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HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH  
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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, HELD IN THE BOWERY, GREAT  
SALT LAKE CITY, SEPT. 7th, 1851.

(*From the Frontier Guardian.*)

*Present of the First Presidency*—Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards.

*Patriarch*—John Smith.

*Of the Twelve Apostles*—Orson Hyde, Wilford Woodruff, G. A. Smith, and E. T. Benson.

*Presidency of the Seventies*—Joseph Young, B. L. Clapp, J. M. Grant, A. P. Rockwood, H. Herriman, Levi Hancock, and Zera Pulsipher.

*Presidency of the Stake*—Daniel Spencer, David Fullmer, and Willard Snow.

*High Priest's Quorum*—John Young, and Reynolds Cahoon.

*The High Council of the Stake.*

*Presiding Bishop*—Edward Hunter.

*Clerk of Conference*—Thomas Bullock.

The Conference was called to order by President Kimball, who stated that if the people have paid their tithing, the Spirit of God will be on this Conference; and notified the brethren, that another person would not get his endowment until his tithing was paid in full.

The Choir sung a hymn; prayer by Elder Orson Hyde, and singing.

President Young then addressed the people on the business of the Conference, and the experience that this people had passed through, and showed that Mormonism circumscribes all truth, whether in heaven, on earth, or in hell, and will continue to revolutionize this world, until

all the kingdoms of the earth are subject to the kingdom of Jesus Christ; and testified that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and was as good a man as ever walked on the earth. Adjourned.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Opened with singing and prayer, followed by discourses from Elders E. T. Benson, O. Hyde, G. A. Smith, Wilford Woodruff, Levi Hancock, President Young, and Willard Richards, each bearing a powerful testimony to the work of the Lord in the last days, and testifying that Joseph was a Prophet of God.

Adjourned, until the 8th, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Monday, September 8th, 10, A.M.

Conference called to order by President Young; singing; prayer by Elder Joseph Young, and singing.

President Young then introduced the Hon. Perry E. Brocchus, Judge of the Supreme Court, for Utah Territory; who thanked the people of the Territory for their hospitality and kindness, in attending him in his sickness, when he was a stranger. He bore testimony of the peacefulness of the inhabitants, their fellowship, peace and love one towards another; their submission to the tribunals of their own choice, and prayed God to grant that the time may soon come, that all the United States may soon have such tribunals as

are in this Territory, and then it always would bring peace to the hearts of those who had to be judged. He expressed his indignation and abhorrence of the scenes which transpired, in driving the Latter-day Saints from Missouri and Illinois.

He then presented a description of the monument intended to be built to the memory of Gen. Washington, and finished his discourse by saying, that he should always remember with deep gratitude, and respect, his interview with the Latter-day Saints in their mountain city.

He was followed in his remarks, by President Young, and the congregation was dismissed with benediction by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

After an intermission of one hour, the Conference was called to order by President Young; singing; prayer by Elder John Young, and singing.

President Kimball, then rose, on the business of the Conference, to bring before the people the authorities of the Church, and presented Brigham Young as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout all the world, and also as Prophet, Seer, and Revelator; which was carried unanimously.

Heber C. Kimball was then presented as First Counsellor to President Young, and Willard Richards, Second Counsellor; who were severally sustained in their office.

John Smith was sustained as the Presiding Patriarch to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Willard Richards was sustained as the Historian of the Church, and General Church Recorder.

Orson Hyde was sustained as the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and P. P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and F. D. Richards, were severally sustained as members of the same Quorum.

Daniel Spencer was sustained as President of this Stake of Zion, and David Fullmer, and Willard Snow, as his Counsellors.

Henry G. Sherwood, was sustained as President of the High Council, and Elea-

zer Miller, John Kempton, Heman Hyde, William W. Major, Levi Jackman, Ira Eldridge, John Vance, E. D. Wooley, and John Parry, were sustained as members of the same, and Winslow Farr, and W. Snow were voted to be members of said Quorum.

John Young was sustained as President of the High Priest's Quorum; and Reynolds Cahoon, and George B. Wallace, as his Counsellors.

Joseph Young was sustained as Senior President of all the Quorums of the Seventies; and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, Albert P. Rockwood, Benjamin L. Clapp, and Jediah M. Grant were sustained as his Counsellors.

Edward Hunter, was sustained as Presiding Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

John Nebeker was sustained as President of the Elder's Quorum; and James H. Smith, and Aaron Sceva, as his Counsellors.

Joseph Harker was sustained as President of the Priest's Quorum; and Simeon Houd, and Lewis White, as his Counsellors.

McGee Harris was sustained as President of the Teacher's Quorum; and John Vance, and Reuben Perkins, as his Counsellors.

Return R. Hill was voted as President of the Quorum of Deacons.

Brigham Young was sustained as Trustee in trust, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Edward Hunter as an Assistant Trustee.

D. H. Wells was sustained as the Superintendent of the Public Works.

The President, and Assistants, of the Perpetual Emigrating Company, to gather the Poor, were next presented, when Brigham Young was sustained as President of said company; and Heber C. Kimball, W. Richards, W. Woodruff, O. Hyde, G. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, J. M. Grant, D. H. Wells, W. Snow, E. Hunter, D. Spencer, T. Bullock, J. Brown, W. Crosby, A. Lyman, C. C. Rich, L. Young, P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, and F. D. Richards, were sustained as his Assistants.

President Young said, there would be travelling Bishops, to visit the Bishops in their respective wards, to see that they do their duty, and if they do not do it, they will be removed out of their place and others put in; when Nathaniel H. Felt, was nominated as one of the travelling

Presiding Bishops, under Bishop Edward Hunter—Carried.

John Banks was nominated as another of the travelling Bishops, and carried.

Ezra T. Benson, Jedediah M. Grant, and Orson Hyde, were voted as Agents of the Perpetual Emigrating Company, to gather the Poor to this place.

Samuel W. Richards, Willard Snow, Abraham O. Smoot, Dorr P. Curtis, and Vincent Shurtleff, were voted to take missions to England.

Daniel Carn, was voted to take a mission to Germany.

John Young, was voted to take a mission to the States, to preach, and gather up the Saints.

John L. Donyon, was voted to take a mission to the States, and preach the Gospel.

A manifest of the affairs in the Tithing office were read; also a manifest of the Perpetual Emigrating Poor Fund Company.

Adjourned to 10, A.M. Benediction by George A. Smith.

Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 1851, 10 A.M.

Conference again called to order; singing by the Choir; prayer by H. G. Sherwood, and singing.

The forenoon was occupied by President Young preaching a funeral sermon on the occasion of the death of brother Lewis Abbott, was followed in his remarks by Elder H. G. Sherwood, Levi Gifford, John Young, and H. C. Kimball, and benediction by Elder Hyde.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Conference being called to order, and opened in the usual manner. The Patriarch John Smith, said he had been through the whole scene of persecution, of mobbing, and murders, from 1832 to the present time; and alluded to the night of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum in Carthage Jail, and called on the people to pay their tithing, that it may be said of us, well done good and faithful servants; and was followed in similar remarks by President Kimball, Edward Hunter, W. W. Phelps, Isaac Chase, and Zera Pulsipher.

The Patriarch again arose to speak on the Word of Wisdom, and urging on the brethren to leave off using tobacco, &c.

President Young rose to put the motion and called on all the sisters who will

leave off the use of tea, coffee, &c., to manifest it by raising the right hand; seconded and carried.

And then put the following motion; calling on all the boys who were under *ninety* years of age who would covenant to leave off the use of tobacco, whisky, and all things mentioned in the Word of Wisdom, to manifest it in the same manner, which was carried unanimously.

The Patriarch then said, may the Lord bless you and help you to keep all your covenants. Amen.

President Young amongst other things said he knew the goodness of the people, and the Lord bears with our weakness; we must serve the Lord, and those who go with me will keep the Word of Wisdom, and if the High Priests, the Seventies, the Elders, and others will not serve the Lord, we will sever them from the Church. I will draw the line and know who is for the Lord and who is not, and those who will not keep the Word of Wisdom, I will cut off from the Church; I throw out a challenge to all men and women. Have I not always counselled you right? I would rather you would cut me into inch pieces, than to flinch from my duty, the Lord being my helper. I would rather live with a few men who will serve the Lord, than live with ten thousand hypocrites. He then exhorted the men and the women never to quarrel, to cease all contentions. If a man abuses you, settle with him with kind words, but never go to law. Let every head of a family gather their family together night and morning, and wait on the Lord until his Spirit rests on you like a cloud, and I say unto you in the name of the Lord God of Israel, *be you blest*.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at ten o'clock, A.M.

Benediction by George A. Smith.

Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 10 o'clock, A.M.

Conference called to order, and was opened with singing by the Choir.

Prayer by President Young, and singing.

E. D. Wooley bore testimony of the work of the Lord, that Joseph was a Prophet of God, and that Brigham is just as good a man as Joseph was, and he was as good a man as ever lived on the earth, &c.

President Young spoke on the subject of the Mormon Battalion, and why they

went the journey. General Doniphan said in St. Louis, that, "if he had one thousand Mormon Boys, the same as the Mormon Battalion, he could do more good than all the United States soldiers that were there:" I say, if he had been a Mormon he would have been charged with treason, although the government is good, and the Constitution is as good as could be framed.

He then exhorted the Presiding Bishop to settle with the First Presidency and all the Bishops, and require their tithing, the one-tenth of all their real estate, of the value of their farms and possessions, and all they have got, and then see that the Bishops settle with every man, and that he pays his tithing or we will dis-fellowship him from the Church. I will sell every particle of my property if a man can be found who will pay the cash, and

I will put it all into the hands of Bishop Hunter, and I will begin anew, and in five years God will so bless me that I shall be richer than any man in this community.

He then called on the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, High Priests, Seventies, and every person to know if they were willing to do as he told them, when all hands were immediately raised.

He lifted his hands on high and with all the powers of the Holy Priesthood vested in him, he blessed the Saints in the name of the Lord God of Israel, when all the people cried, Amen.

On motion the Conference was adjourned to the 6th October next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

Benediction by President H. C. Kimball.  
THOMAS BULLOCK,  
Clerk of Conference.

## INDIVIDUAL AGGRANDIZEMENT.

BY ELDER JOHN JAQUES.

"For all seek their own, not the things which are Christ's."—*Paul*.

Individual aggrandizement is the bane of society—the besetting sin of the whole human race. It not only unbinds the social compact, but makes the most frightful chasms in it, and ends in its complete annihilation. And probably no portion of the human race was ever more thoroughly imbued with the spirit of individualism, and individual aggrandizement, than the present generation is.

Indeed the age in which we are living, appears to be altogether an age of individualism. We have individual nations, individual families, individual persons, individual religions, individual churches, and individual preachers, all, professedly independent of, and unconnected with, each other; all trying to build themselves up, and aggrandize themselves at the expense of each other's downfall.

An era of individualism is invariably an era of degeneration; for the idea of perfection is indissolubly associated with a grand family compact of union and confidence. A social compact is indispensable to communitive well-being, and progression towards perfection. Perfection consists in the due relation of each part to the whole, and the full development

of all the parts as a whole. A part of itself is of little value. The relation which any part sustains to the whole is its true value. The sordid spirit of individualism seeks to exalt a part or parts above the whole. And of course this must be to the exclusion of other parts. Whereas without the whole, a part or parts cannot be made perfect.

St. Paul teaches that one part or member should not aggrandize itself at the expense of the others, because "God hath tempered the (whole) body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."—1 Cor. xii. 24, 25, 26.

Contrast this with the effects of individualism, and think how much more happy and united the human race might be, if men would pattern after the Great Jehovah in this particular. For we are inspired with fresh feelings of delight, and filled with more courageous resolution, when we realize that other members