

Why was it that our prayers were not always answered? Because we had not done our full duty and had not prayed aright. Some of the young Elders who had gone abroad were receiving abundant answers to their prayers. This had not been the case as a rule when they were at home. This was because they were now energetically in the line of their duty, in full activity in the work of the Lord, who responds to their faith and efforts combined.

Elder Lyman then dwelt upon the harmony of the operations of the order of the Priesthood, with special reference to the functions of the First Presidency to preside over the Twelve, who labored under the direction of the three. He invoked the blessing of God upon the people.

The anthem:

Grant us peace, O Lord,

was sung by the choir, the oost part being rendered by Brother Thomas Ashworth and Sister Mabel Cooper.

Benediction by Elder Jonathan G. Kimball.

OVERFLOW MEETING.

Sunday Afternoon, April 4.

Elder George Teasdale presiding.

Opening hymn by the Temple choir:

Come, come ye Saints,
No toll nor labor fear.

Prayer by Elder Abraham Hatch:
Singing:

Hark the song of jubilee.

ELDER ANTHON H. LUND

of the quorum of Apostles was the first speaker. He began by referring to the remarks made at the morning session of the Conference and stated that it was gratifying to hear how the work of the Lord was progressing in the earth. He touched upon the observance of Fast Day and showed the blessings to be derived from obedience to that law. In closing the speaker expressed his pleasure at being privileged to meet with the Saints in annual conference and asked God to bless all.

ELDER M. W. MERRILL

made a few remarks. He spoke of the great importance of all of the Saints having a testimony of the truth of the work in which they were engaged. It was something that all who did not have should strive for in order that their faith might be strong. In this connection prayer was an essential feature, for without it the Saints could not remain in communion with Deity. Concluding Elder Merrill bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the latter-day work, at the same time urging all to get the spirit of their respective callings, referring particularly to the calling of a teacher.

Solo and chorus, Come all ye sons of Zion, by William Pardee and choir.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

of the Council of Apostles addressed the congregation. His remarks dealt with the blessings bestowed upon the Saints from time to time, and the appreciation that should be felt by the recipients of those blessings. Scriptural evidence was cited to show the second coming of Christ and also that many would shut themselves out of his

presence, because of their wicked acts. The neglect of the people to reverence Deity as they should was referred to, the speaker showing the disaster which would follow such a course.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG

was the closing speaker. He referred to President Woodruff's favorite hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way," and cited in support of the words thereof, the condition in which the Elders of the Church went out to preach the Gospel, and the success attending their labors. A few incidents connected with the life of President Woodruff were read by the speaker, the same having been written on the occasion of the celebration of the subject's ninetieth birthday. It showed the success attending President Woodruff's labors in the ministry, he at the time traveling without purse and scrip. The verses recited upon the presentation of a bouquet of ninety roses to President Woodruff, were also read to the congregation, the speaker concluding by bearing his testimony and urging all to be faithful as the leaders of the Church were faithful.

The choir sang:

I know that my Redeemer lives.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Alonzo H. Raleigh.

AT THE TABERNACLE:

Second Day, April 5th—Morning Session.

The choir sang the hymn which begins:

Hark! listen to the trumpeters?
They sound for volunteers.

Prayer by Elder Seymour B. Young.
Singing by the choir of the hymn which begins:

Glorious things are sung of Zion,
Another's city seen of old,—
Where the righteous, being perfect,
Walked with God on streets of gold.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH,

of the Council of the Apostles, was the first speaker. He hoped that the feeling prevalent at the close of each conference, that it had been the best ever held, would prevail at the close of the present one, and that the people could carry with them to their homes the true spirit of the latter-day work. He referred to the honor felt and shown toward President Woodruff, by all classes of people, on account of sturdy integrity for the cause he had espoused, and said that this was the just mind of all who had manifested such noble character. Many great characters were in existence at the present time, some of whom were past the time of great activity, but who had won for themselves a fame which would increase with the lapse of time. Justice was rarely done such persons by their contemporaries, on account of their failings being so manifest during their lives, and no doubt such would be the case with the venerable leader of the Church. His life had been an example of earnest, humble self-devotion, every energy being directed to the advancement of the cause of truth; an inspiration to the youth in all laudable efforts. Patient industry, determination, indomitable will, simple habits, and many other noble elements had

characterized his life. Called from the humble pursuits of life to his great and exalted labor, he had cheerfully assumed its responsibilities and earnestly borne them to the present, building solidly and well. In the opinion of the speaker no man can be found who had excelled President Woodruff in the sturdy qualities above referred to.

He deprecated the tendency so manifest at present, to show a lack of proper regard for the aged and faithful, but thought that this would be partially overcome by the life and example of President Woodruff, which could scarcely fail to inspire proper respect. The schools also should inculcate such reverence, the absence of which boded no good. There was a danger that the peculiarities of age would be allowed to prevent the manifestation of respect for the aged in the home circle, and such a condition should be carefully avoided, in order that the unity of the home circle might not be broken. The completion of the chain of relationship from generation to generation, could be accomplished only through the feelings of love and veneration of the children for the fathers, of which every faithful parent was worthy. Instruction of the children in this direction would bear proper fruit, in the turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers, and of the fathers to the children, to the unification of all the families of men. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to President Willford Woodruff for his loyalty and generous justice, commending his example to the Saints. He closed with a strong testimony to the Gospel and saving power.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

of the quorum of the Twelve was the next speaker. He advocated the study of the Scriptures and fidelity in prayer as a means of exercising a righteous influence over our children. All our disasters were attributable to our disobedience. This disposition was common in the world. The speaker here read from the 5th chapter of Paul's epistle to the Hebrews. It specially refers to the way in which men are called by God to positions in the Priesthood. The first requirement made of the child was to honor its father and mother. How necessary was compliance with this commandment. Witness the anxiety, labor and toil of the parents for their offspring. How natural it was that their affection and care should be rewarded by the love of their children. This reciprocal affection was indispensable to peace in the family relation. The speaker then treated upon some of the higher precepts of the Gospel taught by the Savior; also upon the relationship that existed between humanity and God, who was the Father of the spirits of all. When this connection was comprehended it ought to attract our love toward our Eternal Parent, and render us firm in our loyalty to Him. He also made reference to the atonement of Christ, through which the resurrection was brought about. A consideration of these principles, he said, superinduced to an appreciation of what God had done for His children, and led to obedience and noble humility. To place ourselves in such a position