

## CLOSE OF CONFERENCE COMES THIS AFTERNOON

**Elders Anthony W. Ivins and Brigham H. Roberts Address Morning Sessions Along Doctrinal Lines—Former Declares Both Church Law and Civil Law are Necessary—President Smith Announces That Complete Financial Report Will be Presented Before Session Closes—General Authorities Presented to the Conference**

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Before the close of the meeting, President Smith announced that this afternoon the general authorities would be presented for vote of the people, and a financial report would be read from the auditing committee. The concluding session of the conference convened at 2 p. m.

ELDER A. W. IVINS.

The first speaker of the morning session was Elder Anthony W. Ivins. "As a man thinketh, he is inclined to speak," he said, and he hoped he would be pardoned if his remarks partook somewhat of a personal nature. His lot had not been cast so much among men as in the heart of the deserts and

"I have absolute, supreme confidence in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in the strength of its truths. When you come, however, to the question of history at every point, you can't defend it at every point. There has been a lot of folly in us. The conceptions of men have not been accurate. You have to throw over some of these, even of the priesthood, of the apostles who have had to be corrected in inaccuracies. Man is not divinely

“Early in life I learned to love the name and work of the Lord Jesus Christ,” said the speaker, “for in Him I have met my true way to eternal life.”

And the same testimony that was implanted in my heart as to the Son of God, was given me also with regard to the divinity of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"I love the gospel because it taught me that birth was not the beginning of my life, and death not the end of my existence. We know that Jesus went back to the Father; we know that He showed us by example what the life of every human being should be in order for him to gain eternal life and to go back to the Father."

"I wish we could modify our terminology, or be able to make out a better plan. I wish the Savior had made it plain, that when we say our enemy is, as He did who our neighbor is. The work of the Lord in these days is provoked antagonism; men have opposed us, and may as well be properly called enemies, but it must not be thought that all who are not with us are our enemies. Many are ignorant of the truth, and are misled, and because they oppose us, we do not too severely blame them. Even those on the firing line, we must not hate, because they hate us."

THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH.

THE GOSPEL'S TEACHING.

"The gospel taught me that I must love the truth; must not be a liar. It taught me morality because an 'adulterer' cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven."

"The gospel taught me temperance; and I resolved in my heart that I would be temperate. Let me say by way of parenthesis, that if it is necessary to teach temperance to the Latter-day Saints, it is because they have not listened to the word of God,

"Let me depart, a moment, from this; and call your attention to the largeness with which God proceeds with His work. Let me caution you from becoming sectarian in your speech and in your methods. I love the words of Joseph Smith. To me, next to the Son of God, who must always be first, I have learned to love the memory of Joseph Smith. I love him for his absence of everything of a sectarian spirit in his soul. His conception of the relationship of man and God is above all the teachings of every other religion. His conception of Zion is as wide at least as the two American continents. You know the Latter-day Saints have been

The gospel taught me that I should be true and industrious.

"I shall not prolong my remarks; but will suffice it to say, that in the gospel there is everything necessary to make man happy."

"The great majority of the world walk in the path of unhappiness and discontent; and yet they fight the truth."

"Yesterday a young friend of mine came here and had much to say of the Prophet given in 1844 that he had said that both the American continent and South America altogether is Zion."

"That alone can give life" to them. "The general feeling to be loyal and patriotic to the government in which the Church exists. Church government guides us toward eternal life; and is not eventually for the things of the world."

**GOVERNMENT NECESSARY.**

"In this dispensation God has re-

ceived the animation that comes upon one in receiving a new idea. I answered 'yes' and told him that I was in favor of establishing stakes in the east he was planning to establish them in the west. There was nothing narrow or contracted in the Prophet Joseph. Zion is all America!"

**SYSTEM OF TRUTH.**

"Mormonism is more than a machine."

established His Church upon the earth. Church government is necessary, and civil government is necessary. For the former the Lord has chosen inspired servants; in civil government men are selected by the people over whom they preside. The Church is designed to rule only to Church members, a system of truth that enables one to approximate the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus. Isaiah said "The law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Why this statement? It does not mean that an edict shall go forth from some small body of legislators assembled in Jackson county, Missouri. The answer is found in the words of King Mosiah

members, the civil law applies to all, and the penalty there is imposed against all offenders. The gospel teaches men to uphold civil government; politics should be a part of religion; to see that good laws are executed by righteous men. No sect or

should dominate the state, but it is the bounden duty of all well meaning people to see to it that civic righteousness should prevail.

I rejoice with you in the progress the Church is making, and I am glad to see that conditions in the Church are no favorable as they are. We do not suppose, however, that there is nothing to be desired. We are fully conscious that the Church is of far greater importance to us than anything yet accomplished. The Lord has taught us the truth and led us to gain the covenant.

The present condition of the world; the proper care of the great multitude who are receiving the truth.

freedom is being made. The demand for the movement will not cease until all the ends of the earth have been reached. This is the way in which the law shall go forth.

I think if you modernize the expansion of the Jewish scripture it would be more luminous to you. The Scriptures are to be taken as our great treasure; and do not desire to take advantage of them.

into account the greatness of our own dispensation of the gospel I think we forget the dispensation of the fulness of the gospel which was given when Christ took upon Himself our sins, and the fact of the atonement of Christ.

next thing in importance is the truth that Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God in the world. The manifestation of the minds of the men of the world stands forth God perfectly revealed in the Son Jesus Christ. The manifestation of the vision of man stands God revealed in the work of the Lord from Jerusalem, the atonement there made, the gospel proclaimed after all these things must be only a revealing of those truths unto men.

"All down the line, you'll find the same great truths going on. We had the law of consecration. We tried to take our souls out our very successfully; but the truth was there. The seed was sown. In that law of consecration, stewardship was recognized. The fact that the earth is the Lord's and that through the principal or stewardship man is permitted to enjoy what he has.

"All who follow the trend of economic in the world today see the law of consecration—the rule of