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THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'
MILLENNIAL STAR.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"—ISAIAH LII, 7.

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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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PRESIDENT George Q. Cannon, on Saturday afternoon, read the statistical report, also a financial report of the Manti Temple and a financial report of the Logan Temple, which, on motion, were received and placed on file. He also read the following names of missionaries, which were sustained by the unanimous vote of the Conference:

Names of Elders who have been called on missions since the October Conference, 1882, and are now in their fields of labor.

GREAT BRITAIN.

John Henry Smith, William Groesbeck, Salt Lake City; Samuel R. Western, Deseret.

UNITED STATES.

Soren Jacobson, Mount Pleasant; Charles M. Squires, Ephraim Jensen, Brigham City; John Robert Stubbert, Salt Lake City; Joseph Lapish, Salina; Elisha F. Hubbard, St. David, Arizona; Peter Loutensock, Lehi.

SOUTHERN STATES.

W. L. H. Dotson, Minersville; Adelbert Cazier, William Knight, Thomas Wright, jun., John S. Linton, Charles P. Ostler, Nephi; Newell Whitney Kimball, Logan; Homer C. Call, Willard; Joseph Belnap, Hooper; William Hurst Crandall, Pleasant View; Angus McKay, Huntsville; John Styler, Deseret; Wm. L. Ball, Frank McKinney, Robert Sellers, Samuel Eccles, Baley Moyers, Manassa, Colorado; John Davidson, Benson; John Smith Willie, Jens Jensen, Mendon; Andrew Morrison Spence, John Hill Maughan, Wellsville; A. M. Israelson, Orson M. Wilson, Hyrum; Robert Pearce, jun., John Henry Gibbs, Paradise; Thomas Griffin, Charles Shumway, Thomas Godfrey, Clarkston; Hampden Sidney Beattie, jun., Salt Lake City; William Frederick Rigby, jun., Newton; Alexander Richards, Mendon; Jacob F. Miller, Farmington; George Albert Biglow, Millville; Joseph Morrell, Logan; Joshua Hawks, Franklin, Idaho; Joshua L. Ferron, Eden; Joel Ricks, jun., Logan; Brigham Henry Roberts, Centreville.

HOLLAND.

Peter Jacob Lammers, Ogden.

ARIZONA.

Arza E. Hinckley, Cove Creek.

Missionaries called at April Conference, 1883:

GREAT BRITAIN.

William B. Bennett, West Jordan; William Chapple, Ogden; Edward A. Steed, Littleton; Robert Johnson, Manti; Ezra F. Martin, Charles Edgar Angell, John Cartwright, Charles Denney, Robert Braby, John Willoughby, Samuel McKay, John A. Druce, Herbert L. James, Salt Lake City; William Wright, Charleston; Henry Goldsbrough, Heber B. Ockey, Nephi; Henry Yates, Clarkston; Nathaniel M. Hodges, Laketown; William Panter, Taylorsville; William Jex, Spanish Fork; John Reeves, William D. Williams, Ogden; Thomas Waddoups, East Bountiful; James George Crane, Herriman; Louis Peter Lund, Pleasant Grove; Thomas Wilson, Lynne; Robt. Maw, Plain City; George Condie, Hamilton's Fort; Wm. D. Williams, Benson; Llewellyn J. Mantle, North Jordan; Henry Wm. Harris, Joseph Yates, Brigham City; William Reeves, Centreville.

SCANDINAVIA.

Andrew Andersen, Charles John Christensen, Ephraim; Christian Nelson, Upper Portneuf, Idaho; Niels Larsen, Montpelier, Idaho; Soren Jacobsen, Mount Pleasant; Frederick Ludvigsen, Gunnison; Martin Christoffersen, Salt Lake City; Ole Sorensen, Fountain Green; John P. Ipsen, Mantua; Gustaf L. Rosengreen, Union; Jorgen Hansen, Provo; Frederick Julius, Mayfield; Hans Poulsen, Plain City; Andrew Christensen, Fairview; Martin Jensen, Mantua; Haken Anderson, Kanosh; George Daniel Olsen, Fillmore; Emil Ericksen, Christian Nielsen, Spring City; Joseph Monson, Richmond; Samuel P. Nelson, Smithfield; Thorwald A. Thoresen, Hyrum; Charles J. A. Lindquist, John H. Anderson, jun., Logan; Daniel Brown, Levan; August Swenson, Spanish Fork; Charles Knudsen, Brigham.

UNITED STATES.

Andrew Hendricksen, Levan; Henry H. McConnell, Cedar; Henry Peck, Malad; Stephen B. Rose, Salt Lake City; Lars Jacobsen, Provo; James Andrew Anderson; Hyrum; J. J. Howe, Heber; Charles L. Flake, Snowflake, Arizona; Niels L. Lund, Mount Pleasant.

SOUTHERN STATES.

Andrew Lott Jensen, Moroni; Charles E. Robison, Montpelier; Amos Cook, Brigham Holbrook, Joseph Willey, John R. Waite, jun., James G. Wood, Lamoni Call, East Bountiful; Nephi Robertson, William N. Kirby, Fountain Green; John A. Mower, Ransom M. Stevens, Fairview; Thomas Vickers, Nephi; George K. Reese, Jonathan Golden Kimball, Salt Lake City; Victor D. Cram, Kanab; Joseph Smith, Centreville; James Eldredge, Wood's Cross; William H. Jones, Brigham; Samuel Crandall Dunn, Raft River Bridge, Idaho; Leo Albert Bean, Richfield; Christian F. Christiansen, Kanosh; McLaren Boyle, Ogden; John Wm. Butler, Richfield; Charles A. Walch, South Morgan; Israel Bennion, Vernon, Newell A. Hill, Salt Lake City.

CANADA.

George Wesley Beckstead, South Jordan.

SWISS AND GERMAN MISSION.

August Bissegger, Rudolf Hockstrasser, Providence; James Edgar Jennings, Salt Lake City; Gotlieb Hirschi, Rockville; Fraugott Bitter, Logan.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Brigham Morris Young, Brigham City.

NEW ZEALAND.

Charles Heyborne, Cedar; William Thomas Stewart, John Clarence Stewart, Kanab.

ARIZONA (St. John's).

John Cox, jun., and sons, Fairview.

MEXICO.

Franklin R. Snow, St. George; Helaman Pratt, Salt Lake City.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

It is reiterated in our hearing that God cannot look upon sin with the slightest degree of allowance. We take the position that we are the servants of the Lord, teachers of righteousness; we ought to demonstrate in our lives that we are converted to the principles which we profess. We have testified over and over again that God has revealed to us His mind and will; we ought to show, by our actions, that this is true. We must adopt in our lives those principles which Christ taught, otherwise our professions will be vain, being but theory. We must place our religion first and foremost in all things. We are under responsibility to be co-workers with each other and the holy angels, to establish righteousness on the earth. By special revelation we have been required to put away our covetousness and all evil, and set our houses in order. The very fact that we are here, in Zion, is evidence that we are required to labor for the kingdom, and that we must not waste our time in following the extravagance and follies and wickedness of the Gentiles. In the revelation to Enoch, God told him that in the latter days there should be a Zion, and that the principles revealed to him and his people should be established, that there should be a Zion from beneath to meet and greet the Zion from above. If we have repented of our sins, been buried with Christ in baptism, received the Holy Spirit of promise, paid our tithing and attended to the requirements of our religion, we should be prepared to advance to the higher laws, by which we may be prepared to meet the Zion of Enoch. As for me, I feel that I and all I have are on the altar, subject to the direction of the servants of the living God. I want to live by the counsels of the Lord, for there is no safety for us till we become like clay in the hands of the potter; then nothing can happen to us that will not be for His glory. I can trust my all in the hands of such men as those who preside over the Church. If we will hearken to them, divest ourselves of our pride, our covetousness, and all our evil ways, God will be with us, His promises will be fulfilled, and we will secure a part in the first resurrection. I bear testimony that to all who live for it, God does reveal the truth of these principles. May we be established in the cause of righteousness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Conference was adjourned till Sunday, 10 a.m. The choir sang the anthem:

As the dews from heaven distilling.

Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

On assembling on the morning of April 8th, 1883, the choir sang:

Hark the song of jubilee:

Loud as mighty thunders roar.

After prayer by Counselor D. H. Wells, the choir sang:

Though deep'ning trials thron'g your way,

Press on, press on, ye Saints of God.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

We have great reason for thankfulness for the blessings and privileges we have enjoyed during this Conference. There never was a time since the organization of the Church when the people were more prosperous or more numerous, notwithstanding the opposition of the wicked, from the press, the pulpit and Congress. We must acknowledge the hand of God in our deliverance, for it has not been our wisdom nor the wisdom of men. We

should acknowledge the hand of God in all things. He has blessed us with an abundance of the good things of this world, making the sterile wilderness fertile for our sakes, and in addition to these things has revealed unto us the priceless riches of the principles of eternal life. And as He has been good to us in the past, so we may confidently trust to Him in the future. Therefore, there is no room for doubt, and no occasion for trembling. It would be an insult to His power, justice, goodness and mercy to doubt that He will carry on His work to completion. This is no time for faltering, fear, doubt, or misgiving. The main obstacles in the way of the Saints are pride and haughtiness and forgetfulness of our covenants, which are much more seductive than poverty and opposition. This cannot be charged to the whole people, but there are individuals who seem to be entirely engrossed in the things of this world. We are all alike before God, and the rich are as dependent as the poor upon the Lord for the blessings of eternity; but it is the willing and obedient only who are acceptable unto God, and if we yield to the seductive influence of wealth we will lose the spirit of God. If the people as a whole or as a majority yield to these influences, I see no other way of bringing them to remembrance of the Lord than by being scourged and humbled. We can only enjoy the blessings of the Gospel by obedience to its laws. They cannot be bought nor obtained by personal influence. All men have their agency and can choose the good or the evil, but all will be held accountable for the use they make of this agency. God will hold all men to account for their acts. Those who will not avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them will be under condemnation. No man can obtain a remission of sins excepting through repentance and baptism. There are other great and inestimable blessings pertaining to the Gospel which no human being can obtain excepting through obedience to the laws of God. And even after we have obtained them we may lose them again through our failure to live in the light of the Gospel. All the children of God receive many great blessings, the sun shines upon the just and the unjust; but the Holy Ghost will only rest upon the righteous; the rain falls upon the evil and the good, but the dews of the Holy Priesthood, its powers and blessings will not distill upon the wicked. They are the free gifts of God to His worthy sons. If the Saints will serve the Lord and labor for the accomplishment of His purposes, they will rise triumphantly over all their foes. But the moment they place their affections upon the things of this world, His Spirit will begin to withdraw itself, and that which is given to them will be taken away unless they repent. We are required to do good as well as to have good desires. We must be what we profess. I know this work is of God and I have never experienced a doubt concerning it and never known what fear is concerning the ultimate triumph of this work. Man may fail but this work can never fail. The best time the wicked ever saw to destroy this work was on the 6th day of April, 1830. Now it has become altogether too powerful and I thank God that in my very bones I feel and sense that; I can see that this work is beyond the reach of its enemies. We as individuals may fall if we give way to evil, but as long as the people seek to serve God no power can prevail against them. I do not feel to boast, only in the power and goodness of God, but I do rejoice that I have lived to see this work what it is. I know as I know that I live that this work will prevail,

and I would not exchange this testimony for all the wealth of the world. We should all feel interested in this work, one as much as another. Unless we are willing to sacrifice every earthly consideration for the Gospel we are not truly considered, and are not worthy of the Gospel. This is written in the scripture and it is as true as that the sun shines. The blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been conferred upon us, and we and our posterity will enjoy these blessings if we live for them. May God help us to learn the truth, abide in it for ever, and live for God and His kingdom and nothing else, is my prayer. Amen.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON.

There is a spirit accompanying the testimonies that have been borne in our hearing that cannot fail to reach the hearts of the honest. We will at some time or other be judged by the testimonies we hear, and we will be condemned according to our negligence or disregard of those testimonies. God has taught us with exceeding great plainness, and has given us a constant stream of revelation and counsel. The Apostles and leaders of the people have labored and plead with this people to live so as to receive a celestial reward. So also has God labored with them to be pure and holy, worthy of the great blessings and endowments He has conferred upon them. How can this people then plead ignorance? We have been taught not to commit adultery or murder. There is a feeling of horror associated with the idea of shedding blood; blessed are we if we have the same horror of committing adultery; for that crime is next to the shedding of blood, and in the judgment day the guilty will have to pay the penalty of these sins. This is no new doctrine but is cotemporaneous with the revelation of the Gospel. God will have a pure and chaste people. But the crime I have alluded to is the besetting sin of the age, and the piteous appeals of woman, outraged, oppressed, defiled, are ascending unto the ears of the Almighty. God has chosen you, my brethren, to lift up and save mankind not to destroy. Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt shall lose its savor what is it good for? Nothing but to be cast away and trodden under foot. We should teach these laws of chastity to our boys, watching over them in their tender youth that they may be kept from these gross and fatal sins. Our girls should be taught that it is better to die than lose their virtue, and the young men should learn that seduction is next in enormity to murder. God has said, you can marry my daughters and be blessed in it; but let a man seduce a woman and it damns him. Then, my young brethren and sisters, avoid these evils, for though all sins may be forgiven through repentance, who can outlive the consequences of these pernicious crimes? Even to look upon a woman with lust is an evil and a sin. If we could only realize the enormity of these crimes we would rather lose our lives than commit them. Many are led to commit evils through yielding to the influence of liquor, for no man can enjoy the Spirit of God when under its influence. There may be uses for alcohol, it may be proper in some cases, but I have no fellowship for the drunkard or the habitual user of intoxicants. The Lord is drawing the line more closely. His laws must be observed and the transgressors cannot be fellowshipped. The Elders should seek to lift the people to a higher level. This is, however, an individual effort. The leaders of the Church can teach correct principles and set a good example,

but the people must also seek to lift themselves up. It requires an individual effort. The work of God is increasing and the prophecies that have been and are being uttered concerning the triumph of this work will all be fulfilled. When we look at the many evils which have been introduced among us some are led to inquire whether this will always be so. Some had the impression when we came here that we would remain isolated and be free from the vices of the world. But all the circumstances by which we are surrounded are allowed for wise purposes, and the Lord has permitted these evils that we may be tested, that the unworthy may be eliminated, and that we may gain experience in contending with evil. By this our strength is developed. We will battle against these things now in a small and narrow sphere, but our influence in this direction will spread until it is felt throughout the whole world. And if we cannot withstand the evils that surround us, the sooner we go down the better. But we will rise above them, and they will be overcome. I look forward with great faith to the associations organized for the training of the young—the Primaries, the Young Men and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations and the Sunday Schools. There may be some suffering and trial for us in the great struggle before us, but if we cling to Zion our future and that of our posterity is assured, and this people will always have a man to stand for them before the Lord. You men of Israel in this house to-day shall never want for a man to bear your name and represent you in the earth. Your sons will stand in the Holy Priesthood and perpetuate your line, and will be the rulers of the world, and they will enjoy with the holy ones who have fought valiantly in the cause of Zion, the glory that awaits the righteous. God bless you and help you to keep His holy commandments with your posterity after you. Amen.

ELDER F. M. LYMAN.

The testimonies borne at this Conference have found a response in the hearts of the people, and will never be forgotten. The Lord has been with the people. Not one commandment has been revealed but is necessary to complete the salvation of men. They are not understood by the world and only partially so by the Saints. When the first principles were taught to us we comprehended them imperfectly. Yet here is a congregation such as can not be found elsewhere in the world. Twelve thousand or more people who have been converted and brought to the knowledge of the truth and gathered from many nations by the power of God. Not by the wisdom or philosophy of man, but by the revelations and workings of the Almighty. The Lord laid the foundation of this work as seen by the prophets of old. God the Father accompanied by His Son Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith and commenced this latter-day work. This is why the world cannot overcome it, and why it will endure and spread abroad and stand forever. And the testimonies of the servants of God are binding upon the generation as the word of the Lord, spoken by His authority. This is my testimony, and that we may be faithful and our posterity after us to endure and obtain full salvation in His Kingdom is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Conference was adjourned till 2 o'clock. The choir sang the anthem :

Mighty Jehovah.

Benediction by Elder A. O. Smoot.

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