

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
Of the Weber Stake of Zion, held in  
Ogden Tabernacle,

SUNDAY, Oct 23d, 10 A. M.  
The congregation was called to order by Pres. D. H. Peery. The choir sang the hymn, "The morning breaks, the shadows flee." Bishop N. C. Flygare offered prayer and the hymn "Though nations rise, and men conspire," was sung.

**BISHOP G. BELNAP**  
reported the condition of Hooper-ville Ward, which he was glad to state was flourishing in spiritual as well as temporal matters.

**ELDER E. H. ANDERSON**  
then read the statistical and financial report of the Relief Societies of Weber Stake. He also presented the general statistical report of the Weber Stake of Zion for the quarter ending Oct. 15th.

He further gave a summary account of the Y. M. M. I. A. of the County. On account of the busy season the meetings had not been as frequent in several wards as was hoped, but the labors were being resumed with energy and interest and many of the young people of Weber County were zealous in the principles of the Gospel and the work of God.

**ELDER JOSEPH HALL**  
gave an account of the Ogden HERALD, in which so many of those present were interested. It was not his newspaper, he stated, neither that of any one man, but it was ours, the people's paper. He was glad to state that the HERALD Publishing Company was solvent, and in a good financial condition. The speaker cast a retrospective glance on the foundation of the HERALD, and showed that it had progressed and developed favorably ever since its beginning. The institution was sound, the speaker never had known an enterprise in Weber County which had been such a success as the HERALD Publishing Company. Elder Hall attributed this in a great measure to the willingness with which the people had responded to the call made on them by the servants of God, and he was confident that if the people would continue to lend their efforts to the good work, it would prove to be a continued success. The people had reason to be gratified that they had an organ so well devoted to the upholding and defense of the Kingdom of God.

**APOSTLE F. D. RICHARDS**  
was happy to state that we had met under exceedingly favorable circumstances. Referring to the remarks concerning the HERALD he expressed the hope that the people would all take an unflinching interest in its maintenance and support. Every family in this county, at least, ought to have the paper in their house.

The speaker then turned his attention to the matter of tithing, referring to the revelation of God given in July, 1838: that the Saints shall sanctify the land to secure its possession. He remembered a remark made by President Brigham Young that every Saint, even the poorest and most destitute, were entitled to the blessings of God resulting from a due observance of the law of tithing. Addressing himself particularly to the young men, whom he exhorted to get married at the proper marriageable age, he stated that when a young man wanted to get married, he desired to receive the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant. Then he would apply for his recommend to go through the holy places and inquiry would be instituted as to whether and how he had paid his tithing. The speaker pointed out in plain words that a young man who had been living with his parents would receive his recommend, if the family had been prompt and honest in their payment of tithing. But a young man who had settled down for himself and been earning his own independent livelihood, was under obligations to pay his honest tithing himself. In every well-regulated household this ought to be constantly and faithfully attended to. This principle ought to be engrained in the hearts of the children, so that the Lord's blessing may rest continually over every family, generation after generation.

Another matter to which the speaker wished attention given were the Ward Records. The Presidency was the proper authority to see with every Bishop how the Records are kept. The birth, blessing, baptism, marriage, ordinations, and death of every member of the Church should be duly and properly registered. Apostle Richards instructed the Bishops how and what kind of Records should be kept. Especially the visits of the leading authorities ought to be noted down so that the good instructions might not be forgotten and lost. He was sorry to observe so much deficiency in this matter in some Wards.

In a similar manner the head of every family ought to keep an accurate and complete account and record of each and every member of his family, the dead as well as the

living. We have excellent examples in the holy Scriptures, as in the genealogy of Jesus, traced back to David, from David to Abraham, to Noah, and Adam. It was a great feature of Israelitish faith and life and we ought to follow their example.

Another matter concerning the young men was the deplorable ignorance of some of them as to their own Territory. So many, when they get out into the world, find themselves awkwardly lost when they are asked for information about their own home and resources. Therefore they should inform themselves with regard to our country, its physical features, its resources, agricultural, mineral, commercial, industrial, and otherwise. They should learn all about the size of the Territory, the counties, cities, towns, rivers, lakes, mountains, valleys, etc. Such knowledge is a good preparation for religion and a convenient introduction with the people abroad who will want to know all about it. The speaker closed with exhorting the Saints to take all these instructions home into their families, talk them over, and endeavor to carry them out in life.

**PRESIDENT GEO. Q. CANNON**  
endorsed the importance of the habit of keeping accurate records and accounts. There exists too much negligence about this matter among the people. If we could have records of our ancestors, generations back, they would be exceedingly valuable to us, and they are becoming more and more so with the approaching completion of the Temples. We shall have to be particular about the character and worth of those for whom we wish to go through the ordinances for the dead. We are very scrupulous about the worth of the living who are applying for admittance into the holy places, and we should be no less careful in scrutinizing the history of those of our ancestors for whom we desire to go through holy ordinances.

In regard to the subject of tithing the speaker pointed out the inconsistency there would be in admitting men and women into temples and allowing them to share in the ordinances administered therein, who had never contributed to their erection. If such even should receive ordinances they would be of little benefit to them, as they would be

There are two or three great evils in the world against which we as Latter-day Saints ought to guard especially. One is the love of money, the undue fondness for the things of the world. A veil is drawn between our present existence on earth and that previous life all knowledge of which is withheld from us by the wisdom of God. Hence we become so attached to this earth, our affections go out towards the terrestrial things. But God teaches us that we should be weaned from the things of the earth, clinging and striving after a higher, more glorious, purer life. All experience shows us that whatever man acquires, lands and houses, gold and silver, he has to leave behind. All the generations gone before us have had to leave behind them all they possessed and it will be so after us. This love of gain is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the elevation of mankind, the great evil in the way of the redemption of Zion.

Two other deplorable, dangerous evils, which are unhappily growing in our midst, are the terrible crime of unchastity and the fearful vice of intemperance. These influences must be checked, before they lead more down to destruction. No unchaste man can have faith. Unchastity and faith cannot reside in the same bosom. The spirit of God is incompatible with the spirit of lust. He that looketh on a woman and lusteth after her, loseth faith. It is one of the most fruitful causes of darkness and apostasy. A man cannot harbor this spirit and retain the faith of the Gospel. Our children should be taught this. Fathers should teach their sons, mothers their daughters and impress them with the great importance of virtue.

The other growing great evil is intemperance. We are doing all we can to restrain the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this Territory, but we have inimical influences to contend with. Hence we are left to moral suasion. Let us teach our children never to taste the intoxicating cup, lest the chained demon of intemperance be unchained and commit the fearful destruction of soul and body. Everybody should take an interest in keeping society pure.

These are crying evils; they cry loudly to us as the Church and Kingdom of God. The speaker closed with praying for the spirit of the Lord to rest upon all Israel.

The choir sang an anthem and Bishop Sanford Bingham offered the benediction.

2 P. M.  
The congregation was called to order by Counselor L. Herrick. The choir sang, "Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire," and Bishop F. A. Hammond opened with prayer,

after which the choir sang, "O God, Eternal Father."

The clerk of the Weber Stake presented the general authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as approved at the October Conference at Salt Lake City. All nominations were unanimously sustained, as were the authorities for the Weber Stake of Zion.

**PRESIDENT GEO. Q. CANNON**  
desired the presence of the Spirit of God during the afternoon. One of the great needs of these people is the union on all matters of doctrine and politics. All the importance that we have as a people is due to our union. If we had differences and discords, we would sink into the insignificance in which a people of our number of population would naturally be expected to remain. But we are a power in the land, when we move with combined forces. To maintain this power and influence we should continue to remain united. Everything arising among us to create differences, has a tendency to weaken us. God has revealed a principle adapted to make us united. We cannot be united on principles of impurity. We must stand on the platform of perfect purity. No bonds, covenants, or obligations can make us united, that do not originate in the principles of truth and purity. Combinations of men may gather for various purposes; but unless God sanctions the organization, it will be of but short duration, neither can it accomplish the ends for which it is designed. Our Gospel embraces everything that can be desired in righteousness, and in this particular our system is superior to everything else on the earth. This feature constitutes its power and greatness. Were it lacking or deficient in any one item, it would cease to be the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But as we have proved, it is not lacking in anything that conduces to happiness, peace, righteous enjoyment here and hereafter. Every pure and truthful yearning can be gratified in the Gospel. But it contains nothing that is impure, that is deleterious to man's constitution.

Now arises the question, How can we make its principles more effective in the securing of perfect union? There is nothing outside of it that can do it. It is a remarkable characteristic of this Church that wherever an organization of it has been effected, there has been a mar- ginal Gospel has had the effect of amalgamating people of various nationalities, and establishing a prevalence of peace. The speaker exemplified this by the instance of the Elders from northern or western States, or even of foreign origin, preaching and laboring in the southern States, where they make friendly associations, irrespective of the former sectional animosities. Thus it is among the nations of the earth. Everywhere through the influence of the Gospel the people's hearts are knit together. Our religion is the only one adapted to all races and tribes of men. It furnishes a platform wide and broad enough for all mankind. It would be impossible for members of this Church in Germany to fight with members of the Church in France, or anywhere else. This is an evidence that the principles of the Gospel are creative of peace, harmony, and love. Our religion obliterates all national or denominational barriers and unites all mankind in one great family under the Heavenly Father. By reference to history the speaker showed how little all the other churches have been or still are adapted to knit the hearts of the children of man together.

In the 51 years' history of the Church more has been done in the softening of hearts towards each other than for almost twenty centuries. We thereby get much more vivid conceptions of the bliss of Heaven with its union, concord, and harmony, than the split-up and divided religionists of the world can.

This Gospel is teaching the nations of the earth a great lesson. The honest, the meek, the pure in heart are gathering around us. God is laying the foundation of His Kingdom, and it must have time to grow, to gradually develop itself. When we see how it removes unbelief, tradition, wicked disposition in those who have faith in it we can probably understand how great a work the Lord is performing. The Lord does not change an unbeliever to a believer in one moment. He leaves us our free agency and places before us the principles of His will and mind. Every event now taking place in the various nations of the world is overruled by the Lord's almighty hand. All the nations, knowingly or not, are performing the purposes of the Lord. His providence especially controls and watches the fates of the United States of which we form a part. Particularly great is His watchcare over the movements with regard to the Lamanites, for the fulfillment of every one of His purposes.

We have to perform our part, gathering here together and living according to His revealed will and law. Only by so doing we can be preserved, either as a people or in-

dividually. We have had wonderful deliverances from harm since we came to this Territory, and the Lord's kind watchcare has preserved us miraculously. Ever since the arrival of Johnston's army (1857) the innumerable schemes and moves made to overthrow the Kingdom have been foiled and thwarted. This has been because we have been a united people, because of the devotion, faith, and prayer of the Latter-day Saints, because a large majority of them have been honestly serving the Lord to the best of their abilities. If it should come to that, that a majority of the people should harden their hearts against the Lord, there is no assurance that we will be preserved. It is the bounden duty of every one holding the priesthood to proclaim the principles of God in plainness and simplicity, to cry aloud and warn all who are prone to fall aside in error and wickedness. In no other way can the Church be built up. It is of the utmost importance that the Elders warn the people of the tendency towards selfishness. There must be a spirit of self-sacrifice, on which the Church has been built up, else there will be apostasy. Six of the original twelve Apostles denied the faith because of their covetousness and unchastity. Out of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon every one fell away, on account of their impurity and greed. If a man like Oliver Cowdery could not maintain his standing in the Church, on account of unchaste practices, what hope is there for any man or woman who practices impurity to retain connection with the Church? Joseph the Prophet has set us an example for self-sacrifice, second only to that of the Savior. All those who exercised self-sacrifice retained their standing in the Church and were bounteously blessed. It will require similar devotion on our part to secure similar blessings. We should not hesitate to respond to every call made on us. No Elder ever suffered starvation, neither did his family, who went forth to preach the everlasting Gospel. The Lord always raised up friends for them in their need.

Did not the speaker know that the Lord's ruling hand is over us, he would often feel uneasy at the constant endeavors and schemes of our enemies to stir up strife in our midst and cause the unwary to fall away. Ourselves, the Lord attending His faithful servants. Every one must acknowledge that no man in this Church who has disobeyed the counsel of the priesthood has prospered, neither has any one who obeyed counsel failed. All the facts demonstrate that any attempts at disregarding and disobeying the counsel of the priesthood result in disaster and distress. There is no other way for us than the one pointed out by the Lord through His servants. Here the speaker referred also to the unhappy intermarriage with people who are not of us. The Lord brought us out here to remain a distinct people, not forming part of the outside world, although extending to them every right and privilege they are entitled to. There should be no division, no strife among us.

President Cannon also pointed out the wonderful way in which our immigration has been preserved ever since 1841, as of our immigration no vessel has been wrecked, no lives lost on the ocean, although hundreds of ships have brought tens of thousands of Saints across the seas. There has certainly been a wonderful providence in this matter.

The speaker then addressed specially the Saints of Ogden who were placed in a peculiarly exposed position, and exhorted them to cling close to the principles of the Gospel, cultivating virtue, peace, righteousness, to overcome the evil influences, battling with the spirit of light. Great care should be taken in the education of our children, to train them in purity. If we live correctly we will have the spirit of revelation continuously with us and possess the gift of discernment.

President Cannon expressed the hope that he would be remembered by the Saints when he was abroad and he asked for their faith and prayers, for the prayers of the Saints had upborne him in many a dark hour. He referred to the attempt made, last spring, by the enemies of this people to steal our political rights from us, by an effort of seating a man as Delegate who was not elected, and pointed out how signally the attempted theft was thwarted. If we live our religion, we will escape all the dangers and attacks of our enemies. Thus even the Poland bill has not arrested the progress of the Church. Although our Governor, our Judges, and other officials are not of our choice, we are as free a people in these valleys as there are any within the confines of the Republic. Troubles are brewing in Congress, petitions upon petitions have been piled up in committees, to urge special legislation against us. But no legislation can bring this people under bondage, unless they lend themselves to the schemes of the adversary.

Before closing his powerful address, the speaker admonished the Saints in earnest words to live in purity, chastity, and virtue, to repent of their lusts and passions and forsake them. Every man should lend his influence to stem the stream of vice which is pouring over the nations of the world. The girls should be modest in their conduct and apparel, so that they impress those who associate with them with their virtue.

With an anthem by the choir and benediction by Apostle F. D. Richards the Conference came to a close.