

isters as they. The Apostles, the High Priests, the Seventies, the Elders, all were given the duty of hearing testimony of the work of God to the people of the world.

God required His people to be a peculiar one, preaching the Gospel by precept and example. The Holy Ghost would give power to their testimony, and that Spirit could be enjoyed only through living according to the requirements of the Lord. An especial opportunity was given to us at present to show our willingness to obey the will of God by completing the Temple in this city before the sixth of next April. It was thought last April that \$100,000 would be sufficient to pay for the completion of the work, but it was found that about \$300,000 would be needed.

This would require some sacrifice at the hands of the Latter-day Saints. President Woodruff was being preserved upon the earth to take part in the dedication of that Temple. Considering the blessings showered upon the Saints, they should be able and willing to put forth an extra effort to the end that it might be dedicated at the appointed time.

Great privileges would be enjoyed by the Saints who participated in the dedicatory services in the Temple. It had been decided that the dedicatory services should be conducted so that every Latter-day Saint worthy to enter the building might witness them. They would be continued from day to day until this privilege was given to everyone who was worthy. We would all feel better then if the Temple should be entirely free from debt and especially if individually we had contributed means toward its completion.

There was a necessity that we prepare ourselves for these exercises by casting out all evil from our minds and resolving to leave our acts of wrongfulness behind. Temperance should be so strictly observed by the Latter-day Saints that the people of the world might consider us most remarkable in that respect. Claiming, as we do, that we had the true Gospel, we ought to be temperate, sober, diligent and faithful in the work of God. Our houses of worship should be filled on the Sabbath, and all recreation eschewed on that day.

The speaker was grieved to state that carelessness and indifference were springing up among the people, especially with regard to prayer and partaking of the Sacrament.

The necessity of obtaining reliable information regarding the true status of all the people of Zion, was dwelt upon, and energetic labor of correction and counsel was advised. Great and careful labor would be required to redeem the people from the sins of the world. Hence the necessity that each man should hold the Priesthood, that he might be a savior to himself and a worker of righteousness. If each performs this work for himself, the will of God would be done, and all would be exemplars and teachers of righteousness among the people. This duty was not required of those high in authority, any more than of those holding a lower degree and office of the Priesthood. Each should make a record of righteousness for himself, and in this condition we should be

when we entered the temple. All should feel well towards each other, that nothing might hinder the free flow of the Spirit of God in His temple at its dedication.

Let us reform for the next six months, freeing ourselves from sin and iniquity; not waiting until the day of dedication, but reforming every day from this time on. Let us live for the blessings of God, that we might have constant communication with heaven. God is anxious to bless us and we should live so as to increase His favors and His inspiration upon us. We should be careful toward our children, to imbue them with love for the work of God, that they might be a source of strength to Israel. May God bless His people with ability to complete that edifice and with worthiness to enter it at its dedication.

President George Q. Cannon read the following:

Abstract of general report of Y. L. M. I. A. or the year ending August 1st, 1892:

Meetings held, 6951; number of members, 10,161; average attendance, 4769; books in library, 3574.

Cash on hand at last report.....\$1507 69
Cash received.....3971 16

Total.....\$5478 25
Cash disbursed.....\$3777 69

Cash on hand.....1700 66
Property on hand at last report.....\$2161 49

Property received.....681 95%
Total.....\$2843 44%

Property disbursed.....\$ 331 11%
Property on hand.....2512 33

Total cash and property on hand.....\$4212 89

General officers of Y. L. M. I. A.—

President, Elmina S. Taylor; first counselor, Maria Y. Dougall; second counselor, Martha H. Tingey.

Aids—Lillie Freeze, Adella W. Eardley, Sarah Eddington, Aggie S. Campbell, Minnie J. Snow, May Talmage.

Secretary and Treasurer, Ann M. Cannon.
Corresponding secretary, Mac Taylor.

A motion to receive the above report and place it on file with the account of the proceedings of the Conference was passed by unanimous vote.

The choir sang the anthem:
The God of Israel.

Benediction by Elder Ira N. Hinckley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang the anthem:

Unfold, ye portals, everlasting.

Prayer by Elder William Paxman.

Singing by the choir:

Jesus, once of humble birth,
Now in glory comes to earth;
Once He suffered grief and pain,
Now He comes on earth to reign.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered under the direction of the Priesthood of the Tenth Ward.

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delivered an elaborate and highly interesting discourse, an adequate idea of which could not be conveyed in a synopsis. It only remains therefore to name some of the leading features of his theme. After reading from the fifteenth chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse, he dwelt upon some of the more distinctive characteristics, beliefs and principles of the religion of the Saints, showing it to be the most philosophical system in existence. It explained the relationship of man to God and men to each other, the relations of the sexes and parents to children. The pre-existence of man as a spiritual individuality before taking up his abode

on earth in a physical body and his glorious destiny in the eternal world after the resurrection through the atonement of Jesus Christ was brought within human comprehension by the Gospel revealed anew through Joseph Smith, the Prophet. Brother Cannon explained the classification of intelligences, and the various degrees of glory to which they would be assigned after the resurrection, by the operation of the justice of God and the eternal fitness of things. He next treated upon the building of Temples, making special reference to the one nearing completion in Salt Lake City. He exhorted the people to exert themselves by making generous contributions to have the building last named completed by the time decided upon by resolution of the previous Conference. The object of such buildings and the glorious results flowing from their legitimate uses were explained by the speaker, particularly relating to the blessings of the perpetuation of the lives in eternity, after the nature of God's blessing upon Abraham regarding his posterity. The work done in those holy buildings would continue throughout the millennium until the human family as a whole should be connected in the family order up the genealogical stream until it reached to Father Adam. President Cannon concluded by directing attention of the Saints to the great things which God had already done for them, and inspiring them with hope by delineating the incomparable blessings yet in store for the faithful.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF, in the course of a four minutes' address, bore his testimony to the remarks of President Cannon on the important subject of temple building. He pointed to the fact that as the Apostles and disciples of God in former days were ever ready to lay down their lives for the Gospel's sake, so since the day of the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph this people had always been willing to make similar sacrifices in His holy name. There were but few in the world, he said, prepared to obey the fulness of the Gospel, and that was why the Latter-day Saints had been chosen and brought to these valleys from all nations of the earth. It was because the true Gospel had been offered to them and they had received it. We had been called to go upon missions, to warn the wicked of the judgments which were near at hand. The Priesthood belonged to the celestial law, both for time and eternity.

The Lord had made great promises to all His faithful Saints, from the beginning of this work, and if we remained steadfast to the end these would all be fulfilled; and no power on earth or in hell could take from us the blessings which were in store for the righteous. We had everything to encourage us in the good work which we had espoused; but the Lord required much at our hands, and if we united together and carried out faithfully that which He asked of us, we should reap our reward in due season.

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presented the following names of young men who had been called to take a three months' mission to visit different parts of the Territory in the interest of mutual improvement associations: