

sufficiently recovered his strength of body, he said, to be able to speak with perfect ease to so large an audience, and he desired the aid of their faith and prayers and careful attention. He had not the good fortune to be present with his brethren during the discussions they may have had in connection with the subject just mentioned, but this much he would say: The Almighty, in order to turn aside a curse that should come upon the world, ordained or fore-ordained that one of His servants should come and turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children, and how this could be brought about more fully than by the plan outlined by the brethren in the Tabernacle during the morning services could not be conceived. He was glad to have had none of other kindred sealed to any of his family nor any of his family to others, for a doubt had always remained with him as to the accuracy of such a proceeding. But the principle as now revealed, and which has turned away the curse that must have come upon the world, was such that all should fully appreciate it.

In a recent visit to California there was one thing, the speaker said, that had been deeply impressed upon his mind, and it was this: Thirty-eight years ago the Elders of the Church had been sent out to buy a tract of land which was known as the San Bernardino ranch. It was purchased and payments made upon it. The best location was selected upon which to build a city—that upon which the town of San Bernardino now stands. Not far away is the city of Riverside, a perfect Garden of Eden in many respects, where there is everything to gladden the heart of man. Everywhere around a picture of surpassing loveliness enchants the eye, and beauty reigns in a wealth of tree and flower. San Bernardino had a quarter of a century the start of Riverside and thirty years of Redlands, but what is its condition today? It is almost a picture of desolation; fences are down, weeds and decaying vegetation cover the ground, and insects blight the growth of tree and shrub. All around the alkali gilets in the sun as if the land were sown with salt. Has a blight fallen upon San Bernardino, because it has also fallen upon her people? Shall the inhabitants of this glorious mountain valley permit that same spirit of inertia to fall upon them? Shall they cease to beautify their homes, trim their lawns, and plant trees and flowers to gladden the hearts of wives and children? The speaker made a comparison between the condition of this city and Riverside, and urged that the spirit of sloth and carelessness be abandoned. He hoped that by next October the many thousands of acres of untilled land would be made to produce something more than weeds.

The evils of ambition were then taken up. The priests of India, Elder Thatcher said, held that all disease was the result of unsatisfied ambition, and that man being the highest creation of God, his mind should have control over all matter. The latter part of the proposition is a true doctrine, and it is a part of Mormonism. These priests also held that to do this there must be concentration of thought; it

was necessary in its application, such as in healing the sick and such like.

"When I hear the word 'great' mentioned in reference to the servants of God," said the speaker, "it makes me shudder. I think of Alexander, Napoleon, Grant and Lee and others. History has been so written that these men have been marked out as great; but in the life of Jesus Christ every word and act breathes of love and power. One word from Him would have called down the hosts of heaven, but it was not to be. His whole life was one of sacrifice. It is, therefore, goodness we want, not greatness, the crucifying of ambition. The very foundation on which we rest is the principle of vicarious sacrifice. Why do we try to love our neighbor as ourselves? Because in its practice alone is peace and power. There is no greater mistake than to suppose that peace or power will come to us if we become imbued with the spirit of the world."

Continuing, he said that gold was the god of this world, and because money was recognized as a power men tampered with legislatures and governments with it. The world was bowing down to the golden calf, but the Saints should look to the power of love. A people could not be controlled with out love and confidence, even as a father could not control a son without them. Confucius has said that three things essential to the perpetuation of a stable government were an army, a well-fed people and confidence in their rulers; that the first could be dispensed with if necessary, the second also, since it was ordained that all had to die, but that if a nation lost confidence in its rulers that nation would perish. Confidence was being lost in the government of this country, as was evidenced by the growth of anarchism, nihilism and other societies, and this was something that the Church should forever prevent as far as lay in its power. He had done business in Cache valley for ten years and never asked a bond nor a mortgage, but trusted to honor and had never lost a cent. He hoped that a change for the better would be instituted in our dealings one with the other, and that the Saints would follow their file leaders as they followed Christ.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG

spoke on the subject of the redemption of the dead on the same lines as those followed by Elder A. A. Cannon, and he rejoiced exceedingly that the Saints had a Prophet and revelator who gave them the word of God. He bore testimony to the truth of the work and the purity of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

ELDER F. D. RICHARDS

aided his testimony to the truth of the words already spoken and said that this was the beginning of the restoration of that which was lost by ancient Israel. He urged the people to be more diligent in tracing their genealogy and performing the duties devolving upon them in behalf of the dead. If they only could see through the veil, a world of anxiety would appear because of the desire the spirits in prison had for the hour of their release to come, and the Saints ought not to shut their eyes to the importance of this great work. Though there were

many difficulties in the way at times, everything pertaining to the work of the Lord opens up continuously as the ear of corn does until it is filled with ripeness. In conclusion he called upon the Saints to cherish every virtue that attaches to the family, the Church and the State, that all may be steadfast in the principles of government and prepared to act in time of need.

Oh, say what is truth, 'tis the fairest gem
That the riches of worlds can produce,
was sung by the congregation, and benediction was pronounced by Elder B. H. Roberts.

AT THE TABERNACLE.

2 p. m. The anthem, "Let all Israel sing," was sung by the choir.

Prayer by Elder William W. Cluff.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

O, my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

took up the thread of the remarks made by him at the morning session and further elaborated the subject of the organizing and binding character of the Gospel, by the power and efficacy of which the whole human family would be placed in perfect order clear up to Father Adam. In this great scheme of redemption no individual, no matter how insignificant he or she might appear to be, would be overlooked. Only those who committed the unpardonable sin would be omitted from the benefits of the divine plan. This great labor devolved upon the Church of Christ, with whose Priesthood there would always be sufficient light from the Lord to conduct it.

The speaker then treated upon the subject of secret organizations, and showed with great clearness that the Church possessed all the organization, power and principles to correct every evil existing in society and was destined to accomplish this mighty reformatory triumph. It was unnecessary for any person claiming to be a Latter-day Saint to seek relief elsewhere. President Cannon also spoke of the system (the United Order) concerning which God had already given revelation, and which would some time, when conditions were propitious, be established, and all the children in mortality would finally enjoy its beneficent effects.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

made a few closing remarks relating to the importance of the subject treated in his morning discourse—the binding of the children and the fathers together back through the generations according to lineal descent.

The choir sang the anthem,
"Hosanna."

Benediction by President Wilford Woodruff.

Conference adjourned until October 6, 1894.

JOHN NICHOLSON,
Clerk of Conference.

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THEN AND NOW.

With every recurring Conference there is more or less of a mental review of the changes that have come over this Territory and its people within what memory we possess. How in the days gone by we enjoyed, in anticipation, the visits of our friends,