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MORMONS LOYAL TO GOVERNMENT, DECLARES APOSTLE LYMAN, BUT WILL RENDER TO GOD THINGS THAT ARE HIS

Remarkable Speech of President Smith and Vote of Dissent Excite Much Interest in Conference.

The opening session of the second day of the seventy-fifth annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was an unusually large one, a congregation this morning as were the morning and afternoon sessions yesterday.

The remarkable speech of President Joseph F. Smith, in which he excoriated the "enemies of the church" and the unusual incident of objections being raised to the confirmation of the authorities of the church at yesterday's session, lended to the interest in the conference and to the high pitch there and there know and groups met and in monotonous undertones discussed the incidents.

Only Two Negro Mormons.

Noticeable among the crowd in the auditorium were two colored persons—the only negroes in the building. They were Aaron Jones, a colored preacher of Ogden, and his wife. Both are black as coal and their hair is white with the silver of great age. "Aunt Jane" was a servant for many years in the family of Governor Heber M. Young. She and her brother are the only negroes who are members of the Mormon church, and they are faithful members. Never comes a conference nor a Sabbath meeting that they are not present. Yesterday they were well to the front and in the center of the building, that by long custom and habit have been religiously reserved for them.

Opening Prayer Offered.

President J. D. T. McAllister of the Pioneer stake of Zion offered the opening prayer, inviting God for the privilege of meeting in conference, and asking that peace, blessing and salvation be with the people of the church, the acknowledged leaders of the great throng.

The choir sang the great anthems his hymn, "Earth With Her Ten Thousand Flowers."

Apostle Lyman Speaks.

President Francis M. Lyman of the quorum of apostles was the first to address the conference.

"My heart was full of joy yesterday," he said, "in listening to the reports of all we have accomplished. It is wonderful to have brought together in seventy-five years the people we have here. We are a union, so perfectly organized and united, to carry the gospel to all the world.

"I am glad to see the great increase in faith, and to notice that the united testimony yesterday from the presidency what we have accomplished together, for we are carrying forward a remarkable work among the nations of the earth.

Sustaining of Officers.

"What remarkable scenes we noticed yesterday in our voting. We are alike brethren and sisters. Each has a right to our leaders. These men have all been selected with great care and prayer. We have no others whatever but to obtain the very best men and women for responsible positions.

"Lies and Falsehoods."

"God chooses before the low and the downtrodden that are wronged and preached the gospel to the poor. Then they are doing the Lord's service when they endure and persecute us. They believe we are 'deluded.' What a wonderful delusion!

Abide by the Government.

"The church has not been broken to pieces and it will not be broken to pieces. It is a government unto itself, and we have nothing to do with the affairs of the world. We will have our neighbors. We will live with them and abide them—we will live with them.

"Are we not a good, peaceable element? Are we not doing our share for the government?

"Those things that belong to the Government and the State we will render to the Government and the State and we will give to God the things that are God's equal to every other people in the world.

Will Gather to Zion.

"The people will gather from all the world to Zion and the gospel will be preached.

"Thank God for the liberty we have in talking, working, and preaching the word of God and may the Nation abide in liberty. It is our constitutional right.

"It is not necessary for anyone to tell us we are a bad people. We may be imperfect, but we are not wicked."

Miss Edwarda Perry sang a sacred solo, "Oh, Rest in the Lord," and her voice was sweet and sympathetic and her enunciation was unusually clear and distinct, and the words in all the various parts of the building forgot and understanding every word and note of the solo.

Have Church in Kansas.

J. G. Duffin, president of the Central States mission, was called to represent his mission in the conference.

He said:

"The work in the mission is in good condition. We have been increasing in their good work and strength.

"During the past five years the tithes in my mission have been more than 60 per cent.

"We are doing a little in a colonizing line. Brethren have taken a colony of sixty-five families and a membership of 300, in Kansas we have a branch of the church. There are over two score of members.

"Six or eight homes of worship have been built in the mission during the last two or three years.

Elder Ben. S. Rich, president of the Southern States mission, reported that the work is progressing finely there. He said:

"The work is going on gradually. There is scarcely a day goes without a baptism. Sometimes we have from fifty to eighty a week.

Rejoices in Church.

"I never saw a day in my life when I rejoiced more in the condition of the church, than I do today. I have had the privilege of traveling in many countries and I tried to be well know the gospel is true and second I learned that there are others with children. I think that sometimes the children of Latter-day Saints do not know their children then know of a truth that the gospel is true.

Have Open to God.

"There never was a time when calls were more open to the voice of God than the voice of Joseph F. Smith. You know by the power of God he was led by the will of God.

"I sometimes think the people cannot live as they should unless they have the wolves to bark at them.

Go Tale of Brothers.

"Like a pet that drags fish from the sea. We pick up lots of snails and lots of suckers. The suckers will go back to the sea. We have had a good many and all many of them have gone back to the sea.

May Go to Hell.

"Sometimes the blood in my nerves wants to burst forth and tell some defamers of the truth to go to hell, but that isn't necessary, they will go there by and by.

"Some ministers oppose us honestly. Others persecute us because they want to be as mean as the devil will let them.

"Sometimes I have been invited to notices of meetings of various auxiliary organizations, conference reunions and other meetings, and I have noticed that sometimes through notices of articles that I preached were read. Among them was a diamond cutting, with the notice that I would be there on the speaker's stand.

Recitals Begin Soon.

He also announced that the organ recitals, to continue through the summer, would begin next week.

A duet by Miss Nicol and will be given at the close of this afternoon's session, for the benefit of visitors.

At the close of the singing of the anthem "Let the Mountains Shout For Joy" Benediction was pronounced by Bishop William B. Preston, and the conference adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TWO APOSTLES ARE OBJECTED TO BY SOME MEMBER OF CHURCH

An unusual incident attracted the attention of the vast congregation at the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon.

The conference had received reports from presidents of missions in various parts of the country, showing that the church was prosperous in its growth, and that it was making advances along the lines that they had not been able to advance along before.

Then President Smith announced that the authorities of the church would be announced to be sustained by the church or rejected.

The vote was unanimous for the sustaining of the authorities, with two exceptions. It is usual for the members to sustain all of the officials without protest, but in this instance the rule was broken when two votes were cast opposed to the sustaining of the quorum of twelve apostles.

When the names of the twelve were read, the president, who was placing the names before the conference, was interrupted twice by a voice from the body of the house. The voice was clear, plainly heard, but by the objecting person raising his hand.

The incident created an unusual amount of interest, and every person of the eight or nine thousand in the great building turned to see by a common impulse to see who it was that objected.

When the reports had been received from the seven points, President Smith arose, holding a sheet of typewritten paper. Then, amid the profound silence that always greets his remarks, he said:

"Brethren and sisters, we are now in the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the time has come for the authorities of the church to be sustained or rejected by the body of the church.

"I would like to say this at this time: It is expected that every Latter-day Saint will exercise his right to vote for or against those who are presented to you today. It is your privilege to vote to accept or reject those who are presented to you, and it is the duty of every one to exercise your right to vote freely.

"The names and offices of the authorities were then read singly, save with the exception of those of the counselors under one head, which were read all together, and were sustained without protest, except the two mentioned.

At the conclusion of this formality, President Smith said:

"The voting throughout has been unanimous with but two exceptions. These who take exception can make them known to the proper authorities of the proper authorities of the church, in the wards in which they live, and through proper church channels."

The official roster of the church, as confirmed and sustained by the conference, is as follows:

Joseph F. Smith, prophet, seer, revelator and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

John R. Winder, first counselor in the first presidency.

Anthon H. Lund, second counselor in the first presidency.

The quorum of the council of the twelve apostles, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Matthias F. Cowley, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, George A. Smith, Charles W. Penrose.

John Smith, patriarch to the church.

Counselors in the first presidency, the twelve apostles, and the presiding patriarch as prophets, seers and revelators.

The first seven presidents of seventies, George S. Young, C. D. Fjeldsted, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, Joseph W. McMurrin.

William B. Preston, presiding bishop. Charles W. Nibley, first counselor in the presiding bishopric.

Orrin P. Miller, second counselor in the presiding bishopric.

Anthon H. Lund, church historian and recorder.

The following board of education, the members of the official