

He comes, a similar class of people who may be living on this earth. I tell you my brethren and sisters and friends that God never poured out His judgments upon the children of men in any age of the world except for the breaking of the moral law.

The President of the Church had a revelation directing the Saints to put their houses in order, but it was hardly noticed. Do you teach your wives and children and talk with them in regard to these things. If not you are under condemnation before the Lord. It is the duty of the husband and the wife to teach their children the ways of righteousness, for unless the fathers and mothers teach their children the principles of the Gospel and do not strive to keep them from sin, and the children lose their faith and virtue, the responsibility will rest upon the heads of the parents. For the word of the Lord to the Latter-day Saints is, "that inasmuch as parents have children in Zion or in any of her Stakes that are organized that teach them not the principles of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, etc., their blood will be upon their heads. I feel greatly interested in the sons and daughters of Zion. This is how the Spirit of the Lord directs me, this is how the Spirit of the Lord has spoken to me. I did not write a sermon to come here and preach. I have felt impressed to speak as I have spoken here today. The Presidency and Apostles, who bear the holy Priesthood, have the right to speak and call the Saints to repentance. I say to the Latter-day Saints, keep your daughters off the streets at unreasonable hours. Look after them; know where they are. See that they are properly employed and do not allow them to go to the dogs by the wholesale. We have stores that sell by the wholesale, and others that sell by retail. Let us look out for these things, and keep our franchise bright and shining before the Lord. Nations may rise and fall, but all the kingdoms of the earth are in the hands of God, and He expects to give His Saints an inheritance when Jesus Christ shall come to reign in righteousness. There will be no man that will have five thousand acres of land in that day, as referred to by President Joseph F. Smith, if he does not need it. They will have just exactly what is right. God has not made this earth to destroy it until it has filled its destiny. God did not make any mistake in the creations of this earth. He did not organize it for nothing. The design of the Creator was that man should labor and cultivate the earth and He is not going to change it just for our benefit. You will find in the great hereafter that this earth will be cultivated, it will be productive and filled with all kinds of beautiful flowers. As the words of Jesus and the holy Prophets indicate; this earth shall pass away; it will undergo a change but not until all be fulfilled that has been spoken by the holy Prophets regarding its destiny. There will be no place hereafter where there is nothing to do; there will be no idlers there. There will be labor, physical and intellectual labor for one eternal round of progression. It makes a man happy; it makes a woman happy, to be busily engaged. It has made God what He is. He stands at the fountain head of all intelligence. We are told by the Prophet that "as we are now God once was, and as He is we may be." This is why Jesus counselled His disciples, "Let us go on to perfection even as God the Eternal Father is perfect, for being made in the express image of God He thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

Now my brethren and sisters, let us abide by the instructions we receive. Let us live in such a way that we may

have that portion of the Spirit of God that we should enjoy as the children of Zion. Let us keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the sins of the world, that we may be prepared to meet our Lord. He has compared the kingdom of God to ten virgins, five of whom should be wise and five foolish. He did not liken the kingdom of the world at large, but the kingdom of God that was to be established upon the earth.

Let us follow out the counsels that that have been given at this Conference, and if we do God will bless us. God bless you all. Amen.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON'S REMARKS.

We have also been permitted to publish in full the remarks of President George Q. Cannon on the same occasion. President Cannon said:

"The remarks which have been made by Elder John W. Taylor have been exceedingly pointed. No doubt there are conditions existing in our settlements, and in this city, that we would be greatly gratified if they could be corrected. It is too true that there are births after the marriage, that are untimely. We have such cases brought to our attention. In some instances the first children are born a little quicker than those subsequently. We deplore this very much, and take every step we can to have a reformation in this respect, for such conduct is not according to Godliness and the principles of the Gospel, as Elder Taylor has told us. But we have regretted—I speak for the First Presidency—that there should be any mention of any particular place as being worse in this respect than others; for we have no reason to believe that this is the case. Therefore, it was with regret that we heard mentioned Kamas Prairie or Rhodes Valley. The Saints from that place—many of whom I know to be good, faithful people—would feel, to a certain extent—I won't say disgraced, but hurt by a public announcement of this kind in this general Conference. We think that when the Elders speak concerning sin and evil practices, it is not a wise thing to mention either the names of individuals or of wards or Stakes as was done by Elder Taylor. Now, what has been said by him, or that which he had heard somebody say, it may be true, as he says, and it may not. He himself characterized it as an exaggeration, and the mention of the place should have been left alone because it may be an exaggeration, and we have no reason, as the First Presidency to think otherwise—to think that Kamas Prairie is an exception in this respect. Such cases may arise in all the Stakes, but every pains is being taken to repress and correct these, to teach our young people how immoral and how wicked it is to do any such thing. Marriage is easy. Every Bishop is authorized to marry; and if the young folks cannot go to the Temple, they can be married by the Bishops or by the Elders in their wards, and there is no need to commit sin. It is contrary to all our principles to have practices of this kind prevail among the Latter-day Saints. I do not know how the congregation felt, but I know how we felt concerning the allusion to the choir. We know that there is a fine body of young people connected with the choir; young ladies of purity; some of our own daughters perhaps, whom we know to be pure; and to mention a few of them as being unvirtuous, throws a reflection upon the whole choir. I do not know how they feel, but I know they must feel very much hurt, and I was very sorry myself that Brother John W. Taylor felt called upon to speak of this. It

was only a report; somebody mentioned it; and you know how gossiping tongues—there are gossiping tongues—love to dwell on evil. You will find people continually who are harping on the wickedness and the corruption and immorality of the people, and how we are all going to the devil, or nearly so; that we are a bad people, getting worse instead of better. I do not believe that. I believe that the Latter-day Saints are striving to get better, although there is sin among us, and it needs to be denounced and denounced in strong language. But we should not take up a body of people and mention some as being corrupt, because it throws a reflection on the whole body. I have no doubt that the young ladies of purity must have felt greatly grieved this morning to have heard this allusion.

"We have felt as though there should be something said on this subject, so that the congregation would understand our feelings. Another thing: When one of the Twelve talks in this strain before the congregations of the Saints, other men in the settlements take license from it and they also will talk and mention names and organizations. This is not wise under the circumstances. Better take them apart; talk to the Bishop of Kamas; talk to the president of Summit Stake; ask him what the condition is, whether these things are true or not. Talk to the leader of the choir; tell him what has been heard. If there are any unvirtuous people, let it be known, let them be found out, and I have no doubt that the leader of the choir will be only too anxious to know if there is anything of this character, that those who are guilty of this conduct should be told their services in the choir are no longer needed.

"I speak in this way with the utmost respect for my brother, Brother John W. He has been carried away by zeal in this matter. You know he is a very zealous man, and he feels very strongly; but in mentioning these names we have felt that he overstepped the bounds of wisdom."

PRESBYTERIAN RESOLUTIONS.

The Kingdom, an independent religious paper issued at Minneapolis, prints the subjoined reply to the resolutions of the Utah Presbytery at its semi-annual meeting in Mantl, Aug. 29, 1898. The reply is by Dr. Sumner Gleason of Kaysville, Utah:

The Presbytery of Utah, at its semi-annual meeting held Aug. 29, 1898, formulated a series of seven resolutions on "The Present Situation in Utah." The resolutions declare that the Mormon Church has returned to politics, that it has determined to take control of the State schools, that polygamy still flourishes in Utah, that "Church influence" silences those who could testify to this lawlessness and prevents an expression of public opinion, that Mormon missionaries rely on questionable methods for their support, and that these missionaries carry a veiled gospel, reserving the more obnoxious doctrines of Mormonism until the converts become stronger in faith.

These resolutions are so utterly at variance with the spirit of Christianity, such a perversion of the truth, and such an exaggeration of the existing conditions, as to call forth an indignant protest from Mormon and Gentile alike.

First, they are unfair to Eastern people who give money to missions. Utah missions are a complete failure so far as converting the people are concerned. In this field a preacher has been laboring (supposedly) for eleven years without having made a single convert so far as I can learn. And it looks as though these resolutions were promulgated as an attempt on the part of the ministers