

**THE TRUSTEESHIP—PRESIDENT YOUNG'S LABORS—THE
PRIESTHOOD, ITS POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.—KIRTLAND
AND NAUVOO TEMPLES—SAVIORS UPON MOUNT
ZION—EMIGRATION OF THE POOR—BUILDING OF THE
TABERNACLE—THE UNITED ORDER.**

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL
CONFERENCE HELD IN THE NEW TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
OCT. 7, 1877.

REPORTED BY GEO. F. GIBBS.

There are one or two items I wish to present before you in relation to the Trusteeship. I have been appointed to that office, and I feel that I need some assistance in regard to the duties devolving upon me in that capacity. I am desirous to have the matter laid before this Conference. One thing I refer to is the auditing of the accounts of the Trustee-in-Trust. I therefore beg to present three names, as an auditing committee, for the sanction of this Conference—namely, Wilford Woodruff, Erastus Snow, and Joseph F. Smith. [On motion, they were unanimously sustained.]

There is another subject that I wish to present, one which pertains more particularly to my brethren of the Twelve. I suppose that most of you know that they have traveled and labored for a very long period, some of them for forty years and upwards, without purse or scrip, while almost everybody else has been paid for his services. It does seem proper to me that they should be placed, at least, on an equal footing with other people, particularly as their labors necessarily increase.

In consequence of our present organizations, necessitating their frequent visits to our quarterly Conferences, in addition to other duties accumulating upon them, rendering it impossible for them to pay any attention to their own private affairs. My proposition, and I know it will meet with the hearty response of the brethren generally, is that they have a reasonable recompense for their services, and that the Trustee-in-Trust be authorized to arrange this matter. I would wish these same remarks to apply also to the Counselors of the Twelve. [The motion was put and unanimously sustained.]

As has been remarked, the condition we occupy today is a very important one. There has been a change of Presidency, and necessarily a change of administration. In the providence of God our heavenly Father, he has seen fit to take from us our beloved President Brigham Young, who has so long labored in our midst. It is one of those occasions that cause reflection and thought, casting a degree of gloom among this whole people. We have felt sorry to