

Roberts, George Reynolds, and Jonathan Golden Kimball.

William B. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his First and John R. Winder as his Second Counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church Historian and General Church Recorder, and John Jaques as his assistant.

Joseph Dou Carlos Young as General Church Architect.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

As the Church Board of Education: Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, George W. Thatcher, Amos Howe, Anthon H. Lund, James Sharp.

As Trustees in Trust for the body of religious worshippers known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Wilford Woodruff.

All the voting was unanimous.

President Cannon instructed the general assembly with regard to the order of exercises to be observed on April 6th (Wednesday) in connection with the laying of the capstone of the Temple.

Elder John Morgan

said he desired to bear his testimony to the truth of the work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged and to the teachings that they had received during this Conference, which had been a most happy and successful one. There must needs be an opposition to all things that were excellent; such had been the case through all time, from Father Adam down to the present; and this great latter-day work was no exception to the general rule. It had met indeed with bitter and unrelenting opposition at the hands of their enemies. This Church throughout its existence, however, had been undergoing a process of discipline; but yet we were not perfect. It was evident to anyone conversant with the situation in the midst of the Latter-day Saints that while they had been drilled and trained to a certain degree of discipline and a kind of experience which had been invaluable to us, yet in the kind providence of God it should be necessary for us to have better drill and better discipline even than before. He verily believed that as this work went forward and grew, and spread on the right hand and on the left, the waves of opposition would roll higher and higher, and men would be tried as they never had been before. It was natural that this should be so, in order that we might be fitted and prepared for our future life. In speaking against division, Elder Morgan said the grand object which the Saints should keep in view was the establishment of righteousness and of the Kingdom of God, nevermore to be thrown down.

Elder J. H. Roberts

said that "Mormonism," so-called, carried to the world a peculiar message—a message of warning. In several of the early revelations given to the Elders the Lord told them that they were called to labor—that it was not a day of many words but a day of warning to the inhabitants of the earth. That warning found expression in nearly all things in which the Saints engaged. It found very sympathetic

expression in the labors of the Elders abroad. Upon them was laid a strict charge that they warn the world of the judgments to come. In several of the revelations given to the Prophet Joseph in his day it was expressly said that after the warnings which should be sounded unto the nations by the voice of the Elders would come the judgments of God. In the erection of the glorious temples in these valleys of the mountains, too, was sounded the message that "Mormonism" was carrying to the world; and tomorrow let the world take note that this was a warning to them that the judgments of God sleep not—that they slumber not, "neither hath He forgotten the necessity that there will be to cleanse the earth from wickedness and corruption. Let them hear when that stone strikes its place the note calling upon them to repent of their sins, for the hour of God's judgments is nigh."

The choir sang the anthem: "Heavenly Father, we will worship Thy great name."

Benediction by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

OVERFLOW-MEETING.

The congregation sang:

Do what is right, the daydawn is breaking,
Hailing a future of freedom and light,
Angels above us are silent notes taking
Of every action, do what is right.

Prayer by Apostle M. W. Merrill.
Singing:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet
To guide us in these latter days.

Apostle John Henry Smith

was the first speaker. He stated that never in the history of the past had the people on a week day filled the Tabernacle and necessitated an overflow meeting. No people that has lived in the past history of the world have greater responsibilities than we, who are called by our Father in heaven to promulgate the doctrines of this Gospel, and we should be true to our trust. To us has been given the knowledge of God, who has borne witness to the character of the mission He has given us—that of warning the world. None can afford to lose sight of this office of ours. In the discharge of duties resting upon us we should not be unmindful of our duties to God.

The world educates the mind at the expense of the soul, and the principles of truth are being neglected there. The intelligence we attain to here shall arise with us in the resurrection.

The man who studies the divine law should also possess the requisite knowledge for the discharge of all duties, and all abilities should be used in the furtherance of the work of God; in whatever direction those abilities are in the line of financial matters, they can be used for this purpose, as God holds all responsible for the talents He has given His children.

We have received from God the promise of salvation, and we cannot show our love for Him in a better way than in caring for the children who are being raised up among us.

The speaker avowed his love for the people of God, and stated that his abilities would be exercised in their behalf, and also for the good of all the people of the world.

A powerful testimony was borne by the speaker of the truth and the eternal character of the Gospel, which has been introduced to establish peace in the end and to bring in the reign of righteousness. And our reward will be commensurate with our willingness to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others.

He prayed that the testimony of the Gospel might be spread among all people, and that the Saints might be able to exercise a spirit of charity and forbearance toward all. He feelingly expressed his weakness, but thanked God that he had been chosen to labor for the good of mankind, whom he desired to bless with his testimony and his labors in the ministry.

Apostle Anthon H. Lund

spoke of the importance of the event of the morrow, the laying of the capstone of the Temple. The essential mark of this people is the building of temples, wherein we may receive blessings which cannot be received outside of them. The temples built in Kirtland and Nauvoo were referred to, with the wonderful visitations of angels and restoration of keys taking place in them. The Saints in Nauvoo showed wonderful faith in building their beautiful temple, knowing they would have to leave it and flee from the city.

We have been building temples, but although we have given of our means for this purpose, still it is with a knowledge that we shall keep these temples and enjoy their benefits. The world does not understand our motives in building these houses, and the words of Paul concerning baptism for the dead are a stumbling-block to them. We understand those words, for Jesus has said that all must be born of water and the spirit before they can enter the Kingdom of heaven.

No one can gainsay these words of our Savior, and we believe He meant them. Seeing that very few have received the word of God on the earth, we cannot believe that those who have passed away without receiving it are without hope, for the Gospel is for the dead as well as the living. All who have entered the temples have realized the holy influence there, and have felt repaid for their labor and sacrifice.

Many temples will have to be built, and if we are faithful we shall receive the blessings of God, and shall not have to leave the temples to our enemies, but shall be able to remain and there partake of the holy influence of the Spirit and do the work of God for the dead.

The Saints were exhorted to continued faithfulness.

Apostle Lorenzo Snow

hoped that temporal things would be forgotten during the Conference, and the minds of the people would be turned in the direction of the things of God. New developments show that the Church is alive, and that we should be faithful, so that none of these events may be misunderstood by us, and thus our knowledge be left incomplete. Thirty-nine years ago the corner-stones of the Temple were laid, the speaker having been called home from his European mission in order to be present on that occasion. He accordingly waived an intended voyage