

2 p. m.

At the time for commencing meeting both the main hall and gallery of the large tabernacle were filled.

The Tabernacle Choir sang:

Mark! ye mortals. Hark! be still.

Prayer was offered by President Angus M. Cannon.

The choir and congregation sang:

Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah;

Jesus anointed that Prophet and Seer.

The Priesthood of the Fourteenth Ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament.

Elder Edward H. Anderson read the report of the Y. M. M. I. Associations for the year ending May 31, 1889, giving the number of meetings held, number and value of libraries, and the work performed in the associations. Reports had been received from 28 of the 32 Stakes. There are 351 associations, with a membership of 15,422; of young men over 14 years of age, there are 3256 in the 28 Stakes who are not members.

Elder Anderson then presented the general authorities of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations, who were unanimously sustained as follows:

Wilford Woodruff, general superintendent.

Joseph F. Smith and Moses Thatcher, his counselors.

Junius F. Wells, Milton H. Har- day, R. C. Balger and Joseph A. West, assistants to the general superintendency.

Edward H. Anderson, secretary.

Wm. S. Burton, treasurer.

ELDER KARL G. MAESER

delivered a discourse on the "Personal characteristics of the Savior." He expressed his inability to consider the subject in a manner commensurate with its grandeur. Our Lord entered this life as an infant, and as the boy is father to the man, when we contemplate what Jesus was in His manhood, we may conclude what He was in His boyhood. He was not like any other boy, any more than in after years He was like other men. He was not understood by those of His own age. When, as a boy of twelve years He met the learned men, He astonished them not so much by His answers as by the strange, contemplative questions which He put to them. On reaching the age of manhood we see Him as He was baptized by John, passing in at the gate through which all mankind must follow Him.

The next great event of His life was His temptation. Before that time He was aware that He was possessed of wonderful gifts, and that He had no equals among men. Neither sacred nor secular history furnishes to us His equal. He had learned the gifts which had come to His comprehension were calling Him to a glorious mission, when He had, as a boy, discovered that not even a blade of grass was formed without a purpose. He knew by the powers He possessed, that in whatever line He chose to walk, whether as a warrior, a philosopher, an orator or anything else, He would have caused the great

achievements of all others to pale into insignificance. But He had discovered that His was a greater mission than all. Before Him were the two roads—one of earthly wealth, of honor among men; the other of poverty, of suffering, of agony, and of death on the cross. He found Himself at the opening of these roads at the time of the temptation. Could He trust Himself to choose the latter and do all for the glory of His Father, not in a single instance using one power for His personal benefit? We all know how He stood the test and resisted the allurements of worldly glory and ambition; how He used His wonderful power in a more wondrous and startling manner.

At a later time, when He chose His Apostles, He selected them from among the poor and unlearned. This was that they might exercise the powers that were conferred upon them for the glory of God, and He desired to forever impress that lesson upon their minds, and upon the minds of all those who should follow Him. He knew the inmost thoughts of their minds, and they recognized in Him a divine Master when, after the transfiguration, He said that He was to go up to Jerusalem to be slain, He carried out the programme without varying either to the right or to the left.

When in Jerusalem there was another character developed—that of Judas Iscariot, who sold his Master for 30 pieces of silver—the price of a runaway slave. It was not for the money that he betrayed Him. No, he was a traitor from his birth, a politician in every sense of the word. He had followed the Master in order to gratify his own ambition.

The scene in the garden of Gethsemane is one that mortal powers cannot portray. There Christ passed through the greatest of all agonies. Though the human nature within Him called out, "If it is possible, Father, let this cup pass from me," He saw before Him the ages of eternity; the weight of worlds was resting upon Him. What must have been His agony then! But it was over: "Not my will, Father, but thine, be done." When He was taken, and He submitted in calmness, His majesty was so great that the servants of the high priests fell prostrate before Him.

Before Pontius Pilate, He answered the utterances of Grecian philosophy by the utterances of Divine revelation. On the way to Golgotha, to His death, He gave to His disciple and mother words of instruction and encouragement. At last He reached the dark spectre, all was over, and said, "It is finished." None can reach the perfection of His life, but we can imitate Him to a limited extent, and thus receive His blessing for being faithful in small things and be made rulers over greater.

"O Holy Jesus," solo and chorus, was sung by Miss Bessie Dean and the choir.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

arose and said:

Before the close of this conference

there is a subject upon which I wish to bear my testimony. There were perhaps very few people here yesterday who are in this assembly today, when Brother Thatcher delivered a lecture upon the life of President Brigham Young. He referred to a saying of President Young which I, being a witness of, feel it my duty to allude to. I am the first person unto whom he made the remark, and the only one living in the flesh who was with him and Joseph Smith, the Prophet of God, when he gave to the Twelve Apostles their charge concerning the Priesthood and the keys of the Kingdom of God; and as I myself shall soon pass away like other men, I want to leave my testimony to these Latter-day Saints.

I was sitting with Brigham Young in the depot in the city of Boston at the time when the two Prophets were martyred. Of course we had no telegraphs and no fast reports as we have today to give communication over the land. During that period Brother Young was waiting there for a train of cars to go to Peterborough. Whilst sitting there we were overshadowed by a cloud of darkness and gloom as great as I ever witnessed in my life under almost any circumstances in which we were placed. Neither of us knew or understood the cause until after the report of the death of the Prophets was manifested to us. Brother Brigham left; I remained in Boston and next day took passage for Fox Islands, a place I had visited some years before, and baptized numbers of people and organized branches upon both those islands. My father-in-law, Ezra Carter, carried me on a wagon from Scarborough to Portland. I there engaged passage on board of a steamer. I had put my trunk on board and was just bidding my father-in-law farewell, when a man came out from a shop—a shoemaker—holding a newspaper in his hand. He said, "Father Carter, Joseph and Hyrum Smith have been martyred—they have been murdered in Carthage jail."

As soon as I looked at the paper the Spirit said to me that it was true. I had no time for consultation, the steamer's bell was ringing, so I stepped on board and took my trunk back to land. As I drew it off the plank was drawn in. I told Father Carter to drive me back to Scarborough. I there took the car for Boston, and arrived at that place on the Saturday night.

On my arrival there I received a letter which had been sent from Nauvoo, giving us an account of the killing of the Prophets. I was the only man in Boston of the quorum of the Twelve.

I had very strange feelings, as I have no doubt all the Saints had. I attended a meeting on the following day in Boydston Hall, where a vast number of the inhabitants of Boston and some three hundred Latter-day Saints had assembled. Hundreds of men came to that meeting to see what the "Mormons" were going to do now that their