

a gospel of peace, truth and righteousness and it was not possible for men to properly teach it unless they enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord. No man could be a successful Latter-day Saint unless he possessed that Spirit and no man could enjoy that Spirit unless he kept the commandments of the Lord and preserved himself in all purity; for the Spirit of the Lord would not dwell in unholy tabernacles. As a man decided in his own heart so would he do; for everything that we did was in consequence of the judgment of our hearts. The reason we were sinners still was because we did not always do the will of the Lord. When a man was out of the way of receiving counsel from his file leader and had to depend on himself, there was always dwelling in his heart, or if faithful he was entitled to, the inspiration of the Lord to guide him correctly. If we had not that Spirit we were not in the line of our duty as Latter-day Saints. If we listened to the promptings of the Spirit we would never give a wrong judgment, whatever our calling or position in the Church of Christ. All the mistakes that we made as individuals were due to our acting independently, unenlightened by the Spirit of the Lord. It would be profitable for us to devote our time and talents towards the accomplishment of the purposes of the Lord in the establishment of His Church upon the earth. If we had not set before us the Church and kingdom of God and the principles of truth and salvation—if these things were not foremost in our hearts, then all Israel had need of reformation in this regard. The Priesthood of God could be controlled only on the principles of righteousness. The hearts of the Latter-day Saints should be set upon the principles of salvation, which were far ahead of gold and silver and the riches of this world, bringing peace, contentment, happiness and salvation both in time and eternity; but we were apparently unable, owing to the conditions by which we were surrounded, to shake ourselves loose from our fallen state, so attached were we to the things which perish.

A man should always speak well of and defend his brother, and magnify rather than seek to detract from his virtues. The same remark applied to an enemy; for even the wicked possessed some hidden merit. Do not, he said, let the Latter-day Saints set their hearts too much upon their property, and suffer themselves to become alienated from or embittered against each other because of business transactions. He himself would not entertain ill-feeling against a brother for all he possessed.

The speaker exhorted his hearers to be faithful and humble before the Lord. Let them not neglect any duty which devolved upon them. If, for instance, they neglected their prayer, the worship of the Lord, or broke the Sabbath day, they stood, indeed, on dangerous ground.

He prayed that God would bless all Israel, help them to be true to their covenants, and pour out His blessings upon them abundantly during this Conference.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

Was the succeeding speaker. He

said he had been absent for a good many years, travelling and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, endeavoring to establish new settlements, and therefore had not enjoyed the advantages of hearing the word of God from His inspired servants as had the Saints here, Conference after Conference and Sabbath after Sabbath. But his faith and love for the Gospel of the Son of God were just the same, and as far as he had heard the expressions of his brethren he was in perfect harmony with them. It cost him everything he had to join this Church. His associations, his family relationships and all his future prospects had to be given up when he accepted of this doctrine. But his soul was filled with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father when his mind was illuminated so that he could understand these things. The speaker could bear his testimony after an experience of over forty years in the ministry, and officiating in the ordinances of the House of the Lord, that this organization called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the Church of the living God. Who was the Lord our God? He was the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and all that is therein. He was also the Father of the spirits of all flesh, and the whole human family should acknowledge this in the members thereof wanted to be kind to themselves. God was a God of revelation and of miracles, and the Latter-day Saints knew that this great latter-day work was true, because it had been revealed by Him from the heavens.

The speaker invited any strangers who might be present to investigate thoroughly the principles of this the true Gospel, and asked what was the use of men adulterating in the name of the Lord unless they had the authority from on high to do so. The Elders were sent forth from this Church by divine authority to call the nations to repentance, and he would that the people of the world would throw off their bondage, traditions and superstition and hold communication with the heaven as they all had the most perfect right to do. The people of the world were victims of a false education; they needed to be educated to have full faith in the living God, in the God of revelation and of miracles; to humble themselves and become the meek of the earth if they ever expected to see his face.

Elder Teasdale spoke very briefly upon missionary work in Mexico, where he said they were progressing little by little, the mission being in a better position now than ever before. He prophesied that our Heavenly Father would establish His Church and Kingdom upon the earth in spite of all opposition, and that everything He had predicted by the mouth of His servants the Prophets was going to be fulfilled. In Mexico there were some five settlements, with about 2000 inhabitants. They had Sabbath and day schools and children's Primary associations there, and everything else in proper order in regard to Mutual Improvement and Ladies' Relief societies, presided over by excellent and earnest persons. A good fruit cannery had been started there, also a lannery and a grist mill. The people had, however, passed through a great deal of hard-

ship. The dry weather had been a matter of some perplexity, and sometimes they had had but little to eat; still they had not starved to death. The men and women associated together in those settlements felt that that was their particular field of labor, that the Lord desired them to be there; and that was the reason why they remained.

ELDER ABRAHAM H. CANNON

said that God had commenced a marvelous work and a wonder, and had declared that He would carry it forward in His own way. He did not depend upon the counsels of men for His wisdom, or leave His work in their hands for accomplishment; but He himself directed in all things which pertained to the upbuilding of His Church. He had acted according to the plan which He had designed and had not submitted His purposes for the criticism of mankind.

The speaker believed that in the future, no less than in the past, God would do this. He designed that we should be different men in educational as well as in religious matters from the rest of the world, in financial as well as in social affairs; that in our education we should occupy a higher plane than that which was common in the world. He desired that we should not depend upon the discoveries or inventions of men for our knowledge, but that we should seek and receive from Him that inspiration and revelation which should cause us to see at a glance that which it sometimes took years of study and research on the part of uninspired men to acquire. Men had rejected the true Gospel because of the source from whence it came.

Brigham Young, in founding this Territory, sought the inspiration of the Lord and worked continuously under the influence of the Holy Ghost, and we saw the results of his magnificent labor and of the grand instructions which he was inspired to give. He told the people to pursue a course which was contrary to the judgment of men.

The speaker branched out on the present stringent condition of financial affairs, and said the Saints could not do better than observe strictly every command given them by the servants of God, however much this might conflict with our own ideas of finance, on social or other matters. He did not share in the gloomy forebodings of many persons in relation to the present condition of things, and believed that a brighter future was yet in store, when the clouds which now hung over our heads had passed away.

When the soul is sad and dreary,
Seek relief in prayer,

was sung by the choir.
Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singings by the choir:

Hark! listen to the trumpets!
They sound for volunteers;
On Zion's bright and flowery mount,
Behold the officers.

Prayer by Elder Angus M. Cannon.

Singing:

Captain of Israel's host and guide
Of all who seek the land above,