

should be taking care of yourself." Those words might have seemed abruptly spoken, under the circumstances, but they were uttered in that same spirit of friendship which had characterized our association from the first.

Francis Cope was a believer in God, in the principle of doing justice to others; in the principle of rewards and punishments that our Father in heaven had given His people to understand. He himself had enacted. To this end he labored. In all his actions he was governed by the principles of justice and right, whether between his co-religionists or not. The only question with him was "Is this right. Is this just?" and he acted accordingly. A man could show no greater love for his fellow-creatures than by devoting his time, without any earthly consideration, to their interests; and such was the case with Francis Cope. Leaving wife and children and associations that were near and dear to him, he went forth into the world to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ without thought of reward, laboring only for the faith which he had espoused.

The speaker had worked with the deceased under circumstances and conditions which satisfied him beyond all question of his honesty of heart and purpose. He prayed that the blessings of heaven might rest down upon the bereaved family, that they might be comforted in the midst of their distress. Might the healing balm of that Spirit which came from the Savior of the world find its place in their hearts; for He alone could assuage their grief. Might each one among them profit by the good example of this worthy man, who had carved his way among his fellows by an honorable, just, and upright life, and who now laid his body down never having betrayed a friend or broken faith with his God so far as their knowledge of him extended.

APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT

next addressed the congregation, observing that there were no words of praise which he could utter but had been deserved by their departed friend. In life Brother Cope had his love, confidence and esteem. He had received many favors at his hands, and his associations with him were such as to unmistakably demonstrate his honesty, love of justice and the true worth of character. He was no respecter of persons, but a man who always, as had been already said, asked the question, "Is it right?" and then acted upon his own convictions. The news of Brother Cope's death came to him almost in the nature of a shock. He called to see him last Saturday afternoon upon his return home from a journey, and again on Sunday between four and five o'clock. On the latter occasion he raised himself in bed, shook hands with him, and seemed pleased at his visit. Brother Cope then seemed quite cheerful, and he thought there was a marked improvement in his condition upon the previous day, and upon bidding him adieu he had no

thought of not seeing him again alive. With Brother Smith, he himself really felt that his proper place that day was among the mourners; for he did mourn deeply at the loss of the society of their departed friend. But while he mourned on that account he rejoiced in the testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he rejoiced in the knowledge that Francis Cope had received an exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom. He prayed that the light of the Spirit would abide with each one of them, that they, like him, might be faithful and true under all circumstances, laboring with all the zeal and energy they possessed to discharge every duty. If they remained faithful like their deceased brother, he realized that the separation would be but temporary, that they would have the privilege of renewing once more that happy and pleasing association which they had enjoyed here below. He prayed that the comforting influences of the Spirit of our Heavenly Father might descend upon the deceased's family that they might be strengthened and blessed in the supreme hour of their trial. He prayed that his children might emulate his example and qualities and follow in his footsteps.

Occasions of this kind bind our hearts together. It is when called to sorrow for our friends and to mourn with those who mourn that our hearts enlarge and expand, and we realize that we are one brotherhood, that we are from one Father, and that our hearts are linked together in the firmest bonds. May God bless us and inspire us to do our duty in all things.

BISHOP F. KESLER

said he felt very much in sympathy with the preceding speakers. No words of commendation that could be spoken with regard to their deceased brother could possibly be misapplied, Brother Cope and himself had been bosom friends. He was an earnest worker in all he undertook, and won the admiration of everybody with whom he became associated. For some time Brother Cope resided in the ward over which he (the Bishop) had the honor to preside, and, despite his manifold daily duties, he found time to fulfil his share of work as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. As president of the quorum of Elders (which numbered nearly 100 members, and by all of whom he was greatly beloved) he was an indefatigable worker, and as president of the Mutual Improvement Association of the ward for three consecutive terms he rendered invaluable help. He then became one of his counselors, and he could truly say that he discharged the duties of that office with the greatest zeal and fidelity. He was a counselor indeed. If at any time any difficulty or difference of opinion existed among the brethren, Brother Cope's mind seemed to grasp the true situation at once and so it was soon amicably disposed of. No one could possibly miss his society and counsel more than himself. Brother Cope was the third of his counselors

whom he had seen laid to rest, and he felt his death keenly. Even those who differed from him upon religious or other matters could not but admire and love him. He had the respect of all classes, for he possessed a noble heart.

He felt now to mourn with the deceased's family, whom he greatly esteemed, and prayed that the Lord would bless them and comfort their hearts until that time, to which they all looked forward with joy and satisfaction, when they would again meet husband, father and benefactor. He had laid the foundation to receive every blessing which the Lord had promised unto those who were faithful in this great latter-day work. To that work their deceased brother had borne most faithful testimony. He was childlike in his gentleness and yet had that nobleness of character which stamped him, as it were, as one of the great among men. He was a man of sterling worth, and the world was the better for his having been permitted to come here and receive a tabernacle in this last great dispensation. He had fought the fight, he had run the race, and would receive a crown.

PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON

remarked that he came there not to speak, but as a sorrowing brother, full of sympathy for the family of their departed friend.

He had known Brother Cope for about nineteen years, and intimately for about thirteen, as a faithful, pure and good man. He loved the Lord, and never tired of doing a kindly act in the interests of his fellow-men. He loved his wife and children next to his God; and his one great aim in life was to serve them and make them happy. Conscious of the integrity of his own heart, he never faltered in what he undertook; so firm and fixed in his purpose that he was ready at all times to discharge every known duty, regardless of consequences. He himself could bear this testimony freely concerning him.

May God our Heavenly father comfort his loved ones and prompt them to walk in the path that he has trod, to exhibit the self-denial and the devotion which he has manifested, and might they be gathered in the due time of the Lord to meet him—when the trump of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall arise; for he (the speaker) knew that their deceased brother would come forth and stand upon the earth in all his beauty, in all the strength of his manhood—a worthy son, a faithful husband, a loving father. May God watch over his bereaved family and preserve them until that day when the dead in Christ shall live and come forth to greet the pure in heart, who will receive an inheritance that cannot fade away.

BISHOP ORSON F. WHITNEY

said the time was far spent, and were it not that he had been requested to say a few words on that occasion he would be reluctant to