

If we would hearken to the word of the Lord our triumph over evil would be sure.

The speaker expressed the hope that mutual confidence must be restored, and that the wayward and the erring might be brought to the knowledge of the power of God and the glory of Zion, for the work of this people would not be complete until every soul not doomed to everlasting condemnation had been redeemed from sin.

The choir sang the anthem:

Let the Mountains shout for joy.

Benediction by Elder Moses Thatcher.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang:

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell,
By faith and love, in every breast;
Then shall we know and taste and feel,
The joys that cannot be expressed.

Prayer by Elder John D. T. McAllister.

High on the mountain top,
A banner is unfurled,
Ye nations now look up
At waves to all the world,

was sung by the choir.

ELDER HEBER J. GRANT

addressed the congregation. He expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to meet with the Saints once more in General Conference, and said he had seldom attended a meeting where so much instruction had been given for the general good of the people of God as was the case this morning. The Latter-day Saints had great reason for thankfulness to Almighty God for the manifestations of His kindness and loving mercy towards His children. The prejudice, the bitterness, and the animosity that a few years ago existed in the hearts of the people of this country against the Latter-day Saints, because of the outpouring of the blessings of the Lord upon us had almost entirely disappeared. Today there was a disposition on the part of the men of this nation to do justice to the Latter-day Saints. We were becoming known for what we are. The Latter-day Saints were an honest, upright, devoted and true people, and the people of the United States, when they learned this, would concede to them their just due. It was because of prejudice and the falsehoods which had been circulated against them that they had been called upon to suffer so much. The American nation was not lacking in generosity, liberality and justice, and when they had done wrong were ready and willing to right it, as was illustrated by the passage of the bill in Congress yesterday restoring to the Latter-day Saints all their personal property which had been taken from them.

The speaker dwelt briefly upon what were termed the present "hard times;" many of the people pulled long faces and declared that we were in a great fix. But there was nothing in this great panic after all; the fact was the people had got scared at nothing, rushed to the banks on mere suspicion and drew out their money. Do not, he urged, let us lose confidence in ourselves or our brethren. We did not want to lose confidence in the institutions of Zion, and do not, he said, let us lock up our money where it will not do any good.

The very stringency through which we have been passing, while it had inspired us with the idea of being more careful, had also inspired us with the desire to use our means more liberally for the advancement of God's kingdom. Unless we become more Godlike and faithful in keeping God's commandments, we could not expect as a people to become wealthy; and that was what he desired to see among the Latter-day Saints.

The speaker read the revelation given to our martyred patriarch (Hyrum Smith) in May, 1829. Never in his life, he said, had he read a revelation which made a more profound impression upon him than this and the mind of every Latter-day Saint who perused it with a prayerful heart would be lit up and the same inspiration which must have come to our beloved patriarch would come to them, leading them on to all that was pure and good.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH

said the Latter-day Saints must be an industrious people. He, too, dwelt upon the subject of the recent financial depression and enquired what had been by the preceding speakers. The thinking, wise and prudent men among any people who failed to assist in the promotion of industries and so furnish employment for the masses were unworthy of the esteem and confidence of those who had chosen them to be their leaders. Speaking of the late Brigham Young, a man with a will of iron, of great judgment and ability, Elder Smith remarked that whatever he set his hand to do, under the guidance and providence of God, he never turned his face from until he had accomplished it. His example was now pointed to with admiration. The Latter-day Saints could not be a peevish or small-souled people, and the Lord would have us restrain selfishness, greed or any desire in the direction of improper ambition; while our names, if we remained true and faithful, would hereafter be found written in the Lamb's book of life. Let us keep the faith and let our hearts not waver in the midst of the conditions that surround us. We could not always read that which might come upon us, but if we remained steadfast the Lord would not fail. The safety of the Latter-day Saints lay in the continuous, honest, sturdy, straightforward determination in the direction of light.

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR

also took up the subject of "hard times," a cry, he remarked, which was at the present time heard on every hand. He counseled the people to repose confidence in the banks of this city, and those who had money to deposit therein as the surest places of safety. It was the duty of those who had it in their power to provide employment for the working man, and to enable him to obtain food for his family during the approaching winter. Instead of narrowing up we should broaden out in this regard. Elder Taylor spoke of the importance of unity among this people and paid a well deserved compliment to Prof. Stephens and the Tabernacle Choir for their recent triumph at Chicago. Adverting to the changed feeling towards the Latter-day Saints among the people, the speaker said that

instead of the former cry of "destroy them," there would soon be heard the words, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

ELDER MARRINER W. MERRILL.

said this great latter-day work would not be taken away and given to another people, but would yet prevail against all its foes. He touched upon the financial condition of today and comparing it with that of thirty-five years ago expressed the opinion that we were not now so badly off after all. He believed that a good deal of this so-called stringency was simply a feeling of fear on the part of many among us. Work should be furnished as far as possible for the unemployed, and the Bishops of wards and their counselors would do well to meet together say once a week and see if some means towards this end could be devised. To those seeking employment his advice was "work for what you can get." He believed there was plenty of work for everybody, here and elsewhere; but it was not good policy for a man to sit down and say, "If I cannot get the amount and kind of pay I want I will not work at all." There was room for improvement in our farms, orchards, and fields, north and south, east and west; and the reason why it was said there is no employment was because we had not looked for it in the right directions. The speaker deprecated the practice of borrowing and running into debt, and encouraged the people to support our home industries.

The choir sang the anthem:

Jesus, I my cross have taken.

Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young.

A PRIESTHOOD MEETING

Was held in the Tabernacle on Friday, Oct. 6th, beginning at 7 p. m. The speakers were President Joseph F. Smith, Bishop William B. Preston, President George Q. Cannon and Elder Heber J. Grant. The subjects treated upon were the present financial situation and the most advisable course to take under the circumstances; the support of the poor, by the establishment of productive industries in each of the wards of the Church; the cultivation of a loving, charitable and forgiving spirit and disposition toward all men and the advisability of appointing home missionaries to spend their time in building up the Saints in the wards of the several Stakes of the Church.

SECOND DAY—OCT. 7.

MORNING SESSION.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.

Prayer by Elder George Teasdale.

The choir sang:

Behold, the mountain of the Lord
In latter days shall rise,
On mountain tops above the hills
And draw the world's ring eyes.

ELDER FRANCIS M. LYMAN

addressed the congregation, expressing the great pleasure which it afforded him to meet with the Saints again in general conference. The Gospel was