

of men into bondage, and an effort will continue to be made in our midst to bring the people into bondage, to lead them away from God and bring them to destruction.

In the Gospel there is glory and redemption for us, and if we will but follow out the commands of God He will bless us, He will fulfil all the predictions that He has made concerning Zion; He will relieve us though the way is dark and there seems to be no ray of light to brighten our path.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN,

of the presidency of the Seventies, spoke in substance as follows; I am gratified in the present privilege afforded us. The Saints are gathered from far and near to receive instruction. I am deeply interested in the education of our children. A generation of young people are growing up, and taking the places of their parents. There are on the register of the Sabbath Schools between 50,000 and 60,000 names. When we imagine the possibilities of this multitude, in the future, we are deeply impressed with the importance of a great subject. The Church schools, where the children can obtain religious instruction, outside of those convened on the Sabbath day, are, as yet, few. Some parents have taken it for granted that their children would naturally fall into line as Latter-day Saints. This is a mistake, as religion is not in that way hereditary. They have to be properly taught. Some young men are viewed as infidels, while an investigation will show that their condition is not one of infidelity, but of ignorance. They have not been taught. Their religious culture has been neglected. Hence the conditions of today, by which they are tempted to repudiate the gospel, are luring them away to destruction. If children, as written on the mottoes, are the "Hope of Israel," must they not be taught? I recently read of an incident in point. A case wherein a husband, who had been separated from his wife, sought to regain from the mother the possession of a child, was in court. A basis of the application was that the mother did not properly care for the moral and religious culture of the little one. The judge asked the child if its mother taught it to pray. In answer, the child knelt down and repeated the Lord's prayer, concluding by asking a blessing upon father and mother. The judge said that was good evidence in refutation. Can this be said of all the fathers and mothers in Israel?

When we look around us and see the prospect before us, and think that within a decade 100,000 of the names of children will be on the Sabbath school rolls, we feel the importance of this theme. We then look forward to a time when children will be taught in Church schools the principles of the Gospel five days in the week, and be thus prepared to carry the message of salvation to the natives of the earth. I know that this is the work of God, and that it will triumph.

APOSTLE F. M. LYMAN

made substantially the following remarks:

I have been well pleased in listening to the remarks of our brethren. They have taught us good doctrines, and have borne testimony to the truth of the Gospel. We have each the same testimony abiding in our breasts if we have done the will of God. I sometimes wonder if we have really that testimony abiding with us that we are actually engaged in God's work, that it is a work established by our Father in Heaven, and that the Father Himself came to the earth and revealed Himself and His Son Jesus to the Prophet Joseph. Do we know that the Lord sustained the Prophet Joseph to the day of his death and guided him by revelation in the establishment of the kingdom and Church now upon the earth known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? If we have this knowledge, then we are not justified in any division or contention, or in entertaining misgivings in regard to the final triumph of this work. How can we be consistent if we have this knowledge and yet be careless in respect to our duties? We should be so well acquainted with the three Beings—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that we would not dissent from the principles of eternal life, neglect our duties, ignore the counsels of God's Priesthood, or the truth which has been revealed to us for our salvation, remembering the injunction given in our day in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, "Except ye are one ye are not Mine."

The word has been sounded in this Conference that there exists a sentiment of division, a lack of faith. Is there a lack of faith in Israel? If so, there is a cause for it. There is a law laid down by which the Latter-day Saints may be united and become one. If that law be disregarded, then it is just as true that the unity of the Saints will diminish. As pain, disease and sickness of every kind produce death, so does disunion and division produce weakness, and when men are weakened, either in their faith or physically, they are liable to attacks of disease and of the enemy. Our only fortress of safety is in union. The Latter-day Saints cannot afford to be disunited; skeptical, or doubting, and it should be the great aim and ambition of every individual member of the Church to so closely examine and scrutinize self as to be assured that there is no room for doubt or misgiving in his or her heart.

It is held that men who are religious must be bigoted and slaves—that they cannot be free. Can a man do everything that is right and yet be free? He certainly can do all things that are lawful and be free; and if there are some right things which are not lawful, of course if he were to do them he would soon lose his liberty. But does it have the effect of binding a man to speak the truth, to be honest, to be virtuous and upright and to keep the commandments of God? Why no. If a man does not serve God the Eternal

he must serve somebody. There are but two masters whom we can serve in this world—the Lord our God and the evil one. There are only two powers—the power for salvation, life and exaltation, the other for division, destruction and death.

The Lord has borne testimony to the hearts of the Latter-day Saints and given them to know that this is His work which He has established. No doubt dark clouds pass over us occasionally, and there may be in the hearts of the people some misgiving; they may perhaps be inclined to question the possibility of the good ship "Zion" making the port. Does it seem as if some power was about to engulf the Kingdom and swallow it up? This feeling may prevail in the hearts of some who are lacking testimony, or whose testimony may have weakened. There are those who once had the testimony strong in their hearts, but who turned away from the truth and are outside the Kingdom today. A few at a time occasionally return, and we shall yet see the day—possibly in the near future—when scores, and even hundreds, will come back and ask to have a berth in the ship, so that they may be saved when all around seems to be sinking.

Shall we say, then, that the Latter-day Saints are in a dangerous condition today? No, only so far as they are not doing the will of the Lord. You will find deep in their hearts an anchor for the soul that will hold them true to the Kingdom of God.

The disunion and division to which reference has been made is not in regard to Joseph Smith being a Prophet of the Lord, in regard to the labors of the late President Young, President Taylor, President Woodruff, the Presidency of the Church today or the Twelve Apostles. They are local matters which divide the people, local troubles and personal affairs which, more or less, breed strife and contention between them. But the Latter-day Saints know the truth, and when they hear the testimonies of the servants of God a testimony comes direct to their hearts and they recognize in them the words of the Lord. We need a little more wisdom and light from the Lord in our political affairs, so that we may work together in closer harmony. But let us seek first the Kingdom of God, and with all our getting we should get wisdom. In all our troubles—religious, social, political—whatever they may be, a little grain of wisdom from the Lord will save us a great deal of anxiety.

After urging the great necessity of personal example as well as mere teaching on the part of those in authority, the speaker said, in conclusion; This is the kingdom of our God, established by the Father, and it cannot be broken down or destroyed, but will endure for ever. You need not fear because of any little division or lack of union that may be found in our midst. God will be our Deliverer, and He will save us; for this is His work and He will accomplish it with power on earth in His own due time.