

To the young men of Zion I would say, look around you, take by the right hand with the reverence with which you would an angel, one of the daughters of Zion, enter into the house of the Lord and receive her under the keys of the Priesthood, as a wife for time and all eternity. Think of them as the highest, purest handiwork of God, and treat them as such. Shame on the young man who fritters away his existence in the use of things injurious to the body and hurtful to the mind.

Choir sang the anthem "How beautiful upon the mountains."

7 p.m.—Choir and congregation sang "Our God, we raise to Thee:"

Prayer by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

Choir sang "Behold the mighty God appearing."

Elder B. H. Roberts said: I have a warm affection for the Mutual Improvement associations for I look upon them as my cradle in the Gospel.

He quoted the 87th Psalm, from which he deduced that the time will come when it will be considered an honor to have been born in Zion. Her sons are to become distinguished, and there will be among them a galaxy of men fit to lead the world, and such are needed in the world.

Quoted from Isaiah, the writings of Enoch and the Book of Covenants to show that Zion is the pure in heart, and is referred to both as a people and as a location; hence he would say to the question, where is Zion—it is any place in North or South America where dwell the Saints, pure in heart.

God is the Father of all men and is doing all possible for their salvation. From the words of Mormon I can understand why there arose ages ago a Confucius, why Lycurgus stood among the Spartans, why there was a Plato, a Socrates, a Luther—God was working for the salvation of His children, preparing the world for the whole truth.

I feel like giving all due credit to all men who have accomplished good—Mormonism teaches me this.

Life is like a great drama—all the characters are needed for the working out of the great thought of the author.

No greater mistake is made by the world than when they say where ignorance abounds is the best field for Mormonism. Joseph Smith was the first man to say that no man can be saved in ignorance, and he urged with all the power of his being, the attainment by the people of knowledge.

How broad is the field of knowledge which we are privileged and commanded to enter. To learn of the earth, its component parts, and how controlled, of the things on the earth and under it, of heaven, of things past, of things present, and of things to come. All these things are open to the young men of Zion. The word is enter and reap. Wisdom says let us learn something of ourselves—whence we come why we are here and whither we go. Hence the Mutual Improvement work commences at that point, and as we emanated from God, we are trying to learn of Him. I take it that the knowledge of God is the beginning of wisdom, which will give a man a standard of truth by which to measure all things. The M. I. A. have upon their banner the legend "The glory of

God is intelligence." They should have another, "There is no excellence without labor." We sometimes attach too much importance to natural endowments and feel discouraged because we think we are lacking in such. We become aware of the explosion following the lightning and are apt to think it the work of a moment; whereas it is the culmination of many days' accumulation of the electric elements. So when we read the powerful eloquence of a Webster, the rounded sentences of a Burke, we are apt to think them spontaneous outbursts rather than as the facts are, the bringing forth of ideas which are the accumulation of many a year's midnight work and study.

It is a mistake to think that men succeed without work. The genius that best succeeds is the genius of hard and continuous work. Many complain of poor memory. Let me tell you that it is not a lack of memory but is the practice of the vice of inattention. This was beautifully illustrated by the speaker in regard to reading. The secret of clear, logical speaking is clear, logical, succinct thinking. Harness thought, compel it to follow will, and in time you can work out to a correct conclusion all problems. Train yourself to think correctly and speech will take care of itself.

Let no one think that in speaking thus I belittle the power or need of the Spirit of God, for I know what He has said and believe it with all my heart and remember in connection therewith the injunction that He has placed upon us that we should "treasure up the words of life continually." If we go to the Father and say "I have done all I can to fit myself for the labor placed upon me, now pour Thou out upon me Thy Spirit that I may have power to accomplish good, and Thine be the glory." He will honor our claim and respond to our call. Let us seek His aid at all times and if you would gain knowledge, and have power with the heavens, remember that the one great qualification necessary is righteousness—it is our only hope and the only principle upon which the sons and daughters of Zion can become victorious.

Superintendent Joseph H. Felt expressed gratitude for the privilege enjoyed by the Y. M. M. I. A. in meeting as we had this day, for the words of truth and inspiration listened to, and the hope that all would take them home and incorporate them in all our work.

The choir then sang the anthem, "Daughter of Zion."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder H. J. Grant and the conference adjourned subject to call.

C. B. FELT, Secretary.

#### TO THE PUBLIC.

My attention was yesterday called to the following article which recently appeared in the Democratic newspapers as a quotation from a speech by O. W. Powers:

"Then again Mr. Cannon denounced the Sugar Trust, but I opine that his denunciation was about as sincere as are the tears of the crocodile. I put some questions to Mr. Cannon at Springfield the other evening. They

were printed in the Salt Lake Herald, but as Mr. Cannon has not yet seen fit to answer them, I again repeat them, as they refer to a subject upon which the people of Utah have the right to have some information. Mr. Cannon is the manager of a corporation called the Utah company. I want to ask Mr. Cannon whether that corporation is a Utah concern in anything except its name? Have Utah people any other interest in it than to the extent of the Saltair Beach and railway property and the Coalville coal mines? Does not Joseph F. Smith as well as some others hold shares for the benefit of outsiders? Is not the corporation a sugar trust scheme, and does not and is not the Sugar Trust to furnish the money? Was there not a representative of the Sugar Trust in Utah when the papers were signed here in Provo a few weeks ago? Is not J. F. Clarkson a Sugar Trust man, and was he not here in the interest of the Trust a short time ago? Is it not a part of the scheme that the Sugar Trust, through the Utah company, shall lease the sugar works at Lehi and close them down? Is not the Sugar Trust to keep the Republicans of Utah in campaign funds, and in the event that the Republican party controls our first Legislature, are not Frank J. Cannon and Colonel Isaac Trumbo to be elected United States senators as the friends and agents of the Sugar Trust?"

Every insinuation in the foregoing which seeks to connect the Utah company or myself in any way with the Sugar Trust is false. I have not now and never had any association or interest with the Sugar Trust, nor has it ever had any association or interest with me.

In behalf of the Utah company and myself I charge that Judge Powers had no substantial reason for asking such questions, and that his motive was to injure the enterprise which the Utah company has undertaken. If this were not his motive, and if he have any sense of decency, he will—after reading the subjoined card from the directors—publicly correct the impression attempted to be created by his intensions.

FRANK J. CANNON,  
SALT LAKE, October 29, 1894.

#### TO THE PUBLIC.

There is not a scintilla of truth in the statements which have been and are being made in certain quarters concerning the Utah company.

The Utah company is a Utah concern in every respect.

Every dollar of its stock is owned by Utah people, viz., Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, James Jack, Nephi W. Clayton, William W. Cluff and Frank J. Cannon.

The Utah company is not connected in any manner with the sugar trust. It has had no dealings with that trust, or with any of its representatives.

We cannot say whether any representatives of the sugar trust were or are in Utah. We do not know them.

The intensions which associate any of the undersigned with a proposition to elect sugar trust senators are utterly groundless and without any degree of truth.

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