

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

SECOND DAY.

AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock p.m.

The choir sang on page 13:

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

Prayer by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

The choir sang on page 67:

Praise ye the Lord, 'tis good to raise
Your hearts and voices in his praise.

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Made a few remarks on the vacancy in the Apostleship occasioned by the late respected member, Orson Hyde, and said that the Quorum of the Twelve in consultation upon this subject, having agreed among themselves, had decided to nominate before this Conference the name of Moses Thatcher, of Logan, to fill that vacancy.

A vote was then called for, when the nomination was sustained by unanimous vote.

The authorities of the Church were then presented before the Conference by Elder George Q. Cannon, all of whom were unanimously sustained, as follows:

John Taylor, as President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, as one of the Twelve Apostles, and of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Wilford Woodruff, Orson Pratt, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Joseph F. Smith, Albert Carrington and Moses Thatcher.

Counselors to the Twelve Apostles—Jno. W. Young, D. H. Wells.

The Twelve Apostles as the presiding quorum and authority of the Church, and, with their counselors, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch of the Church—John Smith.

As the first Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Joseph Young, Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates and John Van Cott.

The Presiding Bishop of the Church—Edward Hunter, with Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton as his Counselors.

John Taylor as Trustee-in-Trust of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the Twelve Apostles, their two Counselors and Edward Hunter, as his Counselors.

Albert Carrington as President of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund for the Gathering of the Poor, and the following as his assistants: F. D. Richards, F. M. Lyman, H. S. Eldredge, Joseph F. Smith, John W. Young, Angus M. Cannon, Moses Thatcher, William Jennings, John R. Winder, Henry Dinwoodey, Robert T. Burton, A. O. Smoot and H. B. Clawson.

Orson Pratt as Historian and General Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff as his assistant.

Truman O. Angel as General Architect of the Church, and T. O. Angel, Junr., and W. H. Folsom as his assistants.

As Auditing Committee—W. Woodruff, E. Snow, F. D. Richards, J. F. Smith.

George Goddard as Clerk of the General Conference.

ELDER LORENZO SNOW

Said it was the privilege of the Latter-day Saints who met together on occasions like the present to receive instructions from the Almighty that will be useful to them in all the walks of life. He then quoted two passages of scriptures wherein God requires his people to be perfect as he himself is perfect, and with a view of receiving those great blessings which the Lord has promised to his children, it was absolutely necessary for His Saints to comply with the requirements that He has made upon them. He spoke of Abraham leaving his native country at the command of the Almighty, which entitled him to the blessing dependent on his obedience, and which he would not have received if he had not complied with the law. All Latter-day Saints who keep the commandments of God may be perfect in their sphere of action according to their ability. Although we have weaknesses and imperfections, we should not be distressed or discouraged in trying to carry out and observe the requirements of heaven. In whatever principles we rigidly carry out, we are perfect

so far as that is concerned. as, for instance, the observance of the Word of Wisdom, the law of tithing, etc. He instanced the case of Peter, who, for quite a while, walked perfect before the Lord, but when overtaken by a trial, was tempted to deny his Lord and Master. This sin of Peter's however, tended to humble him before the Savior, and he strove in the future to maintain a clear conscience before God, by doing right and keeping the commandments of God.

He quoted several instances of the ancient servants of God, who, although beset with weaknesses, still endeavored to overcome them, by availing themselves of all the aid and succor that God their Heavenly Father had placed within their reach.

He therefore called upon the Latter-day Saints to take courage, notwithstanding their many shortcomings, to still continue and strive to do better in the future, by seeking first to know the mind and will of the Lord, then to do the same, and live so as to enjoy his Holy Spirit, that they may be blest with an abundance of peace.

ELDER ALBERT CARRINGTON

Made a few remarks on the subject of the Emigration of the poor from the old country, and the amount of indebtedness due the fund from those who have been assisted by it during a number of years past. Neither he nor President Taylor had the least desire of oppressing any one now indebted to the fund, but if only a reasonable proportion of their indebtedness was paid, every Latter-day Saint of the Lord's poor could be emigrated this season.

He did not mention this subject in a scolding spirit, or with a view to having any undue influence exercised to induce liquidation, but realizing the extreme poverty in which many of the Lord's poor are now struggling, in the old country, he made this appeal in their behalf, and he hoped that as fast as the debtors were able to pay, that they would do it at the very earliest opportunity, and to give every one as easy a way of settling their indebtedness as possible, it was arranged that it might be paid in labor, in stock or in produce, and in instalments to suit each one's circumstances.

He much regretted that some who had apostatized from the faith, had repudiated their honest indebtedness to that fund, for an honest debt would always hang over an individual until it was liquidated, but to all such he would say that he would make no legal effort to compel payment, but leave it upon their heads as an unpaid obligation. And notwithstanding their boast of freedom and advanced "liberal" principles, they display very bad taste in repudiating that which rescued them from the depths of wretchedness in the old country, where had they remained there till they were as old as Methuselah, would never have had a house of their own, but by the aid of the P. E. Fund, they had been assisted to a land where they had secured a competence.

Elder GEO. Q. CANNON then presented the following additional names for missions:

Sandwich Islands.

Harvey H. Cluff, Provo.
Wm. D. Alexander, "
James Knell, Pinto.
Harry World, Salt Lake City.

England.

John Alexander, Fillmore.

Piedmont.

Jacob Revor, West Jordan.

The choir sang an anthem:

Sing unto the Lord.

Conference dismissed until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The choir sang hymn on page 235:

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand.

Prayer by President Joseph Young.

The choir sang hymn on page 106:

With joy we own thy servants Lord,
Thy ministers below.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then presented the following additional names as missionaries:

United States—Northern.

Peter Hendrickson, Big Cottonwood.

Wm. H. Newman, Big Cottonwood.

L. A. Howard.

C. R. Romer, Farmington.

Southern States.

Thomas Lloyd, Wellsville.

Chas. W. Hulse, Millville.

Ole Sonne, Mendon.

Frank Benson, Logan.

Seth Lanckton, Jr., Smithfield.

Wm. Turner, Salt Lake City.

Isaac Riddle, Jr., Beaver.

Andrew Homer, of Mill Creek, to Norway.

Carl Anderson, of Coalville, to the Sandwich Islands.

An exhibit was then read of the financial business of the Perpetual Emigrating Company; also a financial report of the Tithing in cash, produce, etc., in all the Stakes of Zion.

The above reports were unanimously accepted by vote of the Conference, but are too lengthy in detail for publication, the showing however was of a very satisfactory character.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

Said in the reading of these reports there was considerable monotony, yet such was the general interest taken by the Latter-day Saints in the welfare of each respective Stake, he found that the quarterly, semi-annual and annual conferences now being held under recent organizations, where the financial and statistical reports were read, they had a tendency of drawing and uniting the people together.

He then spoke on the great variety of human experiences in science, mechanism, law and statesmanship and the necessity as well as privilege of the less experienced to learn from and be guided by those more advanced and better instructed, and argued that the same need existed in spiritual things. The leaders of the Latter-day Saints had proven themselves skillful in the things of the Kingdom of God, and those less skilled and less experienced, ought to look to them for guidance and instruction. In this there was no lack of freedom any more than in the deference paid by men in all branches of learning to those who were masters of knowledge. He illustrated this in a forcible manner, and closed by asking the blessings of God upon the Saints, that they might learn wisdom and obedience.

ELDER JOSEPH F. SMITH

Said he had been greatly edified in listening to what had been said during the two days' Conference that had passed. Spoke of the willingness of the Latter-day Saints in sustaining the measures presented before them by the authorities of the church.

Not much had been said during this Conference about our temporal affairs, but many interesting items had been called over from our financial reports. The work in which we are engaged is both temporal and spiritual, and these are so intimately blended together that he never knew where to draw the dividing line; but from experience and observation, he knew that the temporal duties and obligations which the kingdom of God imposes upon us, always sit light and easy, when the spiritual duties and privileges were duly and properly attended to and enjoyed, and the spirit of God was in the heart.

He exhorted the Saints to seek after and enjoy the Spirit of the Lord, which would abundantly qualify them for the performance of every duty, for God does not require of any of his children anything that they cannot perform.

We should be willing to make any sacrifice for the sake of the souls of the children of men, and be ready at any time when called upon to attend to any temporal duty as well as to go and preach the gospel to the nations afar off. He testified to the watchful and jealous care that is exercised by the present leader of the Church (President John Taylor) with his brethren the Twelve, in everything that affects the general or individual interests of the Saints.

He made a few remarks on the subject of the P. E. Fund indebtedness. Many Elders were now being sent out on missions to preach the gospel, and in some instances where large families are left but partially provided for, their wants should be supplied by those who remain at home, and not be allowed to suffer. He also referred to the building of temples, to the hon-

est payment of our tithes and offerings, the proper attention to the poor and infirm, the sustaining of home industries, for Zion will never become independent until our wants can be supplied by the labor of our own hands. He also adverted to the raising of silk, which this country and climate are so abundantly adapted for, and the employment of children rery profitably used in its manufacture.

He prayed that God would bless the Saints in all their efforts to build up Zion.

Conference was adjourned until 2 p.m.

The choir sang an anthem,

Resound His praise.

Benediction by Elder D. H. Wells.

AFTERNOON, 2 p.m.

The choir sang hymn on page 172:

All you that love Immanuel's name,
Whose spirits burn with ardent flame.

Prayer by Elder Erastus Snow.

The choir sang hymn on page 7:

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion city of our God.

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON then read the report of the Trustee-in-Trust, including the receipts and disbursements of the Tithing.

It was moved and carried unanimously that the report be accepted.

The following names were then presented and unanimously sustained as missionaries for Europe:

Henry Greensides, Salt Lake City.

George Smith Grant, Salt Lake City.

ELDER MOSES THATCHER

Expressed his feelings of gratitude to God for His manifold mercies manifested towards us who live in these peaceful valleys of the mountains. He rejoiced in the many improvements so visible everywhere as the work of man, but he felt in addressing the youth of our community to remind them that although the works of man appeared so wonderful, they must look beyond and see and acknowledge that all wisdom comes from God, who was the organizer of the materials out of which men formed their works of art, and held in His hand all the powers discovered and developed by the principles of science. He made a few timely remarks of warning against the spirit of skepticism and infidelity. He then bore a strong testimony that Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and Pres. John Taylor were inspired servants of God to lead the people and guide them in ways of righteousness, and he had learned by his short experience that the only true source of happiness consisted in the keeping of God's commandments.

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON

Said he felt impressed to make a few remarks about some circumstances in connection with our beloved leader, President John Taylor. It was well known by the Latter-day Saints how his life had been spent in years past, in laboring to build up Zion, and the humble habitation he had occupied since he was called to preside over the affairs of the Church. He felt that the house he had himself built under the direction of our beloved and lamented Pres. Brigham Young was such a one that he could not consistently occupy while Presidents Taylor, Woodruff, Pratt and others, who had so long labored in the vineyard, were living in such humble habitations, and on several occasions he expressed to President Young a desire to vacate it, but was told by him not to do so. After his death he felt relieved of any obligation in regard to this matter. And since that time he had privately spoken to President Taylor about leaving his present abode and occupying some place more in keeping with his position as President of the Church. The subject was once spoken of in the council of the Apostles. The delicacy of Brother Taylor's feelings was such that the matter had been put off until the present, and he felt that it should no longer be postponed. The President of the Church had necessarily to receive many visitors, and as President Taylor had no private resources at command to differently situate himself, he submitted the following motion, which was most cheerfully and unanimously responded to by all present:

"That one of the buildings owned by the Church shall be selected as a place of residence for the President of the Church, and shall be properly furnished under the direction of a committee whom the Apostles shall appoint; and further that a steward be selected to take charge of this residence, who shall furnish the table and other household requirements, and that the costs and expenses of so doing shall be met by appropriations from the funds of the Church."

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR

Said if his own private feelings were consulted he would much prefer living in comparative privacy and seclusion, for he did not crave the glitter and pomp of this world, and when this subject was submitted to him, he could not yield to its nomination at this conference on any other consideration, but the fact of his being a servant of the people, through Jesus Christ his master. But for the kind and good feelings made manifest by such a unanimous vote, he returned his heartfelt thanks to the thousands present. He then reviewed the history of the Church since the time of its organization, which was 49 years this conference. All the various branches of Priesthood revealed in their order came from the heavens through Jesus Christ to Joseph Smith the Prophet. Hence it is called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

God was the originator of it, and the priesthood which we hold came from him, and he expects us to magnify it and honor it by doing whatever is required at our hands. We are as much dependent upon God to-day for his guidance as his spirit as we ever were in our lives. Let us therefore live humble and faithful before God, that we may enjoy his spirit continually. If the thousands of Latter-day Saints will only live their religion and do their duty, the kingdom of God will roll on with tenfold rapidity. Nothing can hinder the fulfilling of those prophecies which have been uttered by both ancient and modern prophets. Seek to God for wisdom and faith that all your Apostles, Presidents of Stakes, and others holding authority, may govern in righteousness. The Latter-day Saints, he was pleased to say, were doing all they could to build up Zion; they felt that everything they have is for the service of God, and are willing to act as saviors upon Mount Zion. He also spoke favorably of the unceasing labors of the sisters, who are doing all they can in their peculiar labor of love among the poor, etc.

A great many thousand dollars had been donated by the Saints during the past year towards the building of temples, and a spirit of emulation seemed to stimulate the brethren as to who could do the most, and notwithstanding so much had been done towards building Temples, &c., the tithing receipts had increased about \$50,000 and he felt pleased to mention this for it is right and proper to give honor to whom it is due. Those who had been called to take foreign missions had been selected as men of good moral standing and able to honorably represent the interests of Zion, and he wished them to go forth in the spirit and power of their holy priesthood, and be willing to stay in their fields of labor until they are honorably released.

He then eulogized the labors of the sisters in connection with the Relief Societies and of the Young Men's and Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Associations. The subject of education was also referred to, and he strongly urged that all teachers engaged in the tuition of our youth should batten of faith in the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who would exercise a proper influence over the rising generation. The Sabbath School interest, co-operation, &c., were also treated upon with approval.

After blessing the congregation the Conference was adjourned until the 6th of October.

The choir sang an anthem

How beautiful upon the mountains.

Benediction by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

GEORGE GODDARD,
Clerk of Conference.

Hypercriticism.—Grac (whispering): "What lovely boots your partner's got, May!" My (ditto): "Yes, unfortunately he shines at the wrong end."—[Punch.]