

long as you live. Preach the truth as you understand it. Do not speculate on things you know nothing about, for it will benefit no one. If you listen to false doctrine you will be led away by false spirits. Remember and observe this, and you will be all right. Keep in the paths of truth, and all will be well with you.

I pray God to bless you, my brethren and sisters. We have had a good time during this conference. We have had many testimonies, and they are true. Let us lay them to heart, and be not discouraged. Rely upon the Lord and you will be all right. Salvation is here; the Kingdom of God is here, the Gospel is here; the Zion of our God is here; the work of our God is upon the earth. It is being built up and established. Let us do our duty, trusting in God, and we will be brought off triumphant. And when we get through we will be satisfied with our labors in the flesh, and the Lord's dealing with us. I hope we will so conduct ourselves and carry out the principles of salvation, that we may gain eternal life, which may God grant, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

The nations bow to Satan's thrall.

Benediction by Elder Elias Morris.

Conference was adjourned till October next.

#### OVERFLOW MEETING.

At 2 p.m. an overflow meeting of the conference opened in Assembly Hall, Apostle F. M. Lyman presiding. There were present on the stand, Apostles F. M. Lyman, J. H. Smith, M. W. Merrill and A. H. Lund; Elder C. W. Penrose of the Presidency of Salt Lake Stake, and a number of other prominent brethren.

The choir sang:

Mortals, awake! with angels join  
And chant the solemn lay.

Prayer was offered by Bishop G. L. Farrell of Smithfield.

The choir sang:

Spirit of faith come down,  
Reveal the things of God.

The Priesthood of the Sixteenth Ward officiated in administering the Sacrament.

Elder C. W. Penrose.

addressed the congregation. It is a great satisfaction to me to see this large congregation, especially when I remember that the Tabernacle is full to its utmost capacity. There are also throngs of people outside who are unable to enter either building. This indicates that Zion is growing, and that the faith of the Saints is increasing.

It was said in the days of the Prophet Joseph that if he could be removed "Mormonism" would die out. He was removed, but the Saints, instead of being broken up, become more compactly united together. So in the days of Brigham Young; it was said that this Church was held together by his statesmanship but we know to the contrary.

It is now said that if all political power can be taken from the Latter-

day Saints they will go down. It may be that we will be deprived of all our political rights, but even if the Lord should permit our enemies to go to this great length, the Church will continue to go onward and upward. It was thought that to take from the church its property would cripple it and curtail its growth, but though it has for a long time been deprived of the use of its property, it has continued to grow and increase. So it will even if the Saints should be persecuted as the early Christians were, and be forced to flee to the mountains and clothe themselves in sheep skins and goatskins.

To suppose that our Father in Heaven specially loves poverty, and has a dislike to wealth, is an error. The Lord has no objection to wealth if it be used properly, and it is His design to pour it out upon His people as fast as they fit themselves to receive and make a proper use of it. He has said that His people should inherit all things. This Church is not organized for spiritual purposes alone, but for temporal purposes also, speaking as men speak. Man is composed of spirit and element, which, being inseparably connected, receive a fullness of joy. A religion which is spiritual alone would not be adapted to our condition; but we need a religion which embraces both the temporal and the spiritual. The time will come when we will have a real spiritual Zion, but it will be when the Saints are pure and sanctified.

It would not do for us to spend all our time in spiritual pursuits, such as singing, preaching, etc. We have temporal necessities which must be provided for. We are mortals and live not in an immortal condition but in a state which renders us subject to death. We are in a school to learn how to prepare ourselves for a future life in the presence of God.

We have been exhorted by President Woodruff to seek the spirit of revelation. What is that spirit? It is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth it understanding. The source of this inspiration is the Spirit of God, which is the light and life of all things and the power thereof by which they were made. This Spirit is in and through and round about all things, the light of God, the life of all things that have been endowed with life. But the Latter-day Saints in addition to this natural inspiration, are privileged to enjoy a higher endowment of this Spirit, the gift of the Holy Ghost, which is received through obedience to the laws of the Gospel. It is the same Spirit which was poured out upon Jesus. Men having the spirit of natural inspiration receive advanced ideas, and new truths are discovered by them, as in the case of inventors. The Spirit of God works in a similar way on the minds of men operating in a higher capacity. They receive the manifestations of the Holy Ghost and the things of heaven are shown unto them. But in order that this may be the case with a Latter-day Saint

he must search for the truth and study it out diligently in his mind. We should remember these things, and not become too much engrossed in temporalities, and in the pursuit of wealth, to devote attention to spiritual matters.

Apostle M. W. Merrill.

I realize that no Elder can edify the Saints without the aid of the Holy Ghost. Oratory and long sermons have converted very few to the Gospel. Men unlearned and unaccustomed to public speaking have converted the honest, because the Lord was with them.

If there was ever a time when the Saints needed to seek the Lord it is now, and I feel to exhort you, my brethren and sisters, to turn to the Lord. Search your own hearts and find out how you stand before the heavens. How simple the language used by John the Baptist, when he conferred upon Joseph and Oliver the Priesthood of Aaron. Yet that authority so conferred embraced the keys of the ministering of angels and the Gospel of repentance. Most of the adult male members of the Church have received this or the higher Priesthood. Any Elder of this Church who will labor in the calling of a Teacher and who does it faithfully will enjoy the blessing of God, and the Spirit of Revelation. He will not need to ask the same questions of every family he visits but it will be manifested to him what he shall ask and what counsel he shall give to each household.

The Saints need the labors of the Teachers. They need to be reminded by these officers of their duties. They need to be asked if they are attending to their prayers, taking proper care of their children, and attending to their other duties. We may reach into the hidden things and it will profit us nothing if we do not live according to what God has revealed. Some may think it enough if they keep the name of being a Saint. But a day of reckoning is coming when the account of each person will be examined, and when he will be judged according to his works.

In 1882 the Lord called upon the Church through President Taylor to set itself in order. The Saints were commanded to set their houses and their families in order. How many of us have done this? How many Elders make a practice of gathering their families together and giving them proper instruction? Young people raised in the Church will be found scattered far and wide in different parts of the world. Why are they not among the Saints? Have we been faithful in looking after our youth? Have we taught them diligently to keep the Sabbath day holy? We will be held responsible before the Lord to do this. We should teach our children to shun Sunday excursions. The season for these things is approaching and we should warn our children against them.

There is another subject which has not received the attention from the Saints; that it should have had. It is the redemption of the dead. It is a great work which rests upon the Saints' and they