

madmen, and have been derided and persecuted; but as years have rolled on, their truths have been accepted and their inestimable benefits to mankind recognized. Thus will truth always triumph in the end.

We should not discourage those among us who set their aim high and who are ambitious to do good. There is no height and no position that can not be reached by the Latter-day Saints if they are faithful, persevering and actuated by good motives.

The speaker then referred to the position taken by Abraham of old in refusing to worship the idols of his native land, notwithstanding his father's displeasure, and the king's reprimand; and when he was encouraged to worship fire, water, and the clouds, the winds, and other powers, he chose to worship the true author of these elements—the great God of Heaven. If Abraham could take this noble stand in the midst of heathen opponents, should not the Latter-day Saints be able to cope successfully with the opposition placed in their pathway and serve the true and living God amid trials and persecutions?

The choir sang the anthem:

How beautiful upon the mountains.

Benediction by Elder Andrew Jensen.

### THIRD DAY.

April 6th.

#### MORNING SESSION.

We thank Thee, O God, for a prophet,  
To guide us in these latter days:  
We thank Thee for sending the Gospel,  
To lighten our minds with its rays.

Was sung by the choir and congregation.

Prayer by Elder John D. T. McAllister.

The choir sang:

Sweet is Thy name, my God, my King.  
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing.

#### THE AUTHORITIES

of the Church were presented by President George Q. Cannon for the votes of the assembly, as follows:

Wilford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Mariner W. Merrill, Anton H. Lund and Abraham H. Cannon.

Counselor to the Twelve Apostles—John W. Young.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles, with their Counselor, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church—John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seven-ties—Henry Herriman, Jacob Gates, Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fjeldsted, John Morgan B. H. Roberts and George Reynolds.

William B. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his First and John R. Winder as his Second Counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church Historian and General Church Recorder, and John Jaques as his assistant.

Joseph Dor Carlos Young as General Church Architect.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

As the Church Board of Education: Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, George W. Thatcher, Amos Howe, Anton H. Lund, James Sharp.

The voting in every instance was unanimous.

#### President Wilford Woodruff

said that as the report of only one of their societies was complete, that would be the only one read to the congregation this morning. To give incomplete reports would be misleading.

In submitting the report of the Ladies' Relief Society he would like to remark that credit was due to that body of the Latter-day Saints for the work which they had accomplished. They had done an immense amount of good for many years in feeding the poor, administering to the necessities of the needy, assisting the Bishops, and the Church and Kingdom of God in many ways. The blessings of the Lord would rest upon them, as it would upon all the Saints who did their duty.

#### THE LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY

report was then read by President George Q. Cannon. It gave the following exhibit:

Disbursements for charitable and other purposes.....	\$ 13,672 86
Cash, real estate and other property now on hand.....	41,217 09
In addition to above property there are bushels of wheat on hand.	45,485

The report is signed by Zina D. Young, President; Jane S. Richards, First Counselor; Bathsheba W. Smith, Second Counselor; Sarah M. Kimball, Secretary; Romania B. Pratt, Assistant Secretary; M. Isabella Horne, Treasurer.

#### President Wilford Woodruff

delivered a discourse in which he showed that the Church had been led by the revelations of God from the time of its establishment in this dispensation, on the sixth of April, 1830, until the present. He supported this position by explaining some of the glorious principles which had been revealed, and historical facts which showed plainly that the Almighty was directing His work, constantly inspiring His servants at the head of it on earth with the revelations of His Spirit. He predicted that the Lord would continue at the helm of His Church and would never forsake it. It would not be appropriate to give a synopsis of the discourse.

#### Apostle John Henry Smith

said he had enjoyed exceedingly the proceedings of the Conference thus far, and had listened with pleasure to the remarks made by the brethren. Almost every topic in which they were interested had been dwelt upon in some form or other. The Spirit of the Lord had rested in great abundance upon the

entire congregation, as well as those who had addressed them, so far as he had been able to judge. Points of doctrine, matters pertaining to our temporal concerns, our fidelity and faith in the discharge of the duties devolving upon us had received due consideration.

None among us should fail to recognize that there was ample room for improvement. We all had our weaknesses and made our mistakes. We daily appreciated the truth of the words, "Man is prone to evil as the sparks to fly upward;" therefore, it was our duty to remain constantly upon our guard, and not to become unmindful of our responsibilities in the least degree. Our movements must be either backward or forward; hence every possible effort should be made to advance in the direction of truth and righteousness.

In regard to the rising generation today we found ourselves somewhat peculiarly situated. In some parts the instruction of our children was in the hands of those who were not of the faith of the Latter-day Saints. From the conditions which existed around, it behooved us to be more watchful in this matter than was formerly the case. Not that he desired to say one word which would reflect upon those who were in the field as teachers in the district schools, and against whom he had never heard a word leading toward the supposition that they made use of their positions to impress any particular faith or doctrine upon the minds of the scholars; yet the tendency of mankind was to create an impression upon others which was characteristic of the man himself. It should be our desire to foster education in every possible way—that which tended to enlighten and prepare a man for the discharge of his obligations both toward God and his neighbor. In sending their children to school, parents should look well to it that their spiritual training was not altogether neglected, and let them seek to inculcate in the minds of the young of correct principles.

Associations should be conducted in our communities to aid in this work. Our Sabbath schools accomplished a great deal—they were probably the most active agencies outside the influence of home in directing the minds of the children for good. Then in addition to the Sabbath schools there were the Primary Associations, wherein little children were instructed by good and faithful sisters. The speaker also made mention of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, which he feared, however were not always made so potent for good as they might be. He meant by this that parents were frequently neglectful in not urging upon their sons and daughters the great importance of joining such associations and being regular in their attendance at the meetings. There was no subject fraught with greater consequences to the Latter-day Saints than that of the conditions now surrounding our children.

The world presumed that "Mormonism" was designed to stultify men and women, and to restrict their liberties; but when people became conversant with the principles of the Gospel which the Latter-day Saints had received,