

How many members of families are never spoken to by the Teachers in their visits? How many youths are permitted to go astray without an effort to restrain them? The Elders go abroad and make great sacrifices to carry the truth to the honest in heart, and when these come here they should be cared for temporally as well as spiritually, that their faith may be developed and strengthened. Our children sometimes wander into forbidden paths, and then return. Can we not make some diligent effort to prevent them from straying at all?

The present condition shows that some called to be active in the Priesthood are lax in their duties. The Bishops should train their teachers, for if there was any need among the Saints today, it was active, capable Teachers. The faith of the people in the main there is no question of. The response of the people in regard to the Temple has been most praiseworthy, and the Lord will bless them for their offering. There are some things, however, that are regrettable. The speaker referred to certain society events, where the articles of clothing are described in public prints. If the people clothed themselves in homespun it would put a stop to such proceedings. The revelation of the Lord to the people was "Let your garments be plain, and the beauty thereof the beauty of the workmanship of your own hands." To the extent the Saints do this they can claim greater blessings, and with the simplicity of the Gospel they will have the spirit of that simplicity, and be acceptable to the Lord.

The choir sang the anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy,

at the conclusion of which the congregation united in singing the Doxology.

Benediction by Elder George B. Wallace.

#### AFTERNOON SERVICES.

The choir and congregation sang:

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning,  
The latter-day glory begins to come forth.

Prayer by Elder Edward Stevenson.  
The choir sang:

How great the wisdom and the love  
That filled the courts on high.

The Priesthood of the Eighth ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament.

#### ELDER JOHN NICHOLSON

was the first speaker. He had taken great pleasure, he said, in attending the meetings of this Conference. The instructions given have been edifying, and therefore of God. One principle has been referred to which is of special importance, viz.: the doctrine of preparation. Whenever God has anything for His people to do, He prepares them for the work. Thus, when the Son of God was to come on earth, a special messenger was sent to prepare His way.

The Lord, we are told, reveals beforehand to His prophets what He is about to do. This is in accordance with the principle of preparation, which is applicable to the people of God in the various duties devolving on them and the sacred obligations they have taken upon them. If the principle were operated to a wider extent, there would perhaps not be occasion for complaining about many young

men, who obtain the Priesthood and then lay aside its obligations.

Reference has been made to the dedication of the Temple, at which event the hope is maintained that heavenly manifestations will be given. The most important part, however, of that great event is that the work may be accepted by the Lord and of this every Saint can obtain knowledge by listening to the still, small voice. The speaker testified that the Lord had accepted the holy buildings already reared. And the Saint, who visit the sacred precincts, will find that there is a holier atmosphere there than on the outside. We need not fear for the continuance of the work of God. It has come to stay. The servants of God go out to preach the Gospel to the nations of the earth, and they do so by the Spirit of Jesus, and those who are the sheep of Christ, the honest in heart, will come to the Shepherd. The number may be insignificant, but there are other means by which Christ shall reach those who are worthy, when He comes to establish His kingdom.

The invisible Church is operating behind the veil for the salvation of man. The Seer of this dispensation received the keys by which is opened the missionary work among those who are in the spirit world. We have good reasons to believe that a great multitude of them will accept the work done for them and come forth to liberty. How vast is this work which reaches far into eternity.

At the last conference we were exhorted to prepare ourselves for the coming events. The effect on me was that I wanted to repent of my sins. Have we done this, so that we are prepared? Then happy are we. We want to walk in practical righteousness and act in justice to each other, according to what we are required to do by the word of God, knowing that we are to be judged as we deal with each other.

May the Lord be with us and guard us against all that might make us unworthy to enter the holy Temples of God and His eternal kingdom.

#### ELDER GEORGE M. CANNON

would testify to the truth of the remarks made by the previous speaker. It is always proper to feel the necessity of repenting of our sins, for no man in the mortal state is entirely free from sin. In preparing for going into the Temple it would be particularly appropriate to show that we are willing to carry out the instructions of God's servants by putting away that which is evil and practice righteousness as our Heavenly Father has taught us. The Saints should remember the enormity of the sin of bearing false testimony against their neighbor by slandering him, perhaps with the only object in view of building themselves up in the estimation of others. Those who do so cannot have the Spirit of God. The Spirit prompts a man to make restitution, if one has done what is wrong. As Saints we should not permit ourselves to become estranged to each other. As the first Christians, the Saints have been noticed for their unity and oneness of purpose. May the day never come when they should be torn by factional strifes, but may we always respect each other and in all things so live that we are acceptable to our Father.

#### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

then addressed the congregation. He emphasized the necessity of becoming acquainted with the first principles of the Gospel. They are preparatory, given to us that we may be prepared for a life to come. It is only by obedience to the laws of God that we can receive blessings of Him.

Concerning the Temple the speaker said he had no fear that the Lord would not accept it. The acceptance depends wholly upon the people and the object they have in view in erecting it. He explained the object of temple-building and the conditions on which the offerings of the Saints should be accepted.

#### ELDER ANGUS M. CANNON,

said he wished the Saints in the Stake to be prepared to receive and entertain visiting Saints who would come here during the dedication.

The choir sang the anthem:

Awake my soul.

Benediction by Elder John Smith.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The choir sang:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord.

Prayer by Elder Seymour B. Young.

The choir then sang:

High on the mountain top  
A banner is unfurled,  
Ye nations now look on,  
It waves to all the world.

#### ELDER ABRAHAM H. CANNON

first spoke. He acknowledged the necessity of inspiration to address a congregation of Latter-day Saints. He was exceedingly pleased at the presence of what he believed to be the largest audience he had ever seen in the Tabernacle with the possible exception of some that might have attended general conferences. He noticed with satisfaction the marked increase of interest among the Latter-day Saints in the matter of church work. He had looked about for the cause of this renewed energy and zeal and had found it, he thought, in the abundant liberality they had manifested in the matter of contributing means for the completion of the Temple of our God which was shortly to be dedicated. He had a faith in his heart which assured him that the Latter-day Saints who had made sacrifices to the end referred to that instead of experiencing greater financial distress they would have, by the Lord, the streams of wealth turned upon them. Those who failed in the compliance of small requirements would find it difficult to keep the more important commandments. The small details of daily life should not be overlooked, for they were essential to the attainment of the rewards that Latter-day Saints joyously looked for. Only those who were faithful would be allowed to enter the Temple; only those who were pure in heart would be permitted to participate in the ordinances pertaining to Temple work; only those who were pure in heart would be eligible to work and worship in the great Temple which would sometime be built in the new Jerusalem in the center Stake of Zion.

#### ELDER F. M. LYMAN

said in substance: He presumed that during the present conference that the instructions had been such as to bring many face to face with their true con-