

ers and Priests are doing their duty in visiting the Saints and ministering to them. The officers of the various organizations are faithful in their labors. Donations to the Temple and for other purposes have been free, and tithing is quite general. The meeting house has been enlarged, the attendance is good, and the Spirit of the Lord is enjoyed by the Saints.

BISHOP ROBERT MORRIS

spoke of the faithfulness and unity of the Saints in the Eleventh ward. The great majority of the members are faithful and are sustaining the officers of the ward in all their duties. All the organizations of the ward are in good condition and the officers are faithful in the discharge of their duties. The quorums of the lesser Priesthood are being increased, and the young men are becoming more interested in their meetings. The speaker closed by expressing his joy in the work of God.

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said it is necessary that both officers and members should be trained in their duties, and to this end visiting Priests and Teachers are appointed to give them the necessary instruction. Young men should be brought into use as soon as possible, and the selection of these is a duty resting particularly upon the Bishops. Young men should be trained in the Priesthood before being ordained to the Higher, and the members of the Lesser Priesthood should be fully taught their duties. The Bishopric of the ward preside over all the Lesser Priesthood, and should give the necessary instructions.

It is important that regular meetings of all Priesthood quorums should be held, but these meetings should not be held at such a time as to conflict with the regular meetings of the ward. There should be a mutual understanding between the Bishop and the presiding officers of the quorums. The officers of the various organizations in the wards are under the direction of the Bishops and all these organizations are established for the good of the whole.

The speaker mentioned the necessity of instructing the young people in all principles of true modesty, and also in dignity and decorum, that all may be in truth models of propriety under all circumstances. It should not be false pride but real modesty and chastity, inspired by purity of thought and action. It is as necessary among the young men as among the ladies. We should not partake of the spirit of the world, for we are called out of the world as ministers of salvation. We are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savor wherewith shall it be salted?

Young men recommended to be ordained Elders are sometimes guilty of breaking the covenants they make before being advanced. They will not be prospered; but if these covenants are kept, the spirit and power of the Priesthood will rest upon them. The Bishops are chiefly responsible for the recommends given to these young men, although their recommendations are endorsed by the Priesthood meeting.

Marriage should be encouraged; but we should not recommend persons to the House of the Lord who are unworthy of its privileges. The blessing and peace of God will rest upon the

faithful Saints, and all words spoken concerning the accomplishment of God's purpose shall be fulfilled.

The choir sang:

"Look up and put your trust in God"

Benediction was pronounced by Counselor Jos. E. Taylor.

After adjournment Bines Dixon was set apart under the hands of the Stake Presidency to be first counselor to Bishop W. B. Hardy of Mountain Dell ward, and Edward Laird was ordained a High Priest and set apart to be second counselor. Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Saturday, 2 p. m.

The choir sang:

On the mountain tops appearing,
Lo, the sacred herald stands.

Prayer by Elder Geo. B. Wallace.
Singing:

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine.

APOSTLE ABRAHAM H. CANNON

was the first speaker. He referred to the remarks made by the speakers during the morning session, and stated that he had been left to think of the blessings of God toward His people. The accomplishments of labor by this people are wonderful. On every hand are evidences of the blessings of God. These blessings have been of a material nature, and we have also obtained through the work of God, a wonderful influence for good among the people of the earth, and this in spite of false rumors against us. It is the purpose of our Father to continue these blessings. He will gradually lift from us the burden it has seemed necessary for us to bear, in order to prepare us for the great things which God has in mind concerning us. Our duty is to become more and more like our Savior, our great Exemplar in all things righteous. Looking back upon the works of the past, and neglecting the duties of the present, will not accomplish this. Greater efforts will be necessary in the future, for the opposition will increase, though it may not be of the same nature as that of the past. The temptations to be resisted are directed toward the young in particular, and many are being led away by evil influences. Young men are neglecting their duties in the Priesthood, and the young ladies are forgetting their labors in their special direction of work. This is seen in the fact that many of the young men who in Priesthood meetings make solemn covenants to magnify the Priesthood about to be conferred upon them forget those covenants and fail to do their duties. Pleasures are sought on the Sabbath Day, and the results of this are seen in the loss of faith on the part of those so indulging. Round dancing is engaged in to an unwarranted extent, and thus many are led to improprieties and sin. While amusement is necessary, it should be of an innocent character, and the older people should direct these pleasures for the benefit of the young.

Another rapidly growing evil is the excessive card playing indulged in by young Latter-day Saints. This leads them in many instances to gambling, and even where this result is not seen, the minds of the young people are so taken up with this amusement as to leave no time for serious reflections.

The Word of Wisdom is frequently referred to, and still it is persistently broken by Latter-day Saints. Great danger will result from a continued course in this direction, for if this commandment is disregarded, the blessings predicated upon its observance, freedom from the plagues and scourges sweeping over the earth, will not be realized. Calamities are abroad among the nations, and some may find their way hither. The best way to gain immunity from these evils is to avoid the use of liquor, tobacco, hot drinks, etc., and to carefully live according to the commandments of God unto us.

The Temple in course of erection in this city is of great importance to the Latter-day Saints, and their duty is to sustain by their means the brethren who are in charge of its erection. The magnitude of the work to be accomplished in this temple is beyond our power of comprehension. The ancestors of the Saints are anxiously awaiting the redemption to come to them through the ministrations to be performed therein. In the present prosperous circumstances of the people there should be no neglect of this duty.

Tithing was referred to by the speaker, and the blessings resulting therefrom were spoken of. These blessings do not depend alone upon amount paid, but upon the spirit actuating the payment. Fitful observance of the commandments of God will not gain the promised reward, but such observances must be continued to the end. Our faithfulness during times of prosperity will result in comfort to us in days of trouble. We should do all in our power to relieve the financial embarrassments of the First Presidency, brought upon them by circumstances beyond their control. Faithfulness in these particulars will result in the triumph of the people and the work of God.

COUNSELOR JOS. E. TAYLOR

stated that since the last Conference the Stake Presidency had visited the forty-six wards of the Stake, twenty-three in the city and twenty-three in the country. On the whole the Stake is in a prosperous and favorable condition. Some of the members are of obstinate spirit, and persist in disregarding the word of God, and there are some evils in need of correction, but there is a living faith dwelling in the hearts of a great majority of the people.

The proper control of parents over children should be maintained, or there will be cause to mourn the growth of evil among the young. There should not be so much levity as is manifest among the youth of this people, and the responsibility of correcting this evil rests upon the parents. Often a foolish love on the part of parents will deter them from doing their duty to their children, until evils have assumed an uncontrollable shape.

Men are not cut off the Church for neglect in paying tithing, but the law of tithing should be recognized as having emanated from God, associated with promises of certain temporal and spiritual blessings. Yet there are prominent men in this Stake of Zion who have no credit to their names on the tithing records.

Bishops are reminded that the responsibility attached to the recommendation of people to receive blessings rests largely with them. They