

structions were practical and pointed, showing that to truly worship God is to perform well our duties in every position we may be placed in. He exhorted the people to pay diligent attention to the instructions that would be given during Conference, and practically carry them out. His remarks were reported in full and will shortly be published.

ELDER ORSON HYDE.

The Lord is perfectly capable of taking care of his people. I know that the work we are engaged in is true, and the opposition of the world can never extinguish this testimony from the hearts of the faithful Saints. I know that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and that he faithfully laid the foundation of this great work. I also know that President Brigham Young is his true and legal successor, and that under his direction the Saints have prospered and flourished. There may be some who murmur because he does not give revelations with "thus saith the Lord," but he who cannot see the voice of God in the dictations of the Holy Spirit to His servant Brigham must be blind indeed. In relation to the late discussion on the system of plural marriage, I do not know that the perusal of the arguments used made any difference to my feelings or views for, although the scriptures are replete with evidences to sustain the position of the Saints in that matter, yet we have a more sure word of prophecy unto which we would do well to take heed. Elder Hyde continued to speak for some time on the designs of the Almighty and showed that the great plan of salvation for the human family is not only applicable to those who live on the earth during a dispensation of the gospel to man, but the plan of redemption can be offered to, and received by those who have died without a knowledge of its principles, and that the labors of the servants of God do not cease here but become even more extended behind the veil. He wound up by bearing a powerful testimony to the final triumph of the Saints and the discomfiture of their enemies.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH.

We should be prepared to receive instructions that the spirit of our Heavenly Father may be with us. The path of Zion has been one of great difficulties, but there is a saying, "the fiercer the battle the greater the victory." Some people try to make themselves acceptable both to the righteous and the wicked. The fate of such is darkness inevitably, as the records of the past show. I have lately devoted some little time to examining the fate of those who once belonged to the Church but who have left. The cause of their fall, in the first place, generally resulted from their infringing on the principles of righteousness. It is good to preach repentance at our Conferences, to tell the people to put away their follies. I am not simply a believer in this work, I have a knowledge of it. The Prophet Joseph was slain by the wicked after he had laid the foundation of the Church. The Lord, however, caused his inspiration to rest upon his servant Brigham. I consider it a great miracle that the Lord raised up a man who has miraculously led the Saints through difficulties, and over superhuman obstacles, to a place where they can enjoy peace, happiness and liberty. I warn my brethren to be faithful that they may gain the reward of the righteous, which may God grant: Amen.

The Parowan choir sang:

"Praise ye the Lord!"

Prayer by Elder John Taylor.

Thursday, 2. P. M.

The choir sang:

"Come all ye saints who dwell on earth."

Prayer by Elder Orson Pratt.

The Parowan choir sang:

"Oh Lord! responsive to thy call."

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Requested the door keepers and those who are engaged in seating the congregation to see that a few seats be reserved in the front for the accommodation of strangers who may attend the Conference. He gave some texts to the brethren who would speak, unity of action, the necessity of overcoming our traditions, and the proper training and instruction of our children are subjects worthy the attention of those who may address the people. The building of the Temple might occupy a share of attention by the speakers. Those, however, who may not wish to preach to any of these texts can preach from

them. The union of the sexes is also a subject which he would just as soon hear treated upon in this as in any other place. The Elders should never attempt to teach anything that they do not understand. There is scope enough without this. He delivered a very stirring and instructing discourse in which he showed that unless the people are inspired by the Spirit of God it will be impossible to serve the Almighty acceptably. He spoke on the nature of what is called the one-man power and other topics. A synopsis of his discourse would give but a very inadequate idea of it. It will shortly appear in the *News verbatim*.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON.

The day in which we live is one of the most important, if not the most important that man has ever seen on the earth. It is the day in which the purposes of God shall be accomplished. The subject of unity can not receive too much of our attention. Without unity of action, in our temporal matters, our professions would be useless. The gospel brings salvation in every situation of life; it permeates the whole from the cradle to the grave. Therefore I love it. It is the Gospel carried out which has built this city and the various cities and settlements throughout this Territory. Our President has given us many wise counsels which we have not yet carried out. No people on earth have been so wisely counselled with regard to the affairs of life as the Latter-day Saints. In many respects we, as a community, are far from being united as we should be, considering our opportunities. Many who claim to be Latter-day Saints are so blind to the interests of everything connected with the Kingdom of God that they are loud in their denunciations of the principle of co-operation. It is opposed by individuals in the city, who ought to be the foremost to sustain it. But nevertheless it gradually gains influence and obtains more wide support from the masses of the people, who as a body are in favor of it. There is no man who has faith in the work of God who hesitates or feels doubtful respecting this principle. Yet it, like other true principles, has to meet with opposition. It has been the same with nearly every other principle the Lord has revealed. It is God's will that we should be united in all things. The Lord said, through Joseph, "except ye are one ye are not mine." I do not fear the pressure from the outside world it will never triumph. Because we are willing to be led and counseled by the servants of God. The world call us foolish, and there is a class calling themselves Latter-day-Saints who seem to have caught the same spirit. All the foothold that our enemies gain is the result of our want of unity. We have been advised in relation to our grain, about how to direct our labors and with regard to the railroad from Ogden to this place. I have often regretted the indifference manifested by many parents with regard to the education of their children. Education is of incalculable benefit to those who use it aright. Education should not be confined to the school room. Children should be trained to draw near to the Lord. When the father of a family is absent the son should call the family together to family worship, and should ask a blessing on their food. Many of our young people are rude and unmannerly. A great deal of the proper training of children devolves upon mothers. Sons and daughters will eventually bless fathers and mothers who have been strict with them in wisdom. There is nothing more beautiful than well ordered society.

Elder Cannon continued to speak for some time interestingly on the importance of training the young.

Conference adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

The Choir sang:

"Great God attend while Zion sings."

Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

Friday, 7th, 10 a. m.

The choir sang:

"Behold! the harvest wide extends."

Prayer by Elder John Taylor.

The Parowan choir sang:

"Sweet is the work, my God, my King."

ELDER ORSON PRATT.

The great object of these conferences is that we may be edified concerning the things of God, to examine ourselves to see if we are alive to our duties. God has wisely designed that men should

be placed in this probation that he may be prepared to obey higher laws. We have a great variety of ideas and notions of our own, but God designs that we should all be instructed in one grand system. All nations have traditions that have been handed down to them from their fathers. Some of these traditions are erroneous and some correct and beneficial. Let us see whether some of our traditions are consistent with the laws of God. We have been educated with regard to our property. We have been taught that all men and women should use all their efforts to accumulate wealth for their personal aggrandizement. This seems to be the main object of the people in all nations and in all classes of society. They believe that wealth is power and happiness. Is this a correct tradition? It is in one sense and in another it is not. God created man to eventually possess wealth. It was He who created the vast resources of wealth that so abound on the earth. That same God that made those riches and endowed men with the power to accumulate them designed that they should be used for His own honor and glory. He did not design that the use of them should cause man to be lifted above his fellow, but for him to do good in the use of them. This is one of the traditions of which the Latter-day Saints are called, by the voice of God and revelation, to free themselves. To free themselves from selfishness and devote their substance to building up God's kingdom, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. To use wealth for self-aggrandizement only, is a tradition which entwines itself around the hearts of the children of men probably more than any other. Jesus instructed his disciples to pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is done in Heaven. This prayer is taught in all Christian nations. The difference between the order of things, in relation to property, in Heaven and the order existing on earth is very great. The riches of eternity are for the Saints of the Most High God. Those who shall be counted worthy to inherit the kingdom of God will be made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ; joint heirs to riches, happiness, dominion and glory. This is the destiny of the Latter-day Saints. How great, then, will be your individual possessions. There should, therefore, be a preparation in this life before such a condition of things can be entered upon. We should have a very different order of things in relation to property from that which has obtained in the world. Some have murmured concerning what they term the strictness of matters about property, but there has been no strictness compared with what must ere long be introduced. Who has violated the vote that was taken at one of our Conferences that we would cease to sustain our enemies and that we would seek to sustain ourselves? There are men in our midst who would like to see this people persecuted and driven. If you trade with and sustain such characters here you will be miserable as well as accountable for the blood of the brethren providing it should be spilt.

There are other traditions besides the one I have referred to which need the attention of the Latter-day Saints. It is not considered dishonorable in the world for a young man to marry a young lady without the consent of her parents. A young man who would do this is guilty of robbery of the meanest description. No young man has any right to make any advances whatever to a young woman without first consulting her parents, and no language could portray his contempt for a person who would take any other course. It is true, as was said here yesterday, that our young men and young women are, as a general rule, virtuous, yet the practice, that has obtained here somewhat, of young people staying out of evenings in by places courting and probably keeping up that courtship for years is highly reprehensible. Those who oppose the true order of marriage as revealed by God virtually shut themselves out from a prospect of having wives and children in eternity. The speaker continued to speak for some time on the true order of marriage.

PRESIDENT GEO. A. SMITH.

The Lord commanded the first man to take a wife and the commandment is applicable to every other man, therefore those who do not obey it are living in persistent opposition to the will of heaven. It was suggested at one of our Conferences, that all the unmarried young men over a certain age, should pay \$200 annually to the P. E. Fund till married. Those young men who are liable to this fine are reminded that

the fund needs replenishing and he would advise those young ladies who are still single through the dereliction of such young men, to stir them up and help collect the fines. The principle of union in temporal matters is not only applicable to merchandise but to everything else. We should unite so that we shall not build up merchant princes or an aristocracy of wealth in our midst. Let union be introduced in agriculture and agricultural machinery might be brought here that would reduce the labor of the farmer at least one half. Agricultural unions can be formed with success. There is but little of anything raised here to be sent abroad. Some Latter-day Saints have got wrong ideas on the mining question. They seem to think that, when they enter a mining camp, they must drink, swear, &c. This is a foolish tradition and, if any Latter-day Saints should enter into mining, let them not be foolish enough to indulge in vicious practices that degrade them. Let us support our tanneries and home shoe establishments. Let us see that sheep herds cover our mountains and that the necessary roots be raised to support them during the rough season, and give the charge of the herds to men who know how to treat sheep, and let the community own the herds. Thus, with union, factories and union sheep herds, we will clothe our backs with our own wool. We can just as well as not have co-operative butcher stalls. Unity can accomplish all these things. Why should we not have union cattle herds, having one brand on each animal, have it put in at a value and, when taken out, let it be taken out at a value. The same is applicable to horse herds. Cheese can be manufactured in every settlement just as well as not. He would advise our Dixie brethren to commence some cotton fields on the principle of co-operation and give the cultivation of this important article more attention than it has yet received.

The choir sang:

"Daniel's wisdom may I know."

Prayer by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Conference adjourned till 2 p.m.

Friday, 7th, 2 P. M.

The Parowan choir sang:

"We shall know each other there."

Prayer by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

Choir sang:

"See all creation joins, to praise the eternal God."

ELDER CHARLES C. RICH

Spoke on the necessity of the Latter-day Saints being united, and on the beneficial results of all the experiences they have been called to pass through as a people.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Delivered a discourse on the subject of co-operation, showing that the principle can be applied in every department of industry, and how its application in domestic affairs and all other matters would be the very best system of economy that could be adopted. He advanced powerful reasons in favor of co-operative stock herds.

PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH

Spoke on the strict observance the words of wisdom, the necessity of sustaining schools, and especially those which have been established for the purpose of graduating teachers, that we may never be under the necessity of engaging teachers of doubtful character. He advised those who attend Conference to take memoranda of the teachings given and carry them to the various settlements that they may be carried out by the whole. For the time will come when we will build a Temple in Jackson County, Missouri, and the Saints will have to be prepared before they can perform the work.

The choir sang:

"O my Father thou that dwellest In the high and holy place."

Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

Conference adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

A Priesthood meeting, which was numerous attended, was held at half-past six, p.m., in the Tabernacle. On the stand were the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, First Presidency of the Bishopric and many Bishops and other leading elders. The spirit of God was powerfully manifested. Bishop Hunter, and Presidents Daniel H. Wells, Geo. A. Smith and Brigham Young were the speakers and much valuable instruction was given.