

should have faith in the revelations of heaven and in those records that have been left for us and our guidance. Remember your brethren before the Lord. Be true and faithful unto this Church and Kingdom of God. It has been organized and established by the power of God, and not of man. How did Joseph Smith have power, as I have before said, to organize the Church as it has been organized—the best organization on the face of the earth? It is because it was organized by revelation. How did these hundreds and thousands of Elders of Israel, many of whom are here to-day, have power to go abroad, without purse and scrip, and preach the Gospel to the convincing of the sons and daughters of Adam? It has been done by the power of God. No Elder in this Church has had power to go forth and do the will of God only by the power of God. If we have any power, it is of God, and we should trust Him with regard to all things.

Brethren and sisters, do not be discouraged. The Kingdom of God is established here in these valleys of the everlasting hills. These are the valleys and these are the mountains given by our father Jacob to his son Joseph—the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills, promised unto Joseph, who was separated from his brethren, and whose sons and daughters ye are. Let us be faithful. Let us try to do our duty. Let us endeavor to honor God. We have a long eternity before us. We have a great future before us. Zion will arise and shine, and the glory of God will rest upon her. Israel will be gathered, Jerusalem will be rebuilt, Zion be established and thrown down no more forever. These things are in the record of divine truth. Not one of them will ever fail of fulfillment. They were given by revelation. No matter what the feelings of our enemies may be. No matter what the feeling may be of those who differ in principle from us. They have the right to their own religion, and we have no right to disturb them. But if they war against God, against His Zion, against His people, they have got to pay the bill, the same as we have for the deeds done in the body. This nation will be held responsible for the course they have pursued towards the Zion of God. It has always been to me one of the strongest evidences—and it should be to all Latter-day Saints, if not to the world—the fact that all earth and hell, if I may be allowed to use such an expression, have been combined against this Church from the day that Joseph Smith brought forth the Book of Mormon and organized this Church with six members. Why is this? Would this opposition have been if it were not the Kingdom of God? It would not. For that reason the powers of darkness are stirred up. Darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people. The judgments of God are in the land, and the day will come when the nations will learn and understand that there is a God in Israel.

I bear my record and my testi-

mony that this is the work of God. The Lord has called us here; and we should not forget Him. We should not forget our prayers. Go before the Lord and make our wants known, and He will hear our prayers and sustain us in carrying out this work until the scene is wound up.

I pray God to bless you and clothe you with the Spirit of God. What a responsibility it is to hold this heavenly, this eternal, this everlasting Priesthood? And we shall have to give an account of it. Apostles, Seventies, High Priests, Elders, and all men who bear any portion of this Priesthood that has been given unto us, will be held responsible for it until our spirits return unto God who gave them.

I marvel sometimes, when I reflect, why I am alive. I was going to say that there is not a man living, scarcely, that I was acquainted with in Kirtland. A whole quorum of Apostles has been taken into the spirit world. But for some reason the Lord has preserved my life until the present day. And I sincerely desire, in the remaining days I have to spend here, that I may do what little good I can. I wish to magnify my calling. I wish to do my duty. I wish to know the mind and will of God, and try to do it. I pray not only that these blessings may be given to me, but to all the Elders of Israel and the Latter-day Saints, which may God grant, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

How will the Saints rejoice to tell,
And count their sufferings o'er,
When they upon Mount Zion dwell,
And view the landscape o'er.

Benediction was offered by Bishop O. F. Whitney.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The counting of the electoral vote today was witnessed by an immense throng, who filled the galleries and swarmed in and around the doorways. Ladies of the families of members were, by special resolution, admitted to the floor of the House and served to give tone and variety to the scene. At 1 p. m. Senator Ingalls, arm-in-arm with Secretary McCook, and preceded by Capt. Bassett who carried the boxes with the returns, entered the chamber followed by the senators in couples, who took their seats near the Speaker's desk to the right. Mr. Ingalls took a seat by the side of Speaker Carlisle and, arising, announced the opening of the joint session and called for the reading of the certificate from Alabama, if there was no objection. This proved to be a very tedious affair. All the formalities relating to the meeting of the electors and the casting of the votes, with numerous certificates and attestations, were read over by Senator Manderson, officiating as teller, and the prospect of listening to such a rhodomontade for every State in the Union was appalling to spectators who had

been steaming in the close air of the House for a couple of hours, the galleries having been occupied since about 11 o'clock. Senator Edmunds came to the rescue and asked that all these formalities be dispensed with and only the result be declared by the tellers if found in due form. There being no objection this sensible proposition prevailed. Mr. S. S. Cox endeavored, after three States had passed, to call the attention of the presiding officer to a point of law, but Mr. Ingalls did not seem to relish this and, informed the gentleman that debate was not in order. Mr. Cox replied he didn't want to debate, but he did want to show something the law required, and if necessary he would ask unanimous consent to read it. He then went on to read from the statute a provision requiring the presiding officer to call for objections, if any, to the returns of a State after they were announced. Mr. Ingalls had called for objections before the returns were read, and though he made no reply he changed his action, but did not have the grace or courtesy to acknowledge his error or thank Mr. Cox for his correction. When Florida was reached Mr. Ermentrout created some amusement by announcing four votes for Levi P. Morton for Vice-President, instead of Allen G. Thurman. Senator Harris tripped in a similar manner by accrediting the Indiana vote to Grover Cleveland, and another teller mixed up his announcement by declaring three votes for "Levi P. Allen Thurman." There was such a burst of merriment over this that the presiding officer, in a very stern manner, expressed the hope that manifestations of approbation or disapprobation would not again be made in disturbance of the dignity and decorum of so grave an occasion. The ceremony concluded about 2:15 p. m., and Harrison and Morton were declared elected President and Vice-President of the United States, by 233 electoral votes against 168 for Cleveland and Thurman.

The President was not present but was engaged in vetoing some ill-advised pension bills, after which he held a public reception which was numerously attended. No one can tell from his manner that he cares a jot for the change that is to take place so soon, except that he will experience great relief from the load of responsibilities that he has carried for four years.

Preparations for the inauguration are being made on an extensive scale. Every balcony along the route of the procession is being examined and many have to be propped up to ensure safety. All will be utilized by spectators. Big prices are held to for windows on the route. From \$2 to \$3 a seat is demanded on the scaffolding erected in Lafayette Park immediately facing the White House. Platforms are building and scantling frames are going up rapidly, lumber being in great demand. There will be 50,000 persons in the procession. Applications for