

occurrence. The Book of Doctrine and Covenants says that the Lamanites must be established before the Lord shall come in His glory. There are 12,000,000 of Lamanites in Mexico and Central America. This shows the magnitude of the work to be done among that race alone. But the Lord can appear on the mountain and in the Temple. He appeared to Joseph in the Kirtland Temple. President Woodruff testified that he had met and communed with Joseph at various times. This is not surprising. I look for a time to come when communications between the visible Church and the Church behind the veil will be common.

Speaking of the year 1891 being eventful, has not 1890 shown many eventful features. Accidents and other catastrophes are multiplying, convulsions of nature are increasing. What causes produce the terrible accidents that are of such frequent occurrence? This is a sermon of nature. Men are becoming more and more reckless of human life, being devoid of natural affection.

Our position as a people is peculiar. But we are seeking to pray for our enemies, and not return evil for evil upon their heads. It is remarkable to what lengths some men will go in their opposition to the Saints, and to attain their own ulterior purposes. There is for instance a man in the north who, when an executive officer, said he had obtained a jury who would convict Jesus Christ if he were placed on trial. That man now asks the suffrages of the people to enable him to obtain a seat in the national legislature. The treatment of the people of Utah is perfectly startling, being subversive of all the grand principles that underlie the institutions of this government. A few years ago a person who believed that the object of the crusade was the robbing of the Saints would have been called a fanatic, yet it is now an accomplished fact. The time will come when our brothers in this nation will understand us better than they do now. When the opportunity presents itself, as it shall in the future, for the people of Utah to show their loyalty to the government, they will, I believe, not be found to be behind any of their fellow-countrymen. We shall occupy to our nation the position that Joseph, who was sold into Egypt stood in toward his brethren. The Lord will not let the labors of the revolutionary fathers fall to the ground. A class of young men will arise in these mountains who will help to rescue the nation in the day of its calamity. They are good and true citizens, although their first allegiance is to God. If we are true to ourselves, our country and our God we shall arise above everything that stands in the way of our development. The day of calamity is approaching. It is at the doors. Society will soon be convulsed, and those who will not take up the sword against their neighbors will flee to these mountains for safety, and we will receive them, afford them relief, and not treat them as they have treated us. The

speaker closed with a testimony to the divine character of the work founded by Joseph Smith and predicting the final triumph of truth.

Apostle F. W. Lyman

Next addressed the Conference. He remarked that the Lord was upon the side of this people, and would sustain and preserve them. The work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged was the word of God and not of man. The Father cared for and sustained His faithful servants. It was not the judgment, skill, understanding, or cunning of man that had converted this people. The Lord Himself had done this; He had given them faith, repentance, and also baptism, by which they had received a remission of their sins. The good that the Saints had done God had enabled them to accomplish. The Latter-day Saints were not divided, but stood as one, and God was pleased with their labors. This people were rapidly becoming numerically stronger, and their faith increased in proportion. God had planted in their hearts a knowledge of the truth and given them His Spirit, and communication had been opened between us and the heavens.

Apostle Lyman spoke of the importance of prayer, and strongly exhorted the Saints to be more earnest in this respect than in the past. They should pray to the Lord often, and their supplications would be abundantly answered. Let them be prepared for the coming of the Savior in His power and glory, for the summons might reach us when least expected.

Let there be more faithfulness in Israel. Let the people cease backbitings, quarrels, contentious, envyings, strife, and all vanities should be put away. Intemperance and other sins which beset their paths should likewise be carefully guarded against. In our associations and societies as well as in the family circle a spirit of unity and harmony should ever prevail, and nothing be allowed to enter in any way calculated to cause a feeling of jealousy or bitterness. Every man and woman in Zion should be as a light set upon a hill, that cannot be hid. No Latter-day Saint should be ashamed of his actions, but should live a life above the slightest suspicion.

He prayed God to bless this people and the testimony borne by the speakers during Conference—that the instructions imported might find a place in their hearts, and that every word spoken would bring forth good fruit in due season.

Elder John D. T. McAllister.

Addressed the conference briefly. He spoke of his pleasure in meeting with the Saints, their early experiences in the settlement of this part of the country, from the time he arrived here, 39 years ago. He also dwelt for some time upon the importance of performing Gospel work for the dead, and asked God to bless the people.

The choir sang a selected hymn
Come Spirit come.

Benediction by President George Q. Cannon.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY, Oct. 5th, 10 a. m.

The choir sang:

The morning breaks the shadows flee;
Lo! Zion's standard is unfurled!
The dawning of a brighter day
Majestic rises on the world.

Prayer was offered by Elder Jos. E. Taylor.

Singing by the choir:

Sons of Michael, He approacheth!
Rise! the Eternal Father greet;
Minister before His feet;
Hail the Patriarch's glad reign,
'Established now o'er sea and main!

President George Q. Cannon

Was the speaker. After beseeching the faith and prayers of the large congregation attending conference for those who might be called upon to address them, he remarked that such an occasion as a general conference was full of interest to the officers and members of the Church, who naturally expected to receive counsel and instructions concerning their duties, and information of the progress of the work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged.

We were living in peculiar times. The work of God was being assailed in various directions. However, this was no new thing. It had been the lot of the Saints from the beginning to contend with difficulties and overcome obstacles. They had had to pass through scenes which had tested their faith, integrity, and fidelity. The Elders, who had been faithful in preaching the Gospel, had not neglected to tell the people whom they baptized the character of the difficulties which they would have to encounter when they espoused the cause of God. They were warned to expect the same fate which attended the ancient disciples of Jesus Christ, how their names would be cast out as evil.

The Elders had no desire to draw people into the Church merely for the sake of increasing its numbers, but were filled with the hope every time they baptized a soul, that he or she would be faithful all the rest of their life. Others might be content with a certain degree of happiness, a glory with a certain amount of salvation; but there were no people upon the face of this earth—and he doubted whether there ever had been since the creation—who possessed higher conceptions and loftier views regarding their future than the Latter-day Saints. That which would satisfy ordinary persons would not, with the views they entertained, satisfy the Saints. Others might court ease and seek for worldly profit; but not so with this people; they could not turn aside from the path which God had marked out for them in order to promote any worldly end or to gratify any worldly ambition. The promises of God to His faithful people were illimitable, as boundless as eternity itself. They were made to every one who entered into a covenant with the Lord in the way that He Himself had pointed out. Should they therefore not bear patiently with meekness and humility all the trials and difficulties which beset them? He thought he could answer yes for the Latter-day Saints.

There was a living testimony of