

had some, though not revealed to the people, perhaps, or published.

But we want revelation every day. And I want these Apostles and these Saints to go before the Lord in your secret places and ask Him to pour out revelations upon this people, that we may give you the word of the Lord while we are with you, and that these Apostles, when they speak, may speak by the power of God, by the Holy Ghost. Then that will be the word of the Lord, it will be scripture, it will be the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believes. God bless you. Amen.

Gently lead us, Lord, O gently lead us, was sung by Sister Maud E. Pratt and the choir.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a. m. Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, April 5th, 10 a. m.
Singing by the choir:

Softly beams the sacred dawning
Of the great Millennial morn,
And to Saints gives welcome warning
That the day is hastening on.

Prayer by Elder David H. Cannon.

The choir sang:

How are Thy servants blessed, O Lord!
How sure is their defense!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help Omnipotence.

Apostle John W. Taylor

addressed the conference, the following being the substance of what he said: I desire the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that all may be edified by what is uttered. I have been thinking about the remarks made yesterday by President Woodruff in relation to the operations of the Spirit of God. It is a spirit of revelation, imparting that knowledge necessary to the individual according to the sphere in which he moves. I am reminded of an incident that occurred yesterday. I telephoned for an individual with whom I wished to communicate. The answer was that he was "engaged." This response was repeated several times. Finally I concluded to abandon the telephone and pay my friend a personal visit. Is it not so that we are sometimes so much engaged in the pursuit of mammon that the Spirit leaves us? A sister who died appeared in a vision to a young Lamanite in Nephi, as she had something to tell. She stated that her own children were so engrossed in business that she could not communicate with them. The more I am engaged in temporal things the darker is my mind, but when employed in spiritual matters I am correspondingly brighter. One peculiarity about the speaking of the Elders is that they generally bear testimony that this Church was organized by Divine authority. I have the same witness, and testify to it. I pray that I may have strength to endure to the end. I expect to witness much opposition against this people, but I expect to see the Kingdom of God pass safely through it all. I testify to strangers that if they will accept of Christ as the Redeemer, repent of their sins,

be baptized for the remission of the same that they will receive the Holy Ghost. The speaker, in conclusion, made some remarks about people disposing of their property by a process of proxy. He expressed himself to the effect that those who imagined they could hide themselves under the cloak of some one else would find the garment was not large enough for two.

Apostle Heber J. Grant

was the next speaker: I am pleased to have the opportunity of once more meeting with the Latter-day Saints in a general Conference. I rejoice in the testimony of the Gospel, and it is a constant and earnest prayer of mine that I may at all times have the inspiration, light and spirit of our Heavenly Father dwelling within me to the extent that I may never depart from the principles of truth or plan of life and salvation which we have espoused.

We, as Latter-day Saints, have very great cause to be thankful for the many manifestations of the goodness and mercy of our God. Let us strive with all the ability that we possess to obtain sufficient intelligence, light and knowledge from our Heavenly Father to enable us to keep in the path of duty. Many of us feel that we are firm in the knowledge of the Gospel, and that there is very little fear of the trials of life turning us from the truth. At the same time, we should thoroughly understand that in no single day or hour of our lives would we be able to stand alone and maintain the testimony of the Gospel without the light and inspiration of the Spirit of God. It is not the visitation of angel, association with the Prophet Joseph Smith, or any of the open manifestations of the Spirit of God which causes men to be faithful; it is their own diligence and faithfulness in keeping the commandments of God.

There is but one straight path before us, that of duty. If we conscientiously fulfill the obligations and duties resting upon us there is little danger of our stumbling. I pray God to bless you and inspire you all with His Holy Spirit. I have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know for myself that we are engaged in the work of God. I pray that this testimony may ever remain with me and each and all who possess it, and that those who have it not may strive their utmost to gain it.

Apostle John Henry Smith

addressed the congregation; I regard these conferences as being a source of comfort and strength to the Saints. The people come from every part of the land occupied by members of the Church and hear the instructions imparted. They are thus enabled to carry the influence and effect of the instructions to the people whom they represent. The Church is growing so large that it is becoming impracticable for the leading authorities to mingle a great deal with the people. The labors of the Apostles are largely confined to visiting the Stakes and attending their conferences. The multifarious duties of the First Presidency greatly

engross their attention and prevent them going about to any extent among the Saints.

As has been said there need be no fears regarding the fate and destiny of the work. With regard to individuals it is different. Men are liable to step aside from the path of duty. The mission of the work of God, however, cannot be prevented in its accomplishment. We are called to be laborers in it. We are on the good ship Zion. It will reach a safe harbor, but before its arrival in the haven many may be washed overboard. We have been inclined to lose sight of the necessity of complying with the laws in reference to tithes and offerings. So with regard to many other duties which are classed as lesser requirements, but which are all essential. Many seem to be willing and anxious to receive their blessings in the House of the Lord, who fail to take a course that justly entitles them to those great privileges. There should be a reformation in many respects. There are men in high station who use things that the Lord has said are not good for man, and should be refrained from—such as strong drink and tobacco. Some neglect their prayers and in other ways wound the Spirit of God, causing that holy influence to leave them. I anticipate that when the brethren, as a whole, shall be ready to discard the use of tobacco alone, our Father will more abundantly bless us. The question with us is whether we will, by our works, cause our names to be written in the Lamb's book of life. There are many allurements to lead us from the course that will make our calling and election sure. I pray that we may completely fill the measure of the mission entrusted to us.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman

followed. He said in substance: I feel it is one of the greatest privileges to meet with the Latter-day Saints in General Conference, to listen to the words of exhortation and the testimony given to us by the servants of the Lord.

In the history of this people it has been thought at different times that if the successful leaders of the Church, commencing with the Prophet Joseph Smith, should pass away there would be an end to "Mormonism." Our former leaders did pass away, but other men were selected to fill their places, to be the standard bearers for the time, and the work of the Lord has progressed and increased. It has been thought, also, that if the Church could be separated from the State there would be an end to the former. But the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not depend upon the power of any man or any certain number of men; nor does it depend upon any political power for its strength; for if every vestige of political power were to be taken from the people in this Territory or in any other part of the United States, it would not effect this Church in the least, because its organization is as independent of the State as any other Church. Though there may have been a feeling lurking in the hearts of the Latter-day