

more than the required number of members, and others have less. This is owing to their circumstances, and those matters are being arranged as fast as practicable. Some of the Elders were negligent in attending to their duties, and these were being labored with, to lead them in the proper course.

The speaker then called attention to the history of Abraham, whose example in doing the will of God should be followed by every Elder in Israel. Such a course would secure to them the blessings of eternal life.

The amount of donations and fast offerings in the Stake could not be ascertained for this conference. The Stake received more from the tithing fund for the poor than was collected by fast offerings and donation. Some of the wards had been neglectful in this regard, and it was hoped that in those cases the Bishops would be more active.

The law of tithing had been taught the people faithfully in this Stake. The observance of this principle in the spirit thereof was a source of great blessing to the people, and the example of those who honestly paid their tithes and offerings had an effect for good upon their children that could not be turned away; but the opposite effect was produced by those who were hypocritical in these matters. Those parents whose lives were a sincere testimony to their children would be rewarded by the good fruits that would come, even though their children might at times seem wayward; the good example of the parents would aid in bringing even wayward children to repentance.

May God bless us that we may have the channel of communication with heaven open to us; may we maintain ourselves pure before God, and endure faithful to the end, that we may enter into His rest.

ELDER J. E. TALMAGE

was called upon to address the congregation. He said he had an all-abiding trust in the promises of the Lord in regard to the outcome of this work. Every moment I spend in fearing for the result is wasted time. There is no record of an instance where the word of the Lord has been brought to naught. We may judge the future by the past, and the Lord is as able as ever to make good His word. He will fulfil His promise to give success to the Latter-day Saints. We should, by our faithfulness, secure ourselves from falling in the path of duty. The Spirit of God is merciful, but the day will come when it will be withdrawn from those who reject it. Repentance is a gift of God, and comes to those who walk in the light of the Spirit. Sin will lose its horror if we do not avoid it.

I see among some of the young a spirit of frivolity and idleness. This is not commendable. The testimony of the Lord comes not to us unless we seek it. There was a time when the Lord called our parents from their homes, to gather to this land. The fidelity with which they obeyed that call is testified to by

what we see in these valleys. We are now called to labor here, and we will have to be energetic to leave half such a record of fidelity as have the venerable men and women who gathered here in early days.

The young men of this generation cannot say the foundation is not well laid and if we would build upon it we must operate in harmony with the Spirit of life. Those who improve not the talents entrusted to them will meet the displeasure of the Master. Let us improve on the talents which God has given to us, in whatever line they are. Let us place them at the disposal of our Father by using them in doing good.

I feel it an honor to belong to the youth of Zion, because many glorious promises are made to them. There never was such a day as this in regard to Priesthood. Do we realize the great blessing and advantage we have? Do we realize the powers connected therewith? These things are within the reach of every faithful Elder. We speak of the trials that are coming. I believe we should meet them with gladness if they will cleanse us from evil. Though the clouds may gather darker than they have ever done, God is at the head and will preserve those who put their trust in Him.

I would call attention to secret prayer. That is a test that can reach to every one. Only that man can have the testimony of God who is familiar with Him. We should cultivate the spirit of earnest, heartfelt prayer. Where else have we, in times of trouble, found comfort such as that brought by secret prayer to our Father? Nowhere. Who are the men today who are men of influence? Not those who preside simply because they are called. They are the men who are sincere—whose actions are their testimony, and their words bring comfort to our hearts.

I can bear testimony to the blessings that have followed prayer and the exercise of faith in our schools. In whatever way a man labors, to have success, the power of his Priesthood must be with him. May we be humble and prayerful, that our testimony may grow stronger from day to day.

ELDER EDWARD STEVENSON

said it was with great pleasure that he testified to the truth of the great work of God in this age. In 1884 I had the privilege of hearing the Prophet bear his testimony, in the Territory of Michigan. He testified that the gifts and blessings would follow those who obeyed the gospel. With several of my schoolmates I was baptized, and we soon witnessed the fulfilment of the Prophet's words. The Prophet Joseph received knowledge from God, and bestowed upon his fellowmen that which is beyond all price. Learned men discuss the prophecies of the scriptures but they cannot open to view the laws and effects of the gospel; they are lost among such matters. God has revealed a marvelous work and a wonder in this age. This is a ful-

filment of the words of the ancient Prophets, as are the conditions that exist in the world today. We have a testimony that we are engaged in building up the Kingdom of God. We know that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that through him were revealed the principles of eternal truth. I am a witness of the fulfilment of many of his prophecies, one among them being that concerning the Latter-day Saints coming to the Rocky Mountains. May we be faithful and rejoice in the fruit of our labors.

The choir sang the anthem:

The Lord will comfort Zion.

The closing prayer was offered by Patriarch John Smith.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The choir sang:

Come all ye sons of Zion,
And let us praise the Lord.

Prayer by Elder Enoch B. Tripp.

The choir sang:

Earth, with her ten thousand flowers,
Air, with all its beams and showers.

The general authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained as follows:

Wilford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the first Presidency.

Joseph K. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, and John W. Taylor.

Counselors to the Twelve Apostles—John W. Young and Daniel H. Wells.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles, with their Counselors, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church: John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seventies: Henry Herriman, Jacob Gates, Abram H. Cannon, Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fjeldsted, John Morgan and B. H. Roberts.

Wm. 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.

The authorities of the Stake were presented and sustained by unanimous vote as follows:

Angus M. Cannon, President; Joseph E. Taylor and Charles W. Penrose, Counselors.

High Councilors—Wm. Eddington, Theodore McKean, George J. Taylor, Henry Dinwoodey, Joseph Horne, Anders W. Winberg, John T. Caine, Jesse W. Fox, Elias Morris, James R. Freeze, Milando Pratt, Elias A. Smith.

Alternates—Jesse W. Fox, Jr.,