

upon the necessity of the servants of God being influenced by the power of His Spirit in their ministrations, he announced that President George Q. Cannon would read from the 128th section of the book of Doctrine and Covenants. This revelation treats upon the power of the Priesthood to bind on earth and it is bound in heaven; also of the means of salvation or redemption of the living and the dead. After the reading President Woodruff resumed his remarks and delivered an important and instructive discourse, throwing additional light upon the process, under the law of adoption, by which the children and the fathers are to be united and bound together by indissoluble ties. The method of procedure for the accomplishment of this great purpose had been manifested by the Lord to the President and his counselors in the First Presidency, and also the Twelve Apostles had received a witness on the same subject. The presidents of the Temples and their associates were to be henceforward governed by the principles of adoption enunciated by President Woodruff in their labors in that department. The subject is too important to admit of the presentation of a mere synopsis of the discourse in which it was embodied.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

followed on the same theme, and showed the beauty, power and efficacy of the Gospel, by which, through the authority of the Priesthood, all the endearing relations of life were made eternal, because they were by that means cemented under the law and the direction of the Almighty.

The choir sang the anthem,

Daughter of Zion.

President Cannon here stated that it had been deemed proper to discontinue from this time forward the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the regular services held in the Tabernacle on the Sabbath day. He cited the 18th chapter of third Nephi, Book of Mormon, which embosoms reasons for the taking of this step. In future this ordinance would be administered under the direction of the Bishops of the wards, in their Sunday meetings, where they could carry out the requirement which forbids that the unworthy shall partake of the sacred emblems.

Benediction by Elder Jonathan G. Kimball.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Overflow Meeting at the Assembly Hall.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon an overflow meeting was held in the Assembly Hall. Apostle Franklin D. Richards presided.

The services were commenced by singing the hymn:

We thank thee, O God, for a prophet,
To guide us in these latter days;
We thank thee for sending the Gospel
To lighten our minds with its rays.

Prayer was offered by Elder Lyman Martineau, and the congregation sang the hymn beginning:

Come, come ye saints, no toil nor labor fear,
But with joy wend your way.

ELDER H. J. GRANT

was the first speaker. He was very pleased, he said, to meet with the

Saints, and rejoiced in the fact that the Tabernacle was full to overflowing; that so large an attendance was present and that there were as many people outside as would fill over again the building in which they had met. He rejoiced to see so great a manifestation on the part of the Saints of the spirit that brought them together to hear the Gospel, and hoped that they would be strengthened and built up in their most holy faith. The sooner the people awoke to the truth of the fact that it is in proportion to their faithfulness that the Lord will pour out His blessings upon them, the greater would be their progress. He rejoiced exceedingly to have had the privilege of listening to the remarks made in the forenoon by Presidents Woodruff and Cannon, for the doubts that have hitherto been in the minds of the Saints concerning the ordinance of sealing and the principle of adoption had been cleared away. The speaker urged the necessity of a general work of purification among the Saints, and asserted that there was no question but that sacrifice brought forth the blessings of heaven. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is so broad and magnificent in its proportions that there is sufficient for all to do, and there was no necessity to infringe on the prerogatives of others. If the commandments of God are kept, the Gospel is the power of life and salvation unto all who believe. Not only will it secure exaltation in the eternal world but it would promote prosperity in material things in the present life. He thought that some of the Saints had been too narrow and contracted in their opinion of the plan of life and salvation, and was glad to hear the servants of God say that, though it was written but few in this probation walk the narrow path that leads to eternal life, in the spirit world the great majority of souls would accept the Gospel and be redeemed through the vicarious work of the Saints on earth. Reflection on the boundlessness and magnificence of the plan of redemption was fraught with thoughts of the great love and mercy of the Heavenly Father; and in further elucidation of the Gospel of Christ the speaker read the 76th section of the Doctrine and Covenants, from which he said he derived more joy and pleasure than all besides. In conclusion he hoped that as the Saints grew in years they would also continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, which he asked in the name of Jesus Christ.

ELDER A. H. CANNON

knew of no doctrine or principle, he said, that gave him more joy and pleasure than that which he had heard that morning. It was one of the advanced doctrines of the Gospel. It opened up to view the great depth and breadth of the plan of salvation more than had been hitherto accepted, and answered many questions that had come up in the minds of the Saints for many years. As soon as the first principles of the Gospel had been preached to the nations of the earth, the people had naturally concerned themselves as to the condition of their ancestors; for if faith, repentance and baptism were essential to salvation now, they had always been and always would be. Hence, when the Gospel came to them and they were told of the plan of the

redemption of the dead, it filled them with great joy and satisfaction. It was a pleasure to know that before the bar of God no man would be judged without having had an opportunity of accepting or rejecting the Gospel, and that it would be preached to them in the spirit world. The family organization existing on the earth was symbolical of that which will exist throughout eternity, and through the medium of the plan of salvation all would be united in the world to come. The speaker treated upon the principle of sealing husbands and wives and stated that though in years gone by there were but few instances where wives had been sealed to husbands who had died without the faith, yet good men withal, the opportunities now were greater because of increased knowledge having been received. To think that the family organization is to extend back link by link to the very beginning; that those who are dead would not be robbed of their children whose progress, integrity and faithfulness their hearts are yearning for, and who by such would yet stand at the head of their kindred as saviors upon Mount Zion, was replete with comfort and joy. But those who at that day do not stand as saviors upon Mount Zion will not receive the highest glory in the Kingdom of God. There are none so feeble now who can not perform some work, and though they have but few kindred that they know, they can perform the work for others and obtain a blessing. To those who are faithful and anxious to do this, God will reveal to them the names and lineage of their kindred as He has done to many in the temples before. The Lord does not wait till the millennial day for such work to be done. Link by link must be completed now and henceforward, and during the millennial reign the chain of ancestry will be revealed back to the beginning of the race. This is a principle new to this people, but old as eternity, and the increased light shed upon it by the servants of God had come in fulfillment of a desire on the part of the people. They had longed for this with which to satisfy their souls. They had gone as far as they could and it was necessary for God to reveal His mind and will. This shows that God must needs be sought, that He desires His people to draw near to Him. "Coming events cast their shadows before," and in like manner the necessity for further light had foreshadowed itself through the general anxiety in the hearts of the people and was known to God. If the people are discontented and feel that the Lord has withdrawn His face from them, the way to overcome the difficulty is to draw near to Him that the soul may be satisfied. The speaker rejoiced that God had filled the hearts of the Saints with love and charity to all mankind, both living and dead; for God Himself was full of mercy and was loving and kind. He was not one to condemn by outward appearances nor to condemn to all eternity any who sinned against Him, unless they placed themselves beyond the pale of pardon. Though their sins were as scarlet they might be made as white as wool if they would but repent.

ELDER MOSES THATCHER

was the next speaker. He had not