

approve the acts of his ministers on earth as it is in earthly governments, in fact it was more necessary, for our salvation in eternity depended on this principle.

G. H. Hall, of the Huntsville association dwelt on "Faith and its subdivisions." The speaker gave Paul's definition of faith and proceeded to illustrate it. He stated that while all humanity had within it the generating power of faith which could be cultivated until it almost grew into knowledge or killed by neglect, no absolute knowledge of God, His attributes and His will concerning us could be obtained except by direct revelation. This knowledge or revelation could be obtained by the proper cultivation of faith, a principle which was not absolute knowledge, but the assurance of the existence and reality of things not seen.

Z. Jacobs, of the Fifth Ward association addressed the congregation, the subject being "The Nauvoo Exodus." "Nauvoo" was a Hebrew word signifying "beautiful situation," carrying with it the further meaning of "rest." The speaker described the location and the building of Nauvoo until settled by the Mormons. Then followed an account of the labors of the saints in building the city and temple, and a vivid description of their trials, persecutions and sufferings which finally ended in the burning of the temple and the exodus of the saints from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters and from there to these valleys where they have since resided.

The choir sang, "Come, O then King of Kings," and benediction was offered by Jno. V. Bluth.

The conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

The afternoon session was opened by the choir singing "Hosannah to the Great Messiah." Prayer was offered by J. L. Herrick. The congregation joined with the choir in singing, "Come, come ye Saints, no Toil nor Labor Fear."

The sacrament was administered by the priesthood of the Third Ward, after which the general and local presiding officers of the Y. M. M. I. Association were presented and sustained in their positions.

The report of the secretary showed the following statistics from 17 out of the 23 associations in Weber county:

Members, 665; average attendance 310%; number between the ages of 14 and 45 years who are not enrolled, 430; members studying civil government, 241; studying music, 19.

Meetings held—Officers, 65; regular, 341; joint, 22; monthly, 100; extra, 8; public lectures, 11; semi-annual conferences, 2. Total number of meetings, 549.

EXERCISES RENDERED.

On the Gospel, 244; testimonies, 94; lectures, 23. Total theological subjects, 366.

Bible history, 127; Book of Mormon history, 222; New Testament, 212; Church history, 144; Mutual Improvement series, 24. Total historical exercises, 729.

Scientific subjects, 73; civil government, 82; music, 12. Total, 167.

Readings, 3; essays, 9; select reading, 32; recitations, 25; miscellaneous, 14. Total, 83. Grand total, 1,345.

Questions answered, 975; lessons prepared at home, 2,501.

Visits of stake officers, 36; members away on missions, 23.

Number of libraries in the associations, 15; number of volumes bound, 1,115; pamphlets, 34; scrap books, 4. Total number of volumes, 1,153, valued at \$1,160.40.

A comparative report was then read by Superintendent Wright. It showed that the Fourth ward had the largest enrollment and average attendance. Marriotts had the greatest per cent of attendance, 68 per cent of the enrollment. Farr West had the smallest per cent of young men who did not belong to the associations. The Fourth ward possessed the largest library in the stake. The Second ward had held the largest number of meetings, 55. Liberty had rendered the greatest number of exercises, 124, while West Weber had answered the largest number of questions, 360. The greatest number of home preparations was held by the Second ward, 528, the Fourth ward coming second, with 427.

President Shurtliff stated that there was no need of any friction between the various institutions such as Sunday schools and Young Men's associations, for every Sunday school could be held as usual and still the tabernacle could be filled by young men belonging to the mutual.

Nathan J. Harris, of the Harrisville association, rendered an address on civil government in a clear and lucid manner. He defined the meaning of government and illustrated the various governments that had existed, did now exist or could exist on the earth such a patriarchal, theocratic, monarchical, limited monarchical, Democratic and Republican forms of government.

Elder George H. Brimhall, one of the general presiding officers addressed the congregation. He scored the associations which had not reported and hoped that no report would ever again be missing, gave general instructions as to procedure, expressed his pleasure at meeting with so many and see the support that was given the Mutual by the stake presidency, and when all things were thoroughly understood there could never be any friction between the working organisms of the church. There was harmony in all all things; there should be no rivalry or competition among the associations, but instead a proper spirit of emulation.

This closed the exercises at the conference, and notice was given that Elder Brimhall would deliver a lecture in the evening on the subject of "Appetite" considered from a physiological and theological standpoint.

The choir sang an anthem, and after benediction had been offered by Thos. A. Shreeve the conference adjourned.

AT THE TABERNACLE.

Semi-Annual Conference of the Y. M. M. I. A's. of Weber County.

The semi-annual conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations of Weber county was held in the tabernacle yesterday at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The morning session was not fully attended but in the afternoon the building was packed.

The morning session opened by the choir singing "The morning breaks the shadows flee." Prayer was offered by W. C. Hunter, president of the West Weber association. The choir and the congregation sang "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah."

Superintendent Angus T. Wright announced that a program had been prepared consisting of a number of addresses, such as are delivered at the regular meetings of the various wards.

The first address was made by Ernest Brown of the First ward association of Ogden, the subject being the "Necessity of divine authority to preach and administer in the ordinances of the Gospel."

During the address many illustrations were drawn from the scriptures showing how the Lord punished those who attempted to act in the priest's office without authority from the Lord, and the inevitable result of attempts to act in the ordinances of the Gospel without being called of God as was Aaron—either by direct communication or through a prophet of God. In order that the government of God should be perfect while among men it was just as necessary that the Lord should sanction and