

which political emancipation afforded us.

ELDER MARRINER W. MERRILL, of the Council of the Apostles, addressed the Conference. He had been entertained and blessed in listening to the discourses delivered thus far. He had been reminded, in listening to President Woodruff, this morning, of the difficulties which were encountered in the early settlement of these valleys. These obstacles were most severe in the frontier locations. The Indians were troublesome, and President Young advised the people to feed them and not fight them.

Some instances occurred where the brethren neglected to take the counsels of the leaders. In such cases disaster resulted and numbers lost their lives. But nothing of this kind happened when the advice of the authorities was followed. The advice of the speaker to all was to adhere to the teachings of the servants of God. This was the path of safety.

None should fail to take heed to the instructions of the President of the Church in relation to the redemption of the dead. Millions of dollars had been spent in erecting houses to the name of the Lord. These facilities for the blessing of the living and redemption of the dead ought to be economized.

In his early experience the speaker had never entertained the thought that any other than the Salt Lake Temple would be erected in this region. The first intimation he received to the contrary was many years ago, in Logan, when President Woodruff, in delivering a public discourse there, prophesied that the time would come when a temple would be built on the hill overlooking the town, and our young people would go up on the towers and from them view the surrounding country, all of which had been fulfilled.

The Lord was pleased with the Temple. His power was there, and it rested upon the people who entered them with honest hearts to perform work for their dead. It was a great and sacred labor and it was now only in its incipient stages. Many things had happened in the temples which, if it were wise to talk about them, would astonish some people.

The speaker thought it would be a good thing if the Elders who went abroad would take an interest in collecting genealogical information. It would be of great use to the Saints.

Elder Merrill declared that he knew this labor to be of God, and that this was the true Church of Christ; also that the Presidency of the Church were chosen of God, and sought the welfare of the people continually. He would not dare make this declaration if he did not have a personal knowledge of its truth. We knew but little of the weight of care and responsibility which rested upon these men, and it became our duty to sustain them and do our part in trying to make their burdens lighter.

The choir sang the anthem,
Let all Israel sing

Benediction by Elder Angus M. Cannon.

THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

An overflow meeting was held in the Assembly Hall at 2 p. m.

Present on the stand: Of the Apostles,

Brigham Young, John W. Taylor and George Teasdale.

Of the First Council of Seventies, Seymour B. Young and Edward Stevenson.

The congregation sang:

Do what is right.

Prayer by Elder A. H. Raleigh.

Singing:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation.

EDWARD STEVENSON

He stood before the people as a witness for Christ and also for the Latter-day Prophets. All the Prophets of old spoke of our day. In the spring of 1820, when Joseph was praying in the woods, the light of heaven shone about him and two personages stood before him and one said to him, This is my beloved Son, hear Him. He was forbidden to join any of the churches. The history of the people of this continent was hid up until the Lord chose to reveal it through Joseph Smith. The Savior appeared unto the people of this hemisphere and organized His Church as He did on the eastern hemisphere. In the twenty-second year of his age the Lord permitted Joseph Smith to bring forth this record.

Referred to 11th chapter of Genesis: "Let us go down and scatter the people upon all the face of the land." First chapter of Elder, records of one people from Tower of Babel. Jared and his brother were of the people who were scattered.

Six hundred years before Christ another colony came out from Jerusalem. Joseph Smith brought forth records of these peoples.

John the Baptist came and conferred upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery the Lesser Priesthood. Peter, James and John conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood upon them. The speaker had heard the Prophet Joseph declare this. The speaker wished to call upon the world to repent and accept the Gospel.

Sister Maggie Hull, assisted by the Temple choir, sang "Glory to God on high."

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

Was pleased with the remarks of President Woodruff this morning. It is a joy to see him so full of vigor. We have every opportunity to enjoy ourselves. He desired the spirit of the Lord to enable him to say a few words in relation to a subject that had occurred to him. The human family are being educated. There are agencies at work educating the Latter-day Saints and intervening a barrier between them and their God. It is proper for all to have what might be termed a good English education. There are lessons to be learned to prepare us for the life to come. We arise in the resurrection with the knowledge which we acquire in this life.

The Latter-day Saints are original and take the lead. It takes the spirit of God to decide what to take up and what to leave behind. Where is the institution that is teaching the people for the present and future like our temples? You cannot find it in any of the seminaries or churches in the world.

Every individual educated in the Latter-day Saint educational institutions should have the missionary sentiment to disseminate the knowledge

they received. He regretted that some who were educated in these institutions manifested a spirit of indifference in this direction.

The spirit of the Gospel that is in the hearts of the people will bring about a revolution in these matters. A system of education is going on and some are sinking lower while others are rising higher.

In course of time we will see the man or the woman as they have made themselves by the education that has been going on within the individual. There is an object lesson for all in the fact that the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum gave their lives as a seal to their testimony.

He thanked God that the people generally were seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, that all things may be added unto them.

Singing:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet.

Benediction by Elder Robert T. Burton.

Priesthood Meeting.

7 p. m.

A Priesthood meeting was held in the Tabernacle. At the afternoon session of the Conference an invitation had been extended to the sisters as well as the brethren to attend the evening meeting. The choir and congregation joined in singing, and the opening prayer was offered by Elder George B. Wallace.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG

was the first speaker. He expressed gratification at the instructions given during Conference, and spoke of the education of the children of the Saints, making particular reference to the counsel given by revelation, in the Word of Wisdom, by the observance of which the physical organization of the children was made healthy and strong. He pointed out the necessity of obedience to all the counsels of the Lord, in order to make desirable progress in spiritual and temporal matters; and concluded by bearing witness to the divine calling of the leaders of the Church in this dispensation.

BISHOP WILLIAM B. PRESTON

addressed the congregation. He urged the Bishops and those associated with them in temporal matters of the Church to be more diligent in learning what was required of them and in doing it. They should set worthy examples and should counsel and instruct the people for their improvement in material affairs as well as in spiritual matters. He called special attention to the duties that devolved upon the Lesser Priesthood in their labors among the Saints.

ELDER JONATHAN G. KIMBALL

made some pointed suggestions to the young men, particularly on the necessity of being humble. He spoke of the need for pruning which existed among the Seventies, that they might be more firmly rooted and be more diligent in performing their duties. He also referred to the labors of the missionaries, and to travelling without purse or scrip, trusting in the Lord to give them what they needed; the Seventies should earn at home the requirements of missionary work. The Lord would bless the people if they had faith. He