

was not that they might surround themselves with wealth and luxury, but to be free from the evils of the world and to be taught in the ways of the Lord.

**Elder Joseph E. Taylor.**

I have a testimony concerning the work which God has planted upon the earth. I have faith in it. It is credited to President Brigham Young that he said, when the people first entered this valley he hoped they should be left in peace for at least ten years to enable them to gather strength. The Prophet Joseph Smith not only himself received the fulness of the keys of the Priesthood, but he conveyed them to others, that the work of redemption for the living and the dead might be conducted uninteruptedly. That labor cannot be stopped, as it is progressive and continuous. While inclined to chafe under the effects of opposition, we should remember that we are gaining experience which we could not obtain by any other process. We should never forget that no matter how bitterly we are assailed, it is not justifiable for the Saints to cherish enmity toward those who persecute them. Elder Taylor continued to show the necessity for the servants of God who preside to possess the unbounded confidence of the people. The labors and devotion of those men were of a nature to entitle them to this support. They were imbued with, and directed the affairs of the Church by the spirit and power of God.

The choir sang the anthem:

O be joyful.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Benediction by Counselor Daniel H. Wells.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2 p. m.

The choir sang:

O Jesus! The Giver  
Of all we enjoy,  
Our lives to Thy honor  
We wish to employ.

Prayer by President A. O. Smoot, of Utah Stake.

Singing:

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast.

**Counselor John W. Young.**

It has always been a question with me whether a person called unaware or by previous arrangement to address a public congregation feels the more at ease. However that may be, it is always a duty to respond when the call comes.

Many of those present have come from distant places to engage in a common worship and listen to instructions from God's servants. We are a peculiar people, especially on the ground that we are sincere. By this statement I do not wish to cast a reflection upon any other classes of religionists. There are among other communities many who use their religion as a mere convenience, but they have no depth nor sincerity of belief. There are some, of course, who are honest in their professions but they are in the minority.

Brother Morgan stated this morn-

ing that persons had stated to him that the world had had enough of "Mormonism." It would be more proper to state that the world contend that they had had enough religion of any kind. The people abroad know but little of the principles of "Mormonism." So far as they have had information regarding it, they have repudiated it.

This should not slacken our efforts as propagandists. We have been so constantly and necessarily engaged in temporal affairs that our spirituality has been curtailed. This condition causes some of us to imagine that the work of proselyting has been almost completed. On the contrary there are many strangers who come among us who do not understand anything about the real doctrines of the Gospel. Means should be devised and used for this labor of spreading the truth. We are no longer isolated, and the increase of wealth seems to cause us to lose sight of the missionary work, so necessary to spread a knowledge of the Gospel. There should be a more liberal use of means to supply the Elders with printed matter to be scattered abroad. Instead of the missionaries, in many instances, being under the necessity of purchasing their own pamphlets. The same liberal disposition should be exhibited in the matter of sustaining the families of those who are engaged in the work of the ministry.

There are temporal considerations that should engage our attention. We have not sought to regulate conditions that would insure work to all who desire to labor. If there was an organization commensurate for the attainment of that end, there appears no reason why all workmen, skilled and unskilled, should not be employed at proper prices. We have not had many products which could be exported, and in that regard we have largely depended upon the opening and development of mines. Any labor organization that might exist here should be independent of associations of that nature at a distance. Those who are in Pennsylvania are not in a position to know what steps would be best for workmen in Utah. The circumstances surrounding the people here are different to those existing elsewhere. To allow, the skill and ability acquired by the people in the countries from whence they came to go to waste, not being exercised, is against the principles of genuine economy. We are gathered in a conference capacity to receive instruction upon temporal as well as spiritual considerations.

The gathering together of this people for a common interest is one of the miracles of the age. It is such a phenomenon as does not exist anywhere else. Although coming from the different parts of the earth, we have no nationality, being fraternized by a great common object. We are, because of the principles we have espoused, not only a homogeneous people, but a loyal people. We believe in the institutions of the American government and uphold the principles upon which they were founded. Our loyalty goes deeper and spreads wider than that

of any other people. We understand that this country was discovered and settled for the attainment of a divine purpose. We believe that the framers of the Constitution were inspired when they formulated it, causing them to produce an instrument which, if lived up to, would preserve the liberties of all citizens equally.

I pray that the Spirit of God may be poured out upon us, that we may understand the instructions imparted. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God.

**Apostle Abraham H. Cannon**

addressed the Conference. Following is the substance of his remarks: I have felt very much to rejoice in the testimonies which have been borne to the Gospel by our brethren. My heart is full of gratitude to God in that I have been permitted to live in this day and to hear and accept the Gospel. I trust that I may be among those who will be able to stand with this work in its final triumph. If there is one lesson more than another which the Lord has sought to impress upon His people and upon the world, it is that He alone will have the glory for the triumph of Zion, that He in the carrying out of His purposes is not under the necessity of asking the counsel of men, but is fully able to perform all that is predicted concerning Zion and the work of the latter days. There is no greater truth than that which was announced by President Woodruff this morning, that our strength, our power, our hope, is in God and not in men. If we, as individuals, succeed in obtaining celestial glory, it will be through the mercy which He shows unto us, His weak and erring children.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was untaught in religious matters and in the things of the world; he was unskilled in the arts of man; but he had within him an honest heart, a clear conscience, and possessed that great attribute which is necessary to the success of any man who engages in God's work—willing obedience to that which was commanded of him. When he sought to know the will of God concerning his future action and course in life, the Lord had mercy upon him and revealed to him His mind and will with respect to the people of the earth, and through him established this Gospel in which we, as Latter-day Saints rejoice. He chose one of the weak instruments of the earth to bring to naught the wisdom of men and to confound the mighty in their plans and judgments. He empowered Joseph Smith to commence a work which is to extend throughout the countless ages of eternity, and which is to bring salvation or condemnation to every human being. The Lord sustained the Prophet Joseph through all the trials of his life, and raised up friends to assist him in this work.

Let us cultivate the Spirit of God and not set up our own wisdom against that of the Almighty and the counsels of His servants. Apostasies may occur in the Church as they have before, men in high places may fall; but the fact remains that the Church of Christ will stand,