constructed by our own brethren. For one I sincerely thank our brethren and sisters who have labored to attain to a sufficient knowledge of music so as to make it an important part of our worship. Our door-keepers are deserving of our thanks for the way in which they have attended to their duties. It is gratifying to know that this building is so constructed as to be emptied of an assembly of twelve thousand persons in three minutes.

I have been asked by some of the brethren whether it would not be well for them to devote their time in discovering and developing gold mines in our Territory. Hitherto such pursuits have not proved advantageous to the brethren who have engaged in them. They can occupy themselves to better advantage by devoting themselves to agriculture and manufacture, in preference to mining. As soon as consistent, it is our intention to enter into the manufacture of iron. I wish to notify the brethren that most of the land in their localities either

has been or is being surveyed and is being made subject to entry. I advise them not to lose any time in obtaining the United States titles to their lands. It is advisable that all new comers should take steps to obtain their citizenship papers.

Our silk is capable of sustaining a large silk production; and this branch of industry should not be neglected. It has been remarked by Chief Justice Wilson that the culture of hops would prove a profitable trade in this Territory. The people should not neglect the culture of the peach. Let all the brethren leave off chewing tobacco and drinking hot drinks that our posterity may not inherit our weaknesses. It is the business of the Latter-day day Saints to reclaim humanity from disease. Let the Saints be satisfied in wearing clothing made by themselves. Let those obtain libraries, that we may obey revelation in obtaining knowledge from good books. The work continues to roll and will roll till Zion is built up on this continent.

ELDER JOSEPH YOUNG, SEN., bore testimony to the restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith, and exhorted the Saints to faithfulness.

ELDER CHARLES C. RICH spoke on the present as well as future benefits to be derived from a practical application of the principles of the gospel in this life.

ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS delivered an interesting discourse on the great causes for the gratitude of the Saints, to the Almighty, the nature of the power bestowed by God on His elders, and the difference between the spirit of the world and that possessed by the Saints.

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON read the names of the following brethren, as having been called to go on missions: P. C. Thomasson, Peter Brown, of Coalville, Joseph Bean, 11th Ward, Peter Madison, Provo, Richard Smith, Francis Foulk, Thomas W. Ellerbeck, Caleb Parry, Daniel McAllister, Thomas Woodlister, Pleasant Grove.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON. I have had peculiar reflections in witnessing the spirit of infidelity in the world, in seeing men who were once numbered among us calling light darkness and darkness light. Probably there never was a generation more inclined to yield to the spirit of infidelity than the present one. When men entertain the idea or believe that God is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, they are considered fanatical. Where is faith to be found? Go to any of the religious sects and enquire of them whether God is a God of revelation to-day, and they will inform you that He is not. They are united in this belief. This is infidelity. No sect that men are divided and that words are multiplied. How is it with those who have tasted of the good word of God and turned away and denied that which they have received? How great is the infidelity of such? They are like persons who, seeing the sun shine, say there is no light, and, tasting something which is sweet, call it bitter. When the light within a man becomes darkness, how great is that darkness! Such falling away from the grace of God is caused by the withdrawal of the good spirit of God. No person will abandon the truth unless he does something to cause the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit. No matter what may be the standing of men; they may even have had the heavens opened to them, but if they do wickedly they will deny the faith. We ought therefore to be careful how we conduct ourselves. May God bless you all. Amen.

The choir sang "Jerusalem My Glorious Home." Prayer by Elder Brigham Young, Jun.

SUNDAY, 2 p. m.

The choir sang: "Sweet is the work, my God, my King." Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt. The choir sang: "Arise, my soul, arise." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the congregation.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG, JR. There are thousands of people in Europe and on the islands of the sea who are anxious to be gathered to these valleys. Many people who have gathered here, who were assisted to emigrate by their brethren, and who left, with those from whom they borrowed means, their written obligations to refund the money as soon as possible. A great deal of indebtedness of this kind remains yet unpaid. It is a gross wrong on the part of those thus indebted to delay the gathering of those who assisted them by keeping from them the means that rightly belongs to them. It is impossible for any to enjoy the Spirit of the Lord who thus forsake those who have substantially blessed them. Who are the enemies of this people? They are the enemies of God; for they are our enemies, because we are determined to serve God. A few have told the truth concerning us, as far as they knew it, but the many have spoken evil against us falsely.

Elder Young then read the 6th chapter of Daniel, from the 1st to the 28th verse. After which he sat down, as the passage which he read was a sermon of itself, and spoke volumes. No one could fail to see its applicability to the present situation of the Latter-day Saints.

ELDER JOSEPH F. SMITH. We believe in the atonement and redemption of Christ and if we are obedient to the laws of God we shall arise and be like him. All who have once been connected with the Church and now deny their faith, should the way be opened against us to prevent our obeying the commands of God, there is but one alternative for the Latter-day Saints, that is to obey God rather than man. We will continue to preach Christ and Him crucified and Joseph and him martyred for the truth. I know that the power to unite on the earth for time and eternity has been revealed for the salvation of man. On the reception of this principle depends the power of eternal increase in the world to come, without which the future, to the mind of man, is but a blank.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH. Let every Saint use his and her influence in having the Sabbath remembered that it may be kept holy. Also let us remember our fast days; remember our fast offerings to feed the hungry. It has

been plainly manifested in all apostacies that they have resulted from a violation of the laws of God. They who defile the temple of God will deny the faith. When a man corrupts his way before the Lord, he denies the faith, and is soon found among those who would shed the blood of the Lord's anointed. The sin of shedding the blood of innocence is one of the hardest to wash out. Never get alarmed and jump out of the good ship Zion; stick to it and you will come safely to port.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG spoke upon the blessings that have accrued to the Latter-day Saints, from being thrown upon their own resources, upon infidelity, the personality of God and upon Celestial Marriage. His remarks were eloquent and encouraging. They will, in a short time, be published in full.

Conference adjourned till the 6th of October next, to meet in the New Tabernacle.

The choir, joined by the congregation, sang: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by President George A. Smith.

There are but few, if any, signs more grand, or more calculated to inspire sublime emotions and a high sense of the power of the Omnipotent Jehovah than a vast multitude of people assembled for divine worship. Such a people has been presented in the New Tabernacle during Conference. The huge building, at nearly all of the meetings, was filled in every part. At each meeting, before the people were fairly seated and called to order, the murmuring noise, as the voices of the great assembly sounded, as aptly remarked by President Young, like the rushing of many waters or the roaring of the sea.

The spirit and power of God were abundantly manifested at Conference. And such an immense gathering of the Latter-day Saints and the feeling of unity that prevailed among them must have thrown a damper on those who have been so lavish in their prognostications of the downfall of the Kingdom of God. We are so in saying that the Saints never felt more like adhering to the good ship Zion and sustaining the Lord's anointed than they do now.

The singing of the choir and the music of the grand Organ were interesting features of the Conference. JOHN NICHOLSON, Clerk of Conference.

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