

be strictly honest in their payment of tithes and offerings, and the keeping of the other laws of the Gospel. Their first obligation was to God and they should see that all their duties to Him were observed. Not only spiritual but temporal reward for faithfulness would be certain.

**ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS**, of the same quorum, was the next speaker. The refreshment of the minds of the people during the Conference of the Church was very profitable. The speaker felt that such principles as the payment of tithing, etc., were not regarded as of sufficient importance by the rising generation. In the past, the sacrifice of worldly wealth, and good name, was sometimes found necessary—the giving of the whole life to the Lord in consideration of the blessed Gospel. This implied the keeping of all the laws of the Gospel, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the gift and testimony of which was sufficient to pay for all sacrifices. The speaker recited his own experiences in receiving this testimony, which was impressed upon his mind in the most forcible way possible; he would not have parted with it for the wealth of the world. The prophecies of the servants of God when under the influence of the Holy Spirit, were accepted with joy, and the progress of the work to the present, had been their glorious fulfillment.

The law of tithing should be given to the children at an early age, and impressed upon them as a basic principle of the Gospel; by this means could temporal salvation be secured. The Church had been the recipient of a stream of revelation from the time it was organized in this dispensation to the present. This could be understood by a consideration of the bulk of glorious principles that were now familiar to us. Still the growth in knowledge would go on unceasingly. The Lord would bring us into circumstances that would cause us to do business according to His laws and commandments, as well as to adopt ourselves to principles that related directly to our spiritual existence. Look at the progress that had been made during the past fifty or sixty years, and imagine if you can what will be our condition after the lapse of a similar period in the future. This is the land of Zion and destined to be peopled by the people of God. All should feel that they had a duty to perform to the world, by sending the Gospel to the nations and showing a worthy example to all men.

The choir sang the anthem,

Let the mountains shout for joy.

Benediction by Elder Angus M. Cannon.

## SECOND DAY.

April 7th, 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 Jonathan G. Kimball.

Singing by the choir of the hymn which begins:

What was witnessed in the heavens?  
Why, an angel, earthward bound.  
Had he something with him bringing?  
Yes—the Gospel—joyful sound.

**ABRAHAM O. WOODRUFF**

of the Council of the Twelve was the first speaker. We had learned how easy it was to speak when the individual was under the influence of the Spirit of God. He desired to possess that Spirit, that benefit might be the result. There was everything within the Church of Christ to bring happiness. Many who were not of our faith have asserted that

all that was necessary to break down the work in which we were engaged was to expose the principles which we had accepted. Such persons had never made such an expose, but had, as a rule, misrepresented the doctrines of the Church. The speaker regretted to say that not a few members of families of Latter-day Saints had connected themselves with religious organizations not recognized by the Priesthood. Others had identified themselves with secret orders of a non-religious character. The Gospel as accepted by the Saints had within it all that was necessary for the attainment of all proper objects. It was a perfect system revealed from heaven. On the other hand there were many of the youth of the community who were awakening to a sense of their duties in the Church. This improvement was largely due to the faithful labors, at home, of missionaries sent out by the Mutual Improvement organizations. The young were by this means being brought into activity in the things of God, without which there was no real progress. If the various quorums were kept constantly engaged in their callings, the development of the Church would be more and more rapid. The speaker dwelt briefly on subjects relating to the temporal affairs of the people. He took the ground that much disadvantage arose from a lack of co-operation, and the existence of too much business rivalry, instances of such conditions being referred to. Jealousy in business and all other interests should be discouraged.

**ELDER MATTHIAS F. COWLEY**, of the same quorum, followed. He referred to the comprehensiveness of the Work of God, by which it met all conditions of life, and rendered it possible for the Elders to give unpremeditated instructions, under the influence of the Spirit, upon any principle of benefit to the people. All the instructions so far given during the Conference had been appropriate because inspired. The hand of the Lord had been manifested in the deliverance of the people from adverse conditions. This deliverance would be made complete if the Latter-day Saints would do their duty in full and resist all temptation. It was the day of the Lord's preparation, the work being accelerated among the nations of the earth. The speaker had enjoyed himself very much in his visit to the various missions in the United States, where an excellent spirit was manifested by the Elders. They were contented, and were laboring diligently under the guidance of the Spirit.

Elder Cowley suggested that the letters written to these Elders by their relatives and friends should be encouraging and cheerful, as it was most disheartening for them to receive letters filled with discouraging news. The ministers of the various denominations were frequently making invidious comments on the principles of the Gospel, but the very fact of the Elders going abroad without purse and scrip was a standing exemplification of faith. It was more than the people of the world could expect of their ministers.

These laborers in the missionary fields were still few, in consideration of the greatness of the work required of them. It was found difficult to supply all the missionaries needed in the various fields of labor, and there was great necessity for the young men gaining a preparatory knowledge of the principles of the Gospel. It was a pleasing thing to see the missionary labors performed under the Mutual Improvement association work at home, which had resulted in the addition of about 13,000 members to the associations, in addition to developing great fitness for missionary labor on the part of those who had been engaged in this field.

The Lord was preparing the nations

of the earth for the seeds of truth, according to the promises given by the Lord in his early revelations to the Church. Barriers in the way of the spread of the work were being broken down and the Holy Ghost was spreading among the nations, to the blessing of the people. Agitation and rumors of war were marking another step in the fulfillment of the Latter-day prophets where the warfare in the nations and the safety of the inhabitants of Zion were detailed, in accordance also with the predictions of the ancient prophets. The Saints were warned to depart from hypocrisy and inconsistency, and to be active in the furtherance of the work of God. The promise was given that in consideration of faithfulness the young and the old could gain a testimony of the truth and permanence of the Gospel.

**ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG**,

of the same quorum, followed. He said it was a time of rejoicing with the Latter-day Saints, for the Lord had been merciful unto us. There had been no time when we had greater reason to serve the Lord than now. Forces were being exercised in behalf of the work of God, and opposition to it was also being revived. All that had been said in this Conference, thus far, was now in full force, and all the prophecies heretofore given would be fulfilled. There were obligations resting upon us that other people derided, notwithstanding that those obligations were in the direction of saving souls. Yet the world were opposed to us, because the genius of the world was antagonistic to salvation. The Saints were laying up treasures—they were banking with our Father in heaven, and the accounts were accurately kept. He had chosen us out of the world and a special work had been given to this people. Its scope embraced the human family and extended to the spirit world. It would tend either to our condemnation or exaltation, according to our diligence or our neglect. Good intentions were of no value unless they were carried out. God had made us impervious to outside attacks when we were faithful, but when their were internal dissensions our power of resistance was diminished. Therefore, when war stalked abroad in the earth, peace would be in Zion because of the righteousness of her people.

The speaker read from the Book of Mormon statements of the Prophet Lehi to his family, in which the enunciation occurs—that so long as the people of this continent should be righteous, it should be a land of liberty unto them but if they should be wicked neither peace nor liberty should prevail. Many of our sons were affiliating with those that know not God, and were indulging in the spirit of the world. This would bring disaster. We must set our hearts firmly to the service of God, that we might have peace, and be in a condition to succor the good of the earth, when commotion and strife should prevail on the earth.

**ELDER B. H. ROBERTS**,

of the First council of Seventy, followed. He had responded in his feelings to the great truths spoken and testimonies borne during the Conference, and the sounding of the voice of warning to the nations of the earth. The speaker read from section 88 of the Doctrine and Covenants in which instructions were given to the servants of God who were to administer among the nations, that they should be free from the sins of the world, and thus escape the judgments predicted against the ungodly. This revelation was given 66 years ago, it was most important that it should be repeated to the children of men in this day of great turmoil, war, the crumbling of dynasties, and the anger of the ele-