

was the only means by which we could learn of God, receiving from Him light and truth. In this way we received a living testimony for ourselves. The speaker delineated the first principles of the Gospel—faith, repentance, baptism (immersion) in water for the remission of sins, and the reception of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands of men called of God to the ministry. The discourse throughout was devoted to showing the necessity of obedience to God and loyalty in all the relations of life, and exhorting the people the righteousness. He concluded by bearing testimony that the Gospel in its fullness had been revealed anew through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

#### ELDER HEBER J. GRANT

of the same quorum, followed. Gratification was expressed with the encouraging reports received from various departments of the work of God, these being a fulfillment of President Woodruff's prediction at the dedication of the Temple, that the hearts of the people of the world would be softened toward the Latter-day Saints. Each faithful Saint was entitled to a testimony to the truth of the work of God, every faculty of the mind being convinced of this truth. All knowledge was obtained through the exercise of the faculties of the mind, and the knowledge of the Gospel was to be gained through obedience to its laws, according to the promise of Christ. If men would investigate this work as earnestly as they studied the sciences, they could not fail to discover its truth. On August 6, 1842, the Prophet Joseph Smith said that the Saints would be driven to the Rocky Mountains, where they would become a mighty people, notwithstanding the forbidding nature of the country characterized by Daniel Webster as useless on account of its barrenness. The Saints today were living witnesses of the fulfillment of this remarkable prophecy. While not deprecating secular instruction, the speaker felt that a larger proportion of attention should be paid to the acquirement of a more complete knowledge of the principles of the Gospel. Worthy children of worthy sires were wanted today, men and women willing to obey in righteousness, and not inclined to condemn the Priesthood for their devotion to the work entrusted to them, for such a spirit would tend to the condemnation of those encouraging it.

An extract from a revelation contained in the Doctrine and Covenants, was read to prove that the exercise of the Priesthood must be according to the principles of righteousness and long-suffering. This disproved the assertion of the enemies of the work, to the effect that the people were priest-ridden. Another extract was read, pronouncing woes upon those who, through their own unrighteousness, were led to lift up the heel against the Priesthood of God. He closed with a testimony to the power of God resting with those who exercised their Priesthood on the principles of righteousness, and in exhortation to renewed faithfulness and diligence on the part of the Saints.

The choir sang:

From whence come all these people whom I see?

Benediction by Elder David H. Cannon.

#### Afternoon Session.

The choir sang the hymn which begins:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord  
And worship Him on earth.

Prayer by Elder Reed Smoot.  
Singing by the choir of the hymn commencing:

Though deep'n'g trials throng your way  
Press on, press on, ye Saints of God.  
Ere long the resurrection day  
Will spread its light and truth abroad.

#### ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR

of the council of Apostles, addressed the Conference. Speaking of the gathered Saints, he said that Isaiah had predicted, in his second chapter, the establishment of the Lord's house in the tops of the mountains, and the flowing of people of all nations toward it; the fulfillment of this prophecy constituting one of the most remarkable signs of the times. These people had been gathered in accordance with the prophecy of Jeremiah, that hunters and fishers should be sent forth to gather the honest in heart from all nations. The speaker had done a little in this direction during the last few months. He urged the people to consider the signs of the times, in order to understand their significance. One of these was the preaching of the Gospel to all nations, preparatory to the coming of Christ in clouds of heaven and the end of the world. This message included the call to repentance and the forsaking of evil, and the proclamation of the establishment of the Church of Christ with all its officers and ordinances. The unity of the faith predicted by Paul was being departed from by the various sects of the world, in that they rejected certain officers and principles which Jesus declared were necessary. The messengers of the Church proclaimed to these people the fulness of the Gospel, and the complete organization of the Church with all its officers intact, and with all the gifts of the Holy Ghost, including the spirit of prophecy, by which spirit all the great predictions of the past were made. The sealing power and the other blessings promised by Christ to Peter and the other Apostles, were in the Church today, and were offered freely to the world for their belief and practice. He bore a strong testimony to the power of God as manifested through his Prophet Willford Woodruff for the advancement of God's purposes.

#### PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

delivered a discourse upon the proper training of our children, and the great importance of the faithful being represented in the future generations of the people of God by a righteous posterity bearing the everlasting Priesthood. In connection with this theme he spoke at some length upon the gathering of the Saints, characterizing it as a most marvelous movement, which had no parallel in history, and the development of the purposes of the Lord in our day. He also spoke with great power upon the stability of the Priesthood of the Son of God and the utter folly of those who imagined it would go wrong.

The anthem, The Nations Bow to

Satan's Thrall, was sung by the choir, solo part by Sister Lizzie Thomas-Edwards.

Benediction by Elder Chas. W. Penrose.

#### Third Day, April 6th.

This morning President Willford Woodruff appeared on the stand. Immediately he was recognized by the people the immense audience arose and greeted him by the waving of handkerchiefs. The President responded to the salutation by saying, "God bless you all."

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,

To guide us in these latter days.

We thank Thee for sending the Gospel,

To lighten our minds with its rays,

was sung by the choir and congregation.

Prayer by Elder John Nicholson.

The choir sang the hymn which begins,

High on the mountain top

A banner is unfurled.

Ye nations now look up,

It waves to all the world.

#### PRESIDENT WOODRUFF

was the first speaker. His remarks were as follows:

I want to say to my brethren and sisters and friends that through your prayers and faith I am here this morning. I have been considerably under the weather, as the saying is, for a little time past, but I am glad to meet with you and feel to say a few words to you this morning. I know it would not be wisdom for me to attempt to occupy a great deal of time or say a great deal. First, I will say that I have followed the reports and sayings the Apostles and Elders from the commencement of this Conference until this morning; what I have not read myself has been read to me, and it has been a great deal of consolation to me. I want to say to the Latter-day Saints, the God of heaven is at work carrying out His purposes in fulfillment of revelation and prophecy and inspiration, which He has given through His Prophets and Apostles and Patriarchs from the creation of the world until this hour. And the Lord is not going to fall on His part in any of these things. It is for us as a people to do our duty, to labor for ourselves and for our fellowmen; to occupy the time that we have here, to the best advantage we can, in trying to honor the Priesthood and people, to build up the kingdom of God, to set a good example, and to establish righteousness. And I want to say to the young men and maidens, my young brethren and sisters, who may be present here this morning, I want you to make your aim high and realize that you have your generation, that you have your times granted in connection with your fathers and mothers in the building up of the kingdom of God. Do not spend your time in the follies and frivolities of this world, but try to improve your time. You occupy one of the most important dispensations and generations God has ever given to men, and I have a great interest for the rising generation. I know for myself, and not for another, that the Lord has raised up our children, our sons and our daughters, to stand in the footsteps of their fathers in the winding-up scene of the great work of the Zion of our God. I realize that they do not comprehend, in