

days. He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. He appeared in his spiritual body to the brother of Jared and to Moses, and he came in the fulness of time and took upon him a body of flesh and bones, and became like man in all respects, but he was a perfected type, and He is the great and glorious Being who has the control of the affairs connected with this Gospel. The inhabitants of the earth will have to hear Him. Blessed be God, our Father, for the knowledge we have received of Him. There is not an earthly monarch from Nimrod to Nebuchadnezzar, and the old Roman Emperors, or the Czars and Sultans and Pharaohs and other mighty men who have ruled with power in the world and who have gone to the spirit world but will have to acknowledge that Jesus came to save the human race, when He brings them out of their graves.

He said that he who believes in the Father also believes in Him, and, "if you do not believe, you shall die in your sins." That has been the condition of the past ages. But Christ came to save them. We must all lay our bodies down in the dust, but the day shall come when we shall rise again, and then shall every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ. Blessed are they who have already received this knowledge. We do not know how to be thankful enough for this great blessing. We have all to be tried. Abraham was tried till every hope seemed to be cut off. His only child was laid on the altar, but the Patriarch still believed that God was mighty to raise him from the dead. Many of us have been similarly tried, when we have seen our children on a bed of sickness. We have called the Elders to administer to them, but all hope seemed gone and we thought all was over, when God finally restored the beloved ones to us. God's children are of little account before they have been tried and have faithfully endured. When we have learned to take everything as it comes and yet have the firm determination, "I and my house will serve the Lord;" when we can give up everything and do this as it behoves the servants of God, then we are prepared to receive all things back again as ours, which are not so now. Let us, then, go on and keep the commandments of God. We need more of the Spirit of the Lord, if we wish to see our way through all trials and difficulties. May God grant us the glorious privilege to attain unto perfect manhood and become like our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The choir sang an anthem.

President Wilford Woodruff.

then addressed the congregation. In the year 1833 he had heard the first Gospel sermon. In the first year after having embraced the Gospel, he had held the office of a Teacher. In the second year he was ordained a Priest. The following year he became an Elder and the next he was ordained a member of the quorum of Seventies. For about fifty-two years he had been a member of the quorum of the Twelve.

The speaker would say that during this time, he had endeavored to preach the Gospel to the world, and in so doing had traveled enough to go round

the world six times, yet he had not tried to preach or to minister in the ordinances of the Kingdom of God, except by the power of Jesus Christ. And now after having labored so many years he felt still as much dependent on the Holy Spirit as ever, and on the faith and prayers of the Saints. There never was a Prophet on the earth who could instruct the children of men except by the power of the Priesthood.

The speaker then very strongly refuted some of the slanders that have been hurled against the people of God, even by prominent men who have visited the Territory. He made an eloquent appeal for liberty of conscience. The Latter-day Saints accord to all men freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, and we ask for ourselves only what we are willing should be enjoyed by others. The speaker wished the blessings of God to rest abundantly on the Conference, and all the people.

Apostle John W. Taylor

was the next speaker. He was grateful for the privilege of meeting with the Saints in Conference, especially as he was in a position to hear all that had been said, to the truth of which he could bear testimony. He had also greatly enjoyed the musical exercises. This is one of the most pleasant parts of divine worship. We flatter ourselves that we are growing in grace. But let us ask where are many of our sons and daughters today? Do they honor the Sabbath day? Those who did observe this ordinance will be blessed. We should comply with this sacred law. The Apostle Paul, referring to our day, said that many people would be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. The pleasure resorts in this county were more numerous patronized on the Sabbath than any other days. This practice was not confined to Salt Lake City. The same condition existed largely in the various towns and settlements throughout the Territory. The Lord would overrule and sanctify to the good of the young people many things which they could not now understand, if they would be diligent and faithful. They had a great work to perform. God called upon all men to repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Those who bore this message should keep themselves in purity. If the young have sinned let them repent and the Lord would forgive them. They should keep out of saloons, for it was sinful to eat and drink with the drunken. They should refrain from the use of tobacco and other things which the revelations of the Lord said were not good for man. The revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ were given daily through His servants to His people. The greatest desire of the Saints should be to do the will of our Heavenly Father and keep His commandments. May we have wisdom, firmness and faith sufficient to enable us to endure unto the end. The day of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was at hand. Those who should stand at that time would be those who are free from the sins of the world. The speaker bore testimony to the work of God and its final triumph.

The choir sang:

Awake O my soul.

Benediction by Bishop William B. Preston.

The Tabernacle affording insufficient room for all the people, an overflow meeting was held in the Assembly Hall, beginning at 2 p.m.

OVERFLOW MEETING.

An overflow meeting was held in the Assembly Hall at 2 p.m. Apostle F. M. Lyman presided.

The choir and congregation sang: Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation, etc. Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas E. Taylor, after which the choir sang: Jesus, once of humble birth, etc.

Apostle Heber J. Grant

was the first speaker. He said. It is a source of extreme satisfaction and comfort to meet with the Latter-day Saints in general Conference. The fact that so many people have been turned away from the doors of our buildings of worship today because of their overcrowded condition betokens a steady growth, expansion and interest in spiritual matters. At our morning services we were greatly blessed by the spirit of the Lord. I trust that we may be similarly favored this afternoon. It is impossible for us to worship properly without the Spirit of God. There is but one way to obtain and retain this invaluable blessing, and that is to obey the Father. There are trials and tribulations in all the walks of life, but they can be made easier by the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit. We sometimes are wavering and doubtful; this is because of the lack of proper exertion on our part. Much of the trouble we have to endure is self-inflicted, and that carelessly. The pleasures of this life are but fleeting. We should seek for something more substantial and enduring—something higher and better. When we are brought before our Heavenly Father on the day of judgment we should be able to say that we have increased our talents a hundred fold. The talents which have been entrusted to our keeping are exceedingly valuable. We will be held responsible for the use to which we put them. Do not be deceived in believing that we can obtain any blessing without working for it.

Bishop O. F. Whitney

said: It is certainly an inspiring sight to see a congregation of this magnitude and kind assembled to worship God; and the inspiration is increased when we reflect that this gathering represents nearly all of the civilized nations of the world. There are men and women in this audience who have come from the north and the south; the east and the west, with one common purpose in view—that of serving God. Like streams that flow to the ocean, they have found their way into the Church of Christ, which may be compared to a huge reservoir that is fed by mountain rivulets.

Snow falls from the heavens pure and white, and by the warmth of the earth is melted and formed into little rills which seek their level, but in so doing they become stained by the traces of the soil they carry with them to the reservoir. So with the Latter-day Saints, they came from heaven pure and stainless like the snow-flakes. Joseph Smith taught that the spirits of men were originally pure. It is com-