

illustration of the workings of the spirit of revelation. The world ought to know this and to glorify God for what has been accomplished.

God has given us knowledge concerning Him. His will has been revealed to us, but all has not yet been revealed. There is more to follow. The various branches of God's people had kept their separate records, as we are doing, and they will all be brought together and testify concerning the establishment of the work of God. We ought diligently to study what we already have received of the word of the Almighty, in order that we may be prepared to receive what is yet to be revealed. It is a principle of the divine law that in the mouth of two or three witnesses everything shall be established. When the records of Judah and the various branches of Israel are brought together they will present strong testimony. If we only will cultivate a right spirit within us by living righteous lives, being godly in our conversation and pure in our tabernacles, we will know more and more of the will of our Father.

The speaker was glad and felt to glorify God for the work He is doing among us. We live here among the everlasting hills as was predicted of the people of God long ago. The temple-buildings in Kirtland, Nauvoo and in Utah, where we soon will have four temples completed, is an evidence that we are accepted by the Lord.

The speaker closed his remarks by referring to the happy condition of the Saints during the millennium, when their age shall be "as the age of a tree," and wished that we all might live so, that at the time of translation to glory, we might be able to partake in this most glorious event.

Apostle Heber J. Grant

was next called upon to address the congregation. He was pleased to meet with the Saints at this Conference, not having had the privilege of so doing for some time. He rejoiced in the testimonies that had been given this morning. The speaker said that his daily supplication was that he might have the Holy Spirit, because he felt this to be necessary in order to make life a success. We have come here on earth to fulfil a certain mission and unless we possess the Spirit we cannot understand what this mission is, or appreciate the future that is before us. We are engaged in a labor that requires sacrifices. There are appetites and desires that must be overcome and subdued, if we will become perfect to some degree in fulfilling the requirements made upon us. If we are meek and lowly and willing to take instructions of those with whom we are associated, and seek earnestly for the guidance of the Spirit, there is no danger of failure, but we will reap a reward in the Kingdom of God.

The Saints are in a position that might be envied by other people. The speaker had met men who had expressed their view that there is to some extent a millennium among the Saints. They know of no other people so closely associated and united in their interests.

The government might be able to take away our property, but no government on earth could take away from us the testimony of the Gospel, and as

we labor for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, all will be well with us.

The speaker endorsed the remarks made this morning. The Gospel teaches us to be united and live harmoniously together. If we are not one, we are not God's people. The principles of the Gospel bind the hearts of the people together, and without union we could not enjoy the Spirit of God. May this Holy Spirit abide with us forever.

Apostle John W. Taylor

said he was thankful to meet with the Saints and he hoped, to be directed by the Spirit in what he might be led to say. He felt that the Lord had inspired the brethren who had spoken to touch upon the principles that had been referred to. As Latter-day Saints we are always safe, when we have a spirit of humility with us, and we are always in danger if we have not this spirit. In this condition we are like an engineer running in the dark and not heeding the lights ahead of him. He is likely to run his train into some obstruction on the road. The speaker felt the necessity for each one to look after his own condition. If we are looking after others, we are in danger of being shipwrecked in our faith. The Lord has given us light, which, if we follow it, will guide us into the path of righteousness.

It is necessary to preach the principles of unity and meekness to the Saints. By this they will be kept from the fear that the kingdom of God perhaps is going to break up. The Lord is not displeased with any except those who do not acknowledge His hand in all things. There is anxiety among a certain class of the Saints that the authorities of the Church are in danger of going astray, and they think they have some excellent suggestions to make, if they only had a chance. Such thoughts are idle. God is with His people. The work is spreading on every hand and it shall continue to go on. Let us serve the Lord and cultivate the spirit of Christ who taught Him to say, "Father, not my will but Thine be done."

The speaker testified that he knew that Christ lived and would reward every one according to the deeds done in the flesh. And to the strangers who might be within the sound of his voice he would say, Repent of your sins, be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost, and ye shall also receive knowledge for yourselves that this work is of God. May the Holy Spirit be poured out upon this Conference.

The choir sang the anthem:

Light and Truth, the World are Waiting.

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

Afternoon Session.

Conference reopened at 2 o'clock.

The choir sang the anthem:

Wonderful Counselor.

Prayer was offered by President Angus M. Cannon.

The anthem,

Unfold ye portals, was sung by the choir.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered under the direction

of the Priesthood of the Fifth ward, Salt Lake City.

President Joseph F. Smith

said it was gratifying to behold so many people gathered together in that Tabernacle at the opening of the Sixty-second anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He trusted that the blessing of the Lord might be poured out upon all present, and that not one person who attended Conference would suffer in health by reason of the inclement weather. After expressing the hope that the Latter-day Saints in this city would open their houses to the visiting brethren and sisters on this occasion, and extend to them all the hospitality within their power, the speaker remarked that we were not in every respect just as we used to be. There was a time, he said, when the Saints rejoiced exceedingly in hospitality; it was at a period when there were not many rich among us. Now, however, that we had abundance, when many were rich and had ample homes, our visiting friends at Conference were under the necessity of obtaining lodgings at the hotels. Whether this was because we were less hospitable than formerly, or because the people were growing so numerous on the outside that the few inside were unable to entertain them was a question that they must answer for themselves. But he hoped the day would never come when the Latter-day Saints would feel inhospitable toward their brethren and sisters, the people of God, or towards the stranger within our gates; for hospitality, kindness, charity, and love were some of the characteristics of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It behoved the Saints always, and under all circumstances, to be kind to their neighbors, true to their friends, to beware of their enemies, to be humble and submissive unto God, devoted to His cause and alive to their own salvation.

Our salvation was the great object we had in view in gathering to Zion and embracing the principles of the Gospel which had been restored to the earth in this dispensation through the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brethren. Anything that would detract from that object and from our pursuit in that direction should be carefully avoided, while every principle that tended to advance us should be constantly sought after.

The Latter-day Saints were said to be a peculiar people. In some respects perhaps they were, but in many respects, it seemed to him, they very much resembled the rest of the world. If we had received a knowledge or proof of those principles which emanated from God, and of which the rest of mankind were destitute, then so far as the Saints observed them, lived up to them, and were true and faithful unto them, they were distinct and peculiar from all other people. But with this exception they were like the rest of the world. How far we deserved credit that was not due to all mankind besides would depend upon our adherence to those superior principles of light, truth and knowledge which we had received in this dispensation of the Gospel which the world had not yet received. There were hundreds of thousands of people on the earth today who were as honest