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NEPHI L. MORRIS.

We have assembled today to do honor to the Savior of mankind and also to honor the prophet of this the "dispensation of the fulness of

It is expected that I shall speak of Jesus the Christ, and in doing so, I sincerely trust that I may be aided by His good Spirit, that some words behitting the occasion may be uttered to our profit and blessing.

It is nearly 2,000 years since the child was born whose coming into this world was heralded by the hosannas of the angels. Though the beavens were made to ring with the melody of the glad tidings, the cars of the few shepherds and they of lowly discurstance alone heard the celestial music. The great, busy and thoughtless world was so preoccupied pursuing its perverted trend that it failed to catch a sound of the message divine love was expressing in the deathless words, "Peace on earth, deathless words, "Peace on carth, good will toward man." And thus the King of this world was allowed to en-ter unheaded except by the very few. An Alexander, a Cyrus, had appeared and dazzled and bewildered the world with achievements. winning from mankind renown and glory. And others before and after them appeared the meteors in the beavens followed with achievements, withing from mankind renown and glory. And thers before and after them appeared like meteors in the heavens followed by their flery trains, shedding dismay ind terror here and, perchance, bene-it and blessing there. A Ceasar, a Yomwell, a Hannibal, a Mapoleon, a Washington and a Lincoln; or a Lu-her, an Erasmus, a Voltair or a Cal-tin, all have since come into the world and each created a stir, and, in some instances, meteor-like, have burned themselves out and left the welkin clear after them. Others did so much for us that we shall never cease to hold their memories in reverence and love. But it is a singular paradox bistory confronts us with when it informs us that it was left for a babe, a manger-born babe, if you please, to cellpse all these mighty ones. And in the mere manner of his coming, such service was rendered in human estimation until his splendor is as the sun before whose face "all the stars hide their diminished heads in shame." And this simple-born One rose to this transendent glory not amild the roar and clash of assembled armies in engagement, not in the con-filet of human passion, not by the conquests of human ambition, but by the silent suasion of His Scirit which searcheth men's hearts and there abideth. Thus, through the rolling with the sword of His "Word," win-ning men's hearts until he is today with the sword of His "Word," win-ning men's hearts until he is today the standard of human conduct, the one accepted ideal, the advarian of ig men's hearts until he is today o standard of human conduct, the e accepted ideal, the adoration of ages. Speaking of conquests and tories, of innumerable hosts fol-ing their leaders, what think you the bewildering spectacle that the niteth century presents in the 000,000 of soldiers, marching un-the banner of the Babe of Beth-m? From a strictly human stand-From a strictly human standlehem? From a strictly human stand-point this must be regarded as the miracle of history. Had such a pre-diction been made while He was bearing His cross amid Golgotha's gloom it would have been beyond hu-man credulity to believe such a thing possible. But here we assemble, on this remote day to witness the miracle that 20 centuries have unfolded to our view. I desire to speak of the Savior in His three-fold aspect, first as the his-torical Child, second as the historical man, and third as the Lamb, or Savior of the human family. Later as the second d third as human family. L Let me state taking up this historical sus, that though His advent into the rid is a matter of history, which seeses all the elements and eviseeses all the elements and evi-nees necessary for its perfect estab-lament as an historical fact, yet, ere is associated with his birth, es-cially the conception of the Holy host, very much of mystery which to the ordinary mind, very difficult understanding, to say the least, The fadency of this materialistic age is strip the Christ of everything that most be comprehended and satis-corlip explained. Those who pur-this manner of treatment of Him v explained. Those who pur-manner of treatment of Him is become the great central history, should bear in mind th is never at once unfolded never at once unfolded completeness, but is always r less obscured by the un-The curtain of mystery is l, fold after fold, and thus l, fold after fold, and thus more and more disclosed. In overy of America an illusara-the gradual unfoldment of found. The bold ex-ault of a certain water-and all known distances for pressed he onward structing crew all seem-nally, land was dis-tch proved to be agment of the con-the continent itself was the continent itself was and finally the hemis-thus truth leads on, step r wrapped in mystery at but disclosing to our view grandeur and sublimity as In the quest. So is it with Now, we only see in part W, we only see in part, red us that we shall see Him as He is. It is writ-knoweth the Father exin knoweth the Father ex-in, neither knoweth any man ave the Father and he to will reveal Him." If we do sent know Him in His ful-should not refuse to accept i we do know of Him. THE CHILD. age in which the Christ Child n the germs of decadence were a race. Rome, the proud the world, had absorbed all her learning and inatter what the Roman arlier empire may have al condition of Rome at Christ's s coming was In the earlier and dissolute. and dissolute. In the earlier woman occupied the most ex-tion in Roman society. She been of the home and there d supreme. The highest of conferred upon her in a which, translated literally. Mild bearer." At the time of r's birth the Roman woman of dimerent person, however, passed out of the sacredness me into the affairs of public dengaged herself with busi-political matters. At this age within its confines three mil-ouls, two millions of whom es. The once exalted calling bearer" was now relegated ale slave, the Roman woman is too fine and delicate in her such duties. duties, and licentiousness were eat-very heart out of the Roman I woman. It was during this f Roman history that countries laged that an Apicius might pearls in the wine he drang entirely of peacocks' brains hummingbirds or flamingos' or tongues. In this age a Lollia was seen to gleam in a second licentiousness were eat-

best dress of pearls and emeralds which cost \$160,000. It was in this age that divorce became common, some fashion-Him. able woman having almost as many husbands as there were months in that same year. It was while these things were going on in effete and fashionable were going on in effete and fashionable Rome that a child was born over in a little Judean village called Bethlehem— born in a manger and His mother was called a virgin. There the little hand-ful of helplessness lay that was to revo-lutionize society, and strike the shack-les from the slave, teach men that there is happiness and honor in toil and in no other way can either be found: teach woman that her majesty consists in pure motherhood and that

consists in pure motherhood and that God looks at the desires of men's hearts rather than at the trappings they cover their deformities with. The simple-born child did all this by

merely being born in humility and pur-ity. He became the ideal of the world in that simple manner, and thus wrought the mighty revolution that must ever stand without a parallel. By exalting the noble calling of mother-hood. He lifted the home somewhere hood He lifted the home somewhere betwixt the earth and heaven, but not out of reach of man. By drawing around him the peasantry, the fisherman and tax-gatherer. He dignified labor and placed the artisan and craftsman on the placed of human unchinger with the throne of human usefulness with the tool as his scepter. And behold! we tool as his scepter. And behold! we build temples and cathedrals to these fishermen of Galiliee and call them saints! In this way Jesus has become the temporal Savior of mankind, say nothing of the eternal salvation He has placed within the reach of all.

JESUS THE MAN.

Though some may not be prepared to accept all that is claimed for Him in the gospels, they may rest assured that what is there written of Him as a Man, what is there written of Him as a Man, a Character, is substantially correct. They may also accept as trustworthy in the main, those events related of him by the fishermen scribes. And in the character sketch by these simple men we see the description of the only per-fect ideal ever given to the world. His resulting to compare the deficient greatness is augmented by the deficien-cies of his biographers, for they were not sufficiently trained and skilled to invent or create the acme of perfection. In Him is seen all the necessary ele-ments of perfection. Consider the man-liness of this man, Jesus of Nazareth. liness of this man, Jesus of Nazareth. A blending of tenderness with strength, of courage with considerateness, of justice mixed with mercy, and perfectly balanced; sound judgment, righteous-ness, purity and a boundless love of mankind. So tender was He that when He heard the sobs of the women, though He knew their deceased brother should be brought to life again, yet out of sheer sympathy for them did He weep. So compassionate and pure was weep. So compassionate and pure was He that the little ones were recipients of His attentions and benedictions when the self-important adults would have excluded them from His presence as insignificant. The world could never be the same after His words: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Torbid them hol, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Unto the poor, the downtrodden and oppressed He came with the voice of a friend who could lift them into an at-mosphere that could change, with the power of the alchemist, their sorrows into joys. To the blind He gave sight; to the deaf hearing; to the lame the power to walk, and the atten-tion of John's disciples was called to those ministrations as evidences of His Messiahship. These are the avenues through which He passed into the hearts of the hu-man race and stands there enthroned while the ages roll. In the beatitudes the heartstrings of the human race are made to respond

the human race are made to respond nizing in passing events a significance which is not plain to all. The gift of prophecy embraces the power to recogall time to the melody of divine tenderness. In point of courage He is without an equal. The courage to stand by and work for and to mingle with the comnize, the power to explain the passing events, and to properly interpret the events that have gone bp, as well as to predict the events that are to come. And yet prediction is a feature and a function of the prophet. Long, long ago, when false prophets arose in Is-rael, the Lord Jehovah-Jesus the Christ-spoke through the mouth of His prophet then and gave unto the people a test. He said unto them that if a prophet predicted that which did not come to pass, then they might nize, the power to explain the passing work for and to mingle with the com-mon people and to serve the publican and sinner" are evidences of highest superiority. Defying all distinctions made by custom and society; shocking the mock-plety of the venerated self-righteous sectary, won for Him the sound respect and undying homage of mankind. mankind In judgment, how perfect! To the "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." To the tricky politician: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." What gages are given for men to try at in rendering sound men to try at in rendering sound judgments! In righteousness: How like a very God he mingled with men, tempted, yet untainted and absolutely untouched by sin,—the spotless, the immaculate one! Yet did He stand among men of all sorts, in kindness and vehemence, as circumstance warranted celling circumstance warranted, calling as circumstance warranted, calling them to repentance from their wick-cdness. See Him in the temple fired with righteous indignation. How he scourged and drove from its sacred precincis the money makers whose very presence was polluting. Sent their coing rolling on the mosales and they, fleeing before Him dared not resist. You might well ask by what power this despised Galilleen expelled the in-fluential men of business from their fluential men of business from their coveted locations. The answer is in His purity. "Vice cannot stand for one

conceive. We are assured that even Godliness is attainable by the salvation our Elder Brother, Jesus, has provided for us. That is the goal we have set our hearts upon, nothing short of it will satisfy the aspirations within our souls. Let us thank God that the light of these truths remain in the earth and that they have been permitted to enter into our lives. Why should we not worship Him and do Him honor on such occasions is this as well as in every act of our daily lives? I pray our Heavenly Father that not one of us shall disappoint Him; that we may be true to the covenants we made with Him there as well as those we make with Him here. If we are, we shall meet Him and know Him as He is, and we shall then learn who He is, and shall recall our acquaintance with Him, perchance, in the long be-fore though in this dream of mortality.

with Him, perchance, in the long be-fore, though in this dream of mortality, we have forgotten much relative to God give us grace and strength to be true to Him, that we may return to His presence, is my prayer, in His holy name, Amen.

ELDER JAMES E. TALMAGE,

During the ages of human history before that critical and important time at which the Babe of Bethlehem was born, many men had stood forth and predicted His coming. In a measure it was realized of them, as without measure came it to be realized of Him afterwards, that each of them spoke as one having authority. When it seemed that the enemies of the Christ had pre-vailed; when the man Jesus had been brought to His death; when those who had been near unto Him in life were scattered, the verdict of the world, had it been taken, would have been the ver-dict of fallure. But the work that He began was a living work. The work of God ends not with itself. And after Him many have stood forth and have prophesied of Him; and like the Anoint-ed One himself, have spoken, each as one having authority. It is fitting on this occasion, in speaking of the Christ, that we speak of His prophets; and among the proph-ets, those of our own day are hearer unto us and, if you will understand my words in the sense in which I mean them, are more important unto us than those that have gone before. Never afterwards, that each of them spoke as

those that have gone before. Never has there yet lived a prophet whose place was a superfluity, whose mission was less than absolutely essential. Never lived there yet a prophet who had a predecessor, never one who had a successor, in the matter of his par-ticular mission. There have been many occupying the prophetic office; but ev-ery one of them has spoken as a special ambassador, with a particular message to tell, a particular work to accomplish.

THE LATTER-DAY PROPHET.

We recognize the prophet who in the hands of God brought about the re-establishment of the Church of Christ in this dispensation as one having a special mission on earth, and as one having a special mission now. Why has he been rejected by so many? Was it because his name was not uncom-mon? The name of the forerunner of Christ was one of the commonest cur-rent in that day; and Jesus—the equivrent in that day; and Jesus—the equiv-alent of Joshua—was quite as common then as Joseph is today. I say, why has he been ignored? He has not been. It would be a triumph for the powers that have opposed him had it been pos-sible for the world to ignore him. He possesses and manifests all the essen-tial characteristics of one clothed with the subtority of the prophetic office the authority of the prophetic office. Never yet lived a prophet who was not a fulfiller of prophecy. Never yet came one, since the first, whose coming came one, since the first, whose coming and whose mission had not been pre-dicted. And the work brought to pass through the instrumentality of Joseph, the prophet of the last dispensation, is a work that has been predicted and promised through the ages that have passed. Never yet lived one who was clothed with the authority of the prophetic office who was not consistent in his special work with the work of the prophets who had gone before, and who did not prepare for the work of the prophets who should come after. And yet each has had his special work to do. Prediction is but one part, one feature of the prophetic function.

feature of the prophetic function. THE PROPHETIC OFFICE.

The prophet is a revelator, making plain that which had not been before clearly understood. He is a seer, recog-

to return, and His prophets will be with Him. Amongst them will be the prophet who stands at the head of this dispen-sation—the dispensation of restitution and fulfillment—Joseph Smith, the prophet of the Living God!

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH.

This to me has been an intensely interesting meeting. The words that have been spoken, calling up in remembrance before us, the mission and labors of the Redeemer of the world, find an echo in our hearts and cause every one to seek to be in communion with that Spirit that has been the guiding star of the destinies of the human race. From the day of the birth of the Re-

deemer of the world, the Jewish peo ple could not comprehend the mission of this Conqueror of the world. In the midst of the trials and tribulations that came to them, they were looking for the coming of a conqueror with a mailed hand, who would bring subject to His will all nations and peoples around them; and in the coming of the meek and lowly Jesus, with the Spirit of love, of forbearance and kindness, He did not in any sense fill their ideals, and they turned away from Him. Could they have looked down the stream of time and noted the conditions that would arise in connection with the de-velopment and growth and the effect of His name upon the great mass of the human family, their conduct in regard to Him would have been entirely dif-ferent. It was a disappointment to them in their anticipations. They could not look forward and dream of the pos-sibilities of the great future, when that single name would be indeed the brightest star in the universe, unto which the great mass of the human family would turn with revernee and ple could not comprehend the mission brightest star in the universe, unto which the great mass of the human family would turn with reverence and respect, changing the condition of the entire world, arousing in the souls of men and women, a love and regard for the pure and simple in life, such as could have been brought about by the efforts of no line or class of reformers, changing the whole bent of the history of mankind. of mankind.

We look with joy and satisfaction to-lay upon the name of that risen Re-ieemer, and while there may be chances deemer, and while there may be chances of limited comparison in the history of some of the great reformers of the world, there is no parallel in the his-tory of the human race that can in any sense of the word present the same characteristics, the same strength, the fulfillment of the same great purposes, as represented in the one to whom we turn with reversing and have as the turn with reverence and love as the Redeemer of the world, He who rules the destinies of mankind, and who has carried them forward to the wonderful success they occupy among the children of men.

It was indeed singular that in the introduction of this latter-day dispen-sation, and the coming forth in its ful-ness and in its purity, of the system devised by the Redeemer of the World among the children of men, to fulfill a mission, looking to the complete re-generation and re-establishment of the human family upon the great plane represented by the Master Himself, that He, in the companionship of the Suand conferred upon the one in the last dispensation who had also received that testimony from the Father, the very authority which they had exercised in their day. Is there any flaw, any ob-jectionable weakness in that claim of authority? He stands forth and tells you that Mosses came unto him and conferred upon him the keys of the work of gathering-Moses, who held the keys of that great mission, the lead-ing of Israel out from the land of bond-age, and who was the very man to berepresented by the Master Himself, that He, in the companionship of the Su-preme Being, should introduce Himself personally to the agent that was to be selected to carry out this work, and have part in the heralding of that message to the children of men. Thus was fulfilled the decree of Divine Provi-dence, as written in the words of John the divine, that an angel of God would fly through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwelt upon the earth, to every na-tion, to every kindred, to every tongue and to every people. By this means the blending together of these great dis-pensations of the gospel, and the bring-ing about of the purposes of the Divine. age, and who was the very man to beage, and who was the very man to be-stow that authority, the prophet into whose place no other prophet had ever stepped with respect to that special work. The prophets after Moses had declared that the day should come when they would no longer refer to the leading out of the people of Israel from Egypt, but to the gathering of Israel from the four quarters of the earth. And the prophet of the gathering in the days gone by came and placed the aupensations of the gospel, and the bring-ing about of the purposes of the Divine. One, are realized. The heralds of truth, equipped with the knowledge of the sac-redness of the mission of the Redeemer of the World Himself, have the keys of that divine priesthood that had been committed to man through His adminis-tration. They point out to mankind the ways of life, and Indicate to the hu-man race that while the Christianity of the world had been making its way, preparing men and liberalizing them in some degree for the proper comprehen-sion of the mission of the great work of the Almighty, the work itself. In its fullness and its purity, was to be indays gone by came and placed the au-thority upon the prophet of the gather-ing in this the greatest gathering dispensation. And so for every special work that he undertook, we find that those who held the authority of old came and In the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon he brought about the fulfill-ment of prophecy. Why, not many years ago there were found those who fullness and its purity, was to be in-deed established, and its agencies util-ized in the fulfillment of the purposes of that Redeemer of the world, that were not at all embarrassed over their ignorance in not knowing anything about the Book of Mormon; but a man who claims today to be halfway edu-cated would not like to be found entire-ly ignorant of that volume. It is in light of the human race, the Son of living God, whose life was offered t





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baptism-for thus it became Him. baptism—for thus it became ruln, as it becometh every one, to fulfil all righteousness—a volce was heard, "This is my Beloved Son;" and then "This is my Beloved Son;" and then the Baptist knew who He was, that He was the "greater one" of whom he had been commissioned to speak, and for whose coming he had been ap-pointed and ordained to prepare. Then at the wonderful scenes of the trans-figuration, when the three who may be regarded after that as the presiding officers amongst the apostles —those whom He chose from among the chosen ones—Peter, James and John—witnessed that manifestation. They heard that voice, "This is my Beloved Son."

DISPENSATION OF AUTHORITY. The boy Joseph grew to be the man

The boy Joseph grew to be the man Joseph, and he tells us that the first of those who heard that authoritative voice make this announcement came to him—the Baptist. This special witness of the voice declaring "This is my beloved Son" came to the pro-phet of the last dispensation, unto whom that same utterance had been made and conferred upon him the whom that same utterance had been made, and conferred upon him the keys of the authority which he (the Baptist) had held and exercised in the centuries gone by. Do you think that there is anything like the plot of a play in that? We do not recognize its significance un-til the deeper meaning is made plain by the work which the prophet does. He tells us that aft-erward came unto him those other three —Peter, James and John, unto whom also the Father had testified with His own lips, "This is my beloved Son." They came to the one man on the earth of the current dispensation who had of the current dispensation who had heard that same voice, and they con-ferred upon him the authority they had received. Rather significant, is it not? The one who held the keys of the Aarpriesthood had been singled out honored by the testimony of the and nonored by the testimony of the Father's volce; those who exercised and held the deys of the higher or Melchlse-dek priesthood in the dispensation gone by had also been honored by that testi-mony uttered by the mouth of the Father; and those are they who came and conferred upon the one in the last dispensation who had also received that

His purity. "Vice cannot stand for one moment before the uplifted arm of virtue." "His strength was as the strength of ten because His heart was pure." Tennyson makes Sir Gallahad sav.

Thus He has become and shall con-tinue to be the one needful to all ages, the one indispensable.

JESUS, THE LAMB. THE SAVIOR OF MEN.

As a child the Christ saved the hu-man family temporarily, as a man, hung upon a cross, broken and bleeding, He

saved all mankind spiritually, or eternally. The various gospel dispensations give

us some light upon His matchless career. The Apocalypse speaks of the part He took in the great crisis of the former life when there was "war in heaven." crisis of the former life when there was "war in heaven." Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. Satan, who is the father of lies--the accuser of his brethren. The host of heaven was divided in two great contending armies, and Satan, the enemy of man, who would have deprived him of his rights and pre-vented his attaining to the highest pos-sible development, was overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and he and his dark angels were cast out so that there was no more room for them in heaven. Think you not that we knew Him when we filed in numberless ranks under His Think you not that we knew Him when we filed in numberloss ranks under His leadership in that tremendous conflict which shock the eternal heavens? Yes, we knew Him, but we have for the present forgotten. He was our Savior in our first estate and has come to us the second time in the same high office. It was He who privided this earth for our habitation, that we might come down upon it and engage in the con-flict with evil and by overcoming be-come strong. At the bright prospects of this conflict we "sang together" and "shouted for joy," because, here on the battleground of mortality we were to win immortality and eternal lives. By God's grace and the Redeemer's love, these splendid possibilities are before us yes, and attainments far more splendid than the mortal mind can

If a prophet predicted that which did not come to pass, then they might know he was not a true prophet, and they need not be afraid of him. Con-versely, if the prediction that is made is literally fulfiled, there is at least strong presumptive proof that that prophet was a true one, provided, of course, the events predicted were such as could not have been understood by what we are pleased to call human power and human reason alone.

PROPHECY FULFILLED.

I can attempt no detailed citations of Scripture to you; the story is old; but I must take time to refer to at least one instance, of which many of you have heard. Twenty-eight years before the outbreak of the dread fratricidal strife between the north and the south, when brother rose against brother and friend against friend, Joseph the prophet, speaking by virtue of the authority and power he had, predicted that such would break out in South Carolina. Ten years before that was began-before indeed any man by human power I can attempt no detailed citations years before that was began—before indeed any man by human power alone would have dared predict it— that revelation was published in Great Britain, and publicly sold and dis-tributed. If a prophet speak the words of prediction, and they are not fulfilled, do not be afraid of him; but when he makes such prediction in the when he makes such prediction, in the name of the Master, whom he repre-sents, and the prediction comes liter-ally to pass, beware how you reject other of his sayings and doings which perhaps you may not understand.

HEAVENLY MANIFESTATIONS. A prophet who has been duly called and ordained to his office will be able to vindicate his claim to authority. This boy who was born a century and a year ago today, came humbly forth when he received his first commission, beening it no secret and was accound a year ago today, came humbly forth when he received his first commission, keeping it no secret, and was astound. ed at the hatred and malignity that immediately manifested itself. He said: I wondered which of the many churches was right. I marveled where lay the truth, and I followed the word of Scripture. 'If any of you lack wis-dom, let him ask of God.'' I went and asked. And then he solemnly affirms that he was visited by two persanages —the Father and the Son. Is there any reason for deep wonder that such a statement from him would cause consternation and arouse opposition, unless indoed it could be ignored? But have you found any prophet whose utterances have been ignored? Men would like to ignore them. Why, when that boy made such a statement as that, did they not simply pass it by with a laugh, if they did not be-lieve it? He declared that when these two personages stood before him, one of them pointed to the other and said, "This is my Beloved Son; hear Him."

cordance with a prediction of old that we might live.

accordance with a prediction of old that that book came forth. The stick of Ephraim and the stick of Judab are complements of each other. The Book of Mormon doese not discredit the Bi-ble; the Bible is not at variance with the Book of Mormon. As was spoken by the Prophet Ezekiel, the two vol-umes shall become one, and today they are, in the sense of being each accessi-ble to anyone who will read. CONSISTENCY AND TRUTH.

Another characteristic of a prophet is that he must be consistent, his doc-trines must be true, and they must be scriptaral. Can you point to a revela-tion that has been given in this dis-pensation through Joseph, or through his successors to the prophetic effect of great family. his successors in the prophetic office, at variance with any scripture that has gone before? When it is found that God is telling one story through His prophets today entirely at variance with the story He told in days gone by,

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then there will be some reason for ob-jecting to this continuous revelation and to this never-ending scripture; but not before. Jesus, we are told, came in the meridian of time. John the Baptist, the forerunner, immediately praceded Him. His apostles lived after He had him. Also aposition in the arter he made been taken away, and officiated in the authority that He had given. He and they predicted a great failing away; and the necessity for a restoration in the dispensation that should follow, to be known as the dispensation of the fulness of times. If was absolutely esbe known as of times. It was absolutery es-fulness of times. It was absolutery es-sential that there should be a restora-tion, since no organized body of the priesthood was left upon the earth. And been a fact, achas been a fact, ac-scriptural prediction. brought by an angel: the authority was given from heaven; the Church of Christ was established. Now with respect to the predictions that have been made by this prophet of the last dispensation, which yet perhaps may be said to be but partially fulfilled. One of them, made when the Church was represented by but very few, declades that this Church, now again established upon the factor

but very few, declades that this Church, now again established upon the face of the earth, shall nevermore be thrown down, and that the power of man shall never prevall against it to destroy it. Rather a bold challenge for a young, self-professed prophet to put forth, if he did not know what authority there was behind him. It has not given any signs of being broken down as yet. It has not seemed to me to grow more sickly with the years. It has not seemed to me to be devoid of the pow-ers of development. The Church of pment. The Church of has never yet seemed to a dying condition. It is than it was in the days not, there is no progres-ou say, it must have been day than in the days of abtedly, yes, Did not o His apostles that they ater things than He did, as going to the Father? and respect. g to leave them, but the ing on leave them, but the sing on. If you mean by ther advanced, then eve-evement, or every further in the unfolding of God's surposes is greater than ave preceded it. I quote rds of Scripture--words to us listened today-that the



It is not my thought to detain you but a few moments on this occasion; but let me say that in the selection of the agent designed to herald this mesthe agent designed to herald this mes-sage to the human race, our Father and His Holy Son made no mistake. They knew his capabilities; they knew the mission he had to perform; they gave him the power to accomplish that work, to sow that seed, to bring home to the people the spirit and influ-ence that would cause them to minister for its growth and development, and stand as a wit-ness of that truth in regard to their own sacred names, as well as to the name sacred names, as well as to the name he himself was to make in ministering he himself was to make in ministering among the children of the world. The promise was made to him that his name should be had for good and for evil among the children of men. Its fulfil-ment you and I have lived to witness in the love and the esteem that abides in your hearts and mine, for the offerin your hearts and mine, for the offer-ing made upon his part in sowing the seeds of eternal truth, and scattering them to the four winds of heaven, that all men might hear the glad tidings. And they who have been fighting against the success of that mission, who have heralded his name for evil in the world, and declared that his mis-sion had another purpose in it, and that he was indeed evil in every re-spect, stand as advocates of that man and aid in fulfilling the destiny marked out for him by the Redeemer of the out for him by the Redeemer of the world.

It is true but a limited number of the human family as yet have partaken of these truths revealed, but in the due the human hamn, as yet have partaken of these truths revealed, but in the due time of the Almighty, the name of Joseph Smith will become greater and grander in the history of the world, until it will stand honored and es-teemed, not by a few hundreds of thousands, but as the name of the Re-demer of the World, will be honored and continue to be honored and re-spected, this name of the Mormon prophet will be esteemed and loved by the masses of the human family, not in the same sense as the great Redeem-er of the World, but in the sense of an advocate sent to fulfil the mission as-signed him of re-establishing among men a correct understanding of the mission of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to whom we all turn with love and respect.

May heaven's blessings abide in you ad in the children of our Heavenly Fa But have you found any prophet whose utterances have been ignored? Men would like to ignore them. Why, when that boy made such a statement as that, did they not simply pass it by with a laugh, if they did not be-lieve ft? He declared that when these two parsonages stood before him, one of them pointed to the other and said. "This is my Beloved Son; hear Him." On two occasions before have we record of words to that same effect having been spoken by the same Son. When the man Jesus, of whim we have heard this afternoon," went to the humble Baptist in the wilder-ness of Judea and applied to him for



