

# QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Of the Y. L. M. I. A. of the Weber Stake of Zion, held in Ogden Tabernacle, Dec. 13th, 1884.

10 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by President S. A. Herrick.

Singing, "Glorious things of thee are spoken," by the Fourth Ward Choir.

Prayer by Elder A. Smurthwaite. Singing, "How firm a foundation," etc.

The minutes of the previous Conference were read and approved. The minutes of the monthly meetings of the officers were also presented.

**PRES. S. A. HERRICK.**

felt that we were called to labor in a great and good work, and we should seek to encourage each other and strive to perform every duty required of us. We should seek to be prayerful, that we may gain an exaltation in the Kingdom of our Father. Sister Herrick had visited a number of the associations and had organized one in Eden, which is now in a prosperous condition.

**COUNSELOR R. E. MONCH**

felt to rely upon the spirit of God to guide her in her remarks. It is a great blessing to have the privilege of attending meetings, that we may have our lamps trimmed and get the oil renewed. We must be prepared to pass through trials, for we must take the bitter in order to take more abundantly the sweet; God will not withhold from us the good if we try cheerfully to serve Him. We have been reserved for a purpose, and Satan knows when a noble spirit takes a body, and endeavors to overcome that person with his legions. God loves a cheerful heart. If a child works cheerfully and performs willingly each allotted task, we feel to bless it with all in our power. And how much more will God give if we serve Him faithfully and truly? If we work for the praise of men we get our reward here, but if we have the love of the Lord He will reward us with life everlasting. Do your works of charity in secret for the love of doing good and God will reward you openly. We all have a little influence; put it in the right place so the little will help to swell the good. Follow the example of Christ and work diligently; for it is written, "Woe be unto those who are at ease in Zion." Let us do all we can and be diligent that we may truly be on the Lord's side.

**COUNCILOR E. Y. STANFORD**

was amply paid for coming. We lose a great deal by not attending our meetings, for we gain more of the Spirit of God to assist us in our duties. She bore a faithful testimony, encouraging and exhorting the young sisters to be diligent in their labors, that they might receive the blessings of the faithful, and be noble in the work of God.

**SISTER J. S. RICHARDS**

was dependent on the Spirit of God to enable her to speak instructively and to appreciate the blessings which He has poured out upon her. We must work diligently if we would receive the reward laid up for the righteous. If we expect God to pour out His blessings upon us, we must be willing at all times to do our duty and live up to the requirements of His laws. We have great privileges. Let us appreciate them and double our energies. The Spirit of God will be with us if there are but few, for many are called but few are chosen. May we all prove chosen vessels unto the Lord. Be charitable and forgiving; honor your parents and seek for the building up of the work of God, that you may rejoice with the righteous and receive a crown of eternal life.

**SISTER M. A. RILEY**

could not report the Second Ward Association in as good condition as she would be pleased to do; but felt like doing all her power to make it a success.

The choir sang an anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder Thomas Brown, and Conference was adjourned till 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

Singing, "O my Father, thou that dwellest." Prayer by Elder Z. Ballantyne. Singing, "O give me back, my Prophet dear."

**SISTER E. R. HILL**

reported the First Ward Association in a better condition than at the last Conference. She then gave some good instructions, showing the necessity of being punctual and responding to the calls of the President; be careful and studious and endeavor to give a testimony of the truthfulness of the work. The experience of Gideon was related by the speaker, how he sought and obtained a sign, that he might have a testimony. We must be careful not to repeat false stories, for by so do-

ing we may bear false witness against our friends. The resignation of Sister Roseltha Canfield, as secretary, was then read and accepted and a vote of thanks tendered for her services.

**SISTER RUSSELL**

realized that without the assistance of God she could say nothing beneficial. The association of Riverdale was doing very well, but not as well as they might. If we seek the Spirit of God, our meetings will be more interesting. The Lord requires us to meet together often to speak of His goodness. Let us be up and doing, and prepare ourselves for all we may be called upon to perform. If we neglect our duties the Spirit of Darkness will overcome us. Let us be more determined to live up to the requirements of God, and obey all the laws, that we may receive all the blessings. Do not speak disrespectfully of any of them, but if you have nothing in favor of them say nothing at all. The speaker gave many more interesting and instructive remarks, returning thanks to God for the blessings she has enjoyed, and does still enjoy. It is our privilege to live so that we can call down the blessings of God at all times of need. Closed by asking the blessings of God upon all.

**SISTER TAYLOR**

reported the Mound Fort Association in a prosperous condition with a good attendance, all seeking for the advancement of improvement.

**SISTER PARRY**

said the young ladies of the Marriott Ward were doing well, having gathered considerable grain during the season.

**BROTHER SMURTHWAITE**

gave some good instructions, encouraging the young to be more united and seek for the benefit of the work in which they are engaged, and prepare themselves for the future. There is a good and a bad influence at work with us, and we must strive continually to do right, that we may overcome the evil. Seek to lay up knowledge by studying all good books.

**SISTER BELNAP**

would prefer to listen to the younger sisters bear their testimony. She felt that the older sisters had laid the foundation, and the younger ones must build upon it; and the faster they do it the better will God be pleased, for He knows the thoughts and desires of our hearts. The sisters need all the blessings of God that they can obtain, that they may instruct their children. The greatest blessing God can give us is to know Him and each other. She had great consolation to know that God would hear and answer her prayers, and closed by asking the spirit of God to rest upon all forever.

**COUNSELOR R. E. MONCH**

was pleased to bear her testimony once more. If we cannot say anything for the principles, do not say anything. She wished to present before the meeting a book, written by Helen Mar Whitney, on "Celestial Marriage," which was interesting and instructive. If we would write the faults of others on the sand where the wind soon covers them up, and would try to mend our own evil ways instead, we would be more charitable and improve much faster.

**SISTER MAY RICHARDS**

felt that if we lived up to the instruction we have heard we would be greatly blessed. She prayed God to bless all and enable us to be wise and continue virtuous.

**PRESIDENT S. A. HERRICK**

was pleased with the remarks made. — If we remember them they would benefit us. God has said He takes the weak to labor in Zion. If we live near to God we will see His power greatly manifest; He will bless us.

Meeting was adjourned for three months. An anthem by the choir was well rendered. Benediction was pronounced by L. D. Rudd.