

THIRD DAY.

Sunday Morning, Oct. 9, 10 a. m.

The Huntington choir, led by Thomas Hardle, sang the hymn which begins:

Softly beams the sacred dawning
Of the great Millennial morn'g,
And to Saints gives welcome warning,
That the day is hastening on.

Prayer by Elder Matthias F. Cowley.

The same choir sang the anthem:

Cry out and shout.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH

of the council of Apostles, was the first speaker. He had rejoiced in the unity of spirit manifested by the Saints, in gathering from their various localities, to renew old acquaintanceship, form new friendships, and cultivate oneness of purpose. In returning to their homes, they should carry with them a determination to inspire their associates with zeal in keeping the faith. Comparing thoughts, gaining new ideas, all could go forth renewed in spirit and filled with a desire to do everything possible for the spread of the great work.

The Gospel being the power of God unto salvation, rules and principles were necessary to be adopted, and a standard established by which to order human life, to prepare us for conditions existing beyond the veil. Hence each one could look into his own soul, consider his trials and weaknesses, and educate himself in the understanding of all obligations, and judge whether he is in accord with those obligations. If any should fall below the fulfillment of those duties, uncertainty would arise in their minds and improvement be retarded. One of the most important results of conference gatherings was the opportunity to make such comparisons and determinations to improve.

Many accepted of the Gospel because their parents were members of the Church; others because they were convinced by the reading of the Scriptures; but no trouble had been taken by some to gain an individual witness of its truth, from a divine source. Such alone could convince one beyond the possibility of doubt and make men able to withstand all assaults made upon their faith. In the case of many young men, moral, earnest, and devoted in the ordinary duties of life, they were not touched with the divine fire of faith, and were therefore deficient in one of the most important elements of a complete nature. Parents, in their anxiety for such sons, were likely to overdo the work of attempted conversion, and drive the young people farther from the faith. This should be no excuse for neglect in this matter, but the government and training of the home should be of such a character as gradually to work the young people into a love of God and a performance of the ordinary religious duties of the home.

Elder Smith expressed the belief that the young Latter-day Saints were not recreant to the faith, no matter if carelessness was sometimes apparent. If the Gospel had been taught them, there was hope that the good example of parents would lead them ultimately to a fullness of faith and zeal. In order to accomplish this, it was necessary that the home and the ward should be properly looked after by parents, teachers, Bishops and all others who come into immediate contact with the youth.

The speaker closed with a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel and the unity and faithfulness of the servants of God.

ELDER FRANCIS M. LYMAN,

of the same quorum, followed. The occasion of the meeting was important,

in the fact that it was the day of the full ushering in of the new administration, under President Snow. The large gathering of Saints was a witness of the increase and growth of the work, and the furthering of the purposes of God. His favor was shown toward the people in this rapid increase, and in the manifestation of the will of the Lord through the words of His servants. The unity of faith which had been attained to, was an earnest of their being acknowledged of God. This was also shown in the revelation of His will in the call of the First Presidency to their station. It was necessary that the Church should be complete in organization, in order the better to advance in doctrine and discipline. Today it would be manifested to the world that Israel is a united people. Every Latter-day Saint should ask the Father for a witness of the will of God in the reorganization of this important quorum.

The Lord would magnify, restrain, inspire and help the people, and make them mighty, and competent to perform all duties under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Even their mistakes would be sanctified to their benefit and ultimate salvation. Men were created in order to be developed and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to salvation. For this purpose, it would be necessary for them to bring their wills into harmony with the will of God. For His will was superior to ours, and hence His ability to rescue and save us from the power of Satan. Such salvation as Christ gained could be obtained only by the humble and faithful discharge of every duty.

Prosperous times were coming to the people, the blessings of the Lord being poured out upon the Latter-day Saints. They should use these favorable conditions wisely, to free themselves from all bondage, by paying all obligations. The most important of them was the one due to the Lord, as an acknowledgment of His goodness, in placing the earth and its fullness at their disposal. If this and other obligations were properly met, the blessings of the Lord would follow. Strict honesty with God and with our brethren, was a sacred duty. Honesty in one direction implied honesty in the other.

The principle of marriage was spoken of, the young people being urged to discharge this duty. Parents and presiding officers should impress this obligation on the minds of the young in connection with all the other laws of the Gospel. According to the fullness of the performance of these duties, would be the fullness of salvation. If one were deficient in any of these directions, it was because he had closed his heart to the abundance of the spirit of the Gospel, surrounding him. The brief period of human existence should be utilized in the performance of good works, and the shunning of evil. The path of honor was easy and pleasant.

Elder Lyman closed with an earnest testimony to the truth of the Gospel, as revealed through Joseph Smith, the authority of the Priesthood, and the ultimate triumph of the work, notwithstanding difficulties and trials.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG,

also of the Council of Apostles, addressed the conference. Following is a brief synopsis of his remarks: He had rejoiced exceedingly during the meetings heretofore held, as he had listened to the brethren. Great principles had been dealt with. He felt that if we had not the Gospel, the Lord have mercy on us, for our fellowmen would not. But he knew we had the plan of salvation. This truth had been revealed to him. He had been guided by divine power in the past, and he would in the future receive all the light necessary to lead him into the Kingdom of God, if

he lived for it. It ought not to be expected that the servants of God would confine their teachings to the spiritual things of the kingdom. Instructions must be adapted to every condition of life. There never was a time when it was more necessary to be diligent and watchful and to engage in family worship and other duties of the household. There were great temptations to induce the people to be negligent. If we attend to our ordinary religious duties we would rejoice exceedingly. It had a salutary effect upon the younger members of families.

In the Stakes it was necessary to give a variety of instructions. Sometimes it happened that the people did not support their president and he consequently lost his hold upon them and had no power. In some of the wards the Bishops never attended the Relief society meetings. This was wrong, as those officers should take an interest in every department of the branches over which they had the watchcare. In some places the young boys were unruly. Some of the local officers kept them in check while they were at Sunday school, or in other meetings, but through the neglect of parents this wholesome supervision was counteracted.

In some wards there was disregard of the principle of tithing, while in others this law was faithfully complied with and to such the Lord fulfilled His promises by pouring out blessings upon them.

All should go from this Conference fully determined to carry out the instructions here imparted. Occasionally misunderstandings were perpetuated for the lack of moral courage. When difficulties arose the law of the Lord should be complied with. The person who feels aggrieved ought to approach his offending brother and seek for reconciliation; and providing he does not do this, let him who knows that his brother has sinned against him take that step, that the breach may be healed over.

There was a class of people who were mischief-makers, because they were scandal-mongers. This referred to persons who changed and twisted the statements of their brethren beyond all recognition. All such characters had great need to repent.

The speaker referred to the present times of comparative prosperity, there being plenty in the land. It should not be forgotten that such conditions were periodically followed by times of scarcity, and men should act with prudence and judgment. The people ought to go home from this Conference and take care of the good things which they had so plentifully. He then cautioned his hearers to look after their children. Numbers of parents and the country allowed their daughters to come to this city to obtain situations. If care was not exercised in reference to having them accept employment only from people who are good, honest and moral, they would be exposed to terrible danger of being misled and ruined. He concluded by stating that the Latter-day Saints were the only people who were seeking after the celestial kingdom of God.

The Huntington choir sang the anthem:

The song of the Redeemer.
Benediction by Elder B. H. Roberts.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.

Singing by the Tabernacle choir and congregation:

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.

Prayer by Elder Anthon H. Lund.
The choir sang the anthem:

God of Israel, hear our prayer.

The solo parts were sung by Sister