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THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, October 6th, 1876.

2 o'clock p.m.

The choir sang—

Come, all ye saints who dwell on earth,
Your cheerful voices raise.

Prayer by Elder BRIGHAM

YOUNG, Junr.

The choir sang—

Daniel's wisdom may I know,
Strength to faith and patience show.

ELDER LORENZO SNOW

Read a portion of the 25th chapter

of the gospel of Matthew, also

several verses from the 10th chapter

of Mark, from the 9th verse, and

said it was a serious thing for any

one to assume the authority of God

to speak unto the children of men

in his name, and administer to

them the ordinances of the ever-

lasting gospel. This position or

relationship we had assumed before

the Lord our God, and honestly

testified before all men that this

was a fact, God revealed himself

to Joseph Smith, and communicated

to him the power and authority of

the holy priesthood, to make known

to the children of men the plan of

salvation.

He adverted to the immediate

subject matter of the parable nar-

rated in his text, and applied it to

the feelings and circumstances that

existed in the experience of many

Elders of Israel, showing the im-

portance of individuals who oc-

cupied but a very humble position

in life temporarily, laying a good and

broad foundation for honesty, in-

tegrity and faithfulness, that would

give the way for their future ad-

vancement. No matter if we had

but one talent, let that talent be

well used, that we might prepare

ourselves for additional talents be-

ing added unto us, and not, because

we had but one talent, lock it up,

and not put it out to usury. If we

did so we should certainly have that

talent taken from us, and it would

be given to others who occupied

and improved their talents. If we

could only get the Saints to act in

whatever avocations they might be

called upon to labor in, and

work honestly and faithfully, es-

pecially in connection with the

United Order, they would then be

in a fair way of obtaining the true

riches, but we must learn to be

honest in our temporal affairs, or

we could never attain to the enjoy-

ment of eternal riches. It was a

good work, it was a glorious work,

in which we were members, labor-

ing with all our might to build up

a Zion to our God, and establish the

principles of righteousness, that we

might secure to ourselves eternal

life. Amen.

ELDER CHARLES C. RICH.

Much appreciated the instructions

we had been listening to from the

servants of God. God was just as

willing to dictate to us as he was

to dictate to his Son Jesus Christ.

We were as willing to be dictated

as Jesus was, and were as willing

to obey the mandates of our

Heavenly Father as Jesus our

brother was. Because we were un-

der as much obligation to do the

will of God as he was. God required

of us the same things that he re-

quired of Zion, and it would not do

to faint by the way, and indulge in

a feeling that we had done enough,

for we were required to endure to

the end, and it was expected of us

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.

The choir sang—

What wondrous things we now behold,
By prophets seen in days of old.

Prayer by Elder GEO. C. CAN-

NON.

The choir sang—

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come.

ELDER JOHN TAYLOR

Said in meeting together as a con-

ference to speak and transact such

business as might be brought be-

fore us it was absolutely necessary

that both speakers and hearers

should be under the guidance and

dictation of the Spirit of the living

God. For men in any age of the

world to understand anything

about God, about things past, pre-

sent and to come, God himself had

to reveal that knowledge. What-

ever had been known about the

gospel of Jesus Christ, or the An-

gelic and Melchisedek priest-hood,

either in ancient or modern times,

had been revealed from Heaven

by God himself through his ser-

vants, and when he had raised up

in different dispensations to min-

ister to the children of men. Every

truth and all correct principles had

emanated from God, for he was

the fountain of truth. No man

living or breathing could have or-

ganized the church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints, with all its

officers and ordinances, unaided

by the power and spirit of God. It

was necessary that the same wis-

dom, intelligence and revelation

should dictate us in our own do-

mestic affairs, pertaining also to

the building up of the church, and

the kingdom of God, and the un-

iversal interests of man throughout

the earth.

He then adverted to the gather-

ing of the people together in this

dispensation, for the purpose of be-

coming sanctified before God, by

being taught to practice every

principle of virtue, honesty and

integrity, so as to become fit sub-

jects to receive communications

from God. We believed that we

revealed his mind and will to Jo-

seph Smith, and taught him how

to organize the church. We also

believed in President Young as a

man inspired of God to lead and

guide the people in truth and right-

eousness. There was the principle

of the United Order, which God

had revealed through his servant

Brigham, and which must sooner

or later be carried out and lived up

to by the people. He knew it was

an eternal and righteous principle.

Its rules could possibly be all print-

ed on paper, but its laws must be

written on our hearts, that we

might all become one, and united

in everything that pertained to this

life and that which was to come.

He then made a few remarks on

the subject of the building of tem-

ples, and encouraged the saints to

continue their assistance towards

their erection, for although the one

in St. George was nearly completed,

and the one in this city was going

up, this was but the beginning of

this labor. Hundreds of temples

would have to be built, and the

efforts must not slacken, but con-

tinue in this work that we had just

begun.

He then spoke of the spread of

infidelity among the civilized na-

tions of the earth, striving to put

entirely away the Bible from the

schools, lest the children should be

taught something about God, whom

they utterly ignored, and had no

desire to hear anything about.

"Mormonism," as it was called,

unanimous vote Judge Elias Smith

was elected temporary chairman,

who, in a few appropriate remarks

thanked the Convention for the

honor conferred on him, in elect-

ing him to that position.

On motion, John T. Caine was

elected temporary secretary.

On motion, the following were

appointed, by the Chair, a com-

mittee on credentials:

D. O. Calder, of Salt Lake; W.

B. Preston, Cache; W. W. Cluff,

Summit; John W. Hess, Davis;

L. W. Harrington, Utah; and Silas

Smith, Iron County.

The committee retired and dur-

ing their absence in response to a

call, the convention was addressed

by Hon. Erastus Snow, from

Washington County. He treated

briefly and clearly upon the duties

of the members of the convention,

and alluded to the political position

of the people of Utah.

Hon. L. F. Far, from Weber County,

also spoke in answer to a call. He

alluded to the fact that this was

the first convention strictly of this

nature that ever had convened in

Utah, and he felt it to be a proper

step, and one that would have a

favorable effect upon the citi-

zens of Utah to secure their rights to

statehood. He treated upon the

importance of the people giving

due consideration to their political

privileges. He was pleased to ob-

serve the people were manifestly de-

claring and making manifest their

desire in this regard, and he had no

doubt the best man that could be

found would be chosen as a candi-

date by this convention to repre-

sent Utah in Congress.

Hon. Jonathan Wright, from

Box Elder, being called upon, re-

sponded in a speech. In his view

the great majority of the people of

Utah had been treated as political

outsiders. So far as he was con-

cerned he was not quite so sanguine

as some were regarding the near

approach of the time when Utah

would be clothed with statehood.

Yet he was hopeful that some time

in the future Utah would be in the

high position to which she was

entitled.

Hon. W. H. Hooper, of Salt

Lake, was called upon for a speech,

but respectfully declined, on ac-

count of the shortness of time. The

committee on credentials shortly

afterwards returned and reported

as follows:

To Hon. Elias Smith and Dele-

gates of Convention: Gentlemen—

Your committee on credentials,

having examined the certificates of

delegates elect, find the following

persons entitled to seats in the

People's Territorial Convention, as

representatives from the counties

named—

Salt Lake County.

Daniel H. Wells, David O. Cal-

der, Wm. H. Hooper, Archibald

Gardner, Wm. Jennings, Isaac M.

Stuart, Robert T. Burton, Reuben

Miller, Joseph F. Smith, Elias

Smith, A. Miner, A. C. Pyper,

James Sharp, A. M. Cannon, J.

R. Winder, J. C. Benedict, John

T. Caine, Jos. S. Rawlins.

Utah County.

A. O. Snao, W. Bringham,

Hyrum Winters, L. E. Harrington,

David Evans, Jonathan Wright,

William Price, W. B. Pace.

Wasatch County.

Joel Grover, John M. Haws, C.

Foot.

Summit County.

Edward Partridge, David Thomp-

son, B. H. Watts.

Correspondence.

The Book Question.

SALT LAKE CITY,

October 7, 1876.

Editor Deseret News.

I find in this morning's Herald

that Mr. Riggs has introduced an-

other of his peculiar modes of fig-

uring. He states that the pupils

of the common schools of the Ter-

ritory can be supplied with a new

series of geographies for \$2,275, but

in order to do this he has first re-

duced the 30,000 pupils to

20,000, and then the 20,000 to 10,000.

Now the convention contemplated

an entire change of geographies.

The change I stated would have to

be made in three years, and the old

ones supplanted within that time.

Will Mr. Riggs furnish a respon-

sible house that will enter into

bonds to supply all the schools of

this Territory with a new series of

geographies, not as he shall dictate,