

readily see the truth of the statement of Brother Thatcher that unless we are one temporarily we cannot be spiritually. Any Elder who would come up to this stand and speak, his expressions would be to the same effect.

We are taught that if any are sick they should send for the Elders to administer the anointing with oil and offer the prayer of faith, and the Lord would raise them up. It is not the man who administers that is to do the raising up of the sick, but the Lord. The miraculous signs are enumerated in the New Testament. Anciently the Disciples were informed that whatever they asked in the name of Christ, believing, would be granted them. A certain incident occurred wherein they failed to cast an evil spirit out of an afflicted person, and they explained the fact to the Savior. He said that the reason for the failure was that they had not fasted, and lacked in faith. The speaker cited several instances of healing by the Apostles anciently — notably the lame man at the gate of the Temple, related in the Acts. Christ performed many mighty miracles and works. In one place, however, he failed to accomplish much because of the lack of faith in the people. When the boy Joseph Smith, afterwards called to be a great Prophet, was administered unto by the Father and the Son, it was the result of a prayer offered in full faith that there would be an answer. Not all have the same gifts, but they are given to men according to the will of the spirit which imparts them. I have a greater desire for the gift of wisdom than any other. In laboring among the Saints I discern that spiritual gifts abound among them.

We have the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, containing the revelations given through Joseph Smith the Prophet. In it the Saints are enjoined to call for the Elders, but if they have not faith to be healed they shall be nourished with mild herbs, administered with skill by the hand of a friend. No one can administer herbs with skill unless this subject be made a matter of study. In this line people should have a knowledge of what they are doing. Many people have died for the lack of the application of this requisite skill. There are some who are so fanatical that they would almost rather see those related to them die for the want of a little skillful attention than have it said that a doctor had been in their house. I have been somewhat prejudiced in the past against doctors, but the more I become acquainted with some of them the more I think of them and the less I think of some of the charges they make.

The speaker gave an instance in his experience, in which a doctor who was traveling with him rendered effective service in some cases of emergency. This medical professional was traveling with the speaker in the capacity of an Elder, but had numerous occasions to make practical application of his skill.

Our greatest desire should be to build up the Kingdom of God upon the

earth; and our example should be such as to lead other men to glorify and honor the name of God. Joseph Smith and Brigham Young were prophets of the Most High. I know that John Taylor was a prophet, and that Wilford Woodruff is a Prophet, Seer and Revelator. I declare unto you that the word of God will roll on until it fills the whole earth. Separate yourselves from all that is impure; cleave to that which is good, praiseworthy and exalting in its nature and the Lord will bless His people. Keep your covenants, do everything that has been commanded by the Lord in righteousness and walk always in that straight and narrow path that leadeth to eternal life.

The choir sang "The Battle Hymn of Israel."

Closing prayer by Apostle George Q. Cannon.

Sunday Morning.

Meeting was called to order at 10 a. m.

The choir sang:

With all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song;
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

Prayer was offered by Elder Abram H. Cannon.

The choir sang:

Shall I, for fear of feeble man,
The Spirit's course in me restrain?
Or, undismayed in deed and word,
Be a true witness for my Lord?

APOSTLE GEO. Q. CANNON

addressed the congregation. He read from 1 John, chapter iii:

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

In standing up to address you I depend upon the assistance of your faith and prayers. It is a serious responsibility to address an audience like this upon the principles of salvation. I should not attempt it if I did not hope to be assisted by the Spirit of God. We are in peculiar circumstances. There never was a time when, as a people, we needed counsel from the Lord more than we do at present. We cannot live without the word of God. Our gathering into these mountains has been in compliance with the will of heaven. The organization of these settlements in this mountain region is due to the fact that God has given

commands, and the Saints have gathered in obedience thereto. Our preservation, growth, union and strength are all attributable to His blessings. If these were withdrawn we would be in a most pitiable condition.

We assemble to be instructed that we may better understand our relation and obligations to our Father, and to better know how to discharge our duties. Thus far He has not concealed His counsel nor withheld His words from us. The reflection gives me joy, that from the organization of the Church the Latter-day Saints have not been left to grope in the dark, without the will of God to guide them. The voice of revelation has not been withdrawn. There has been a voice from God, by which the people could receive a knowledge of His will. Shall we not today praise the Lord that there has been no darkness so great as to prevent the light of the eternal world coming to us? Our path has been plainly marked out. Mankind may have been pursuing devious paths, but the direction in which we should travel has been plainly manifest to us. This has been the case from the beginning, and I thank God that this certainty has been given to us.

Our Father has answered our prayers in the past, and has shown us what to do. Persecution has laid its heavy hand upon us, but we have not been left to ourselves. This great work has not been deserted by its Founder; nor has His favor been withdrawn from us. He has ever been near to give us light and every gift necessary for our circumstances. This has been a great blessing and is worth more to us than all worldly honor. Who is there that values eternal truth, that loves God, that desires eternal salvation, who would not give all he possesses for the blessings and favor of God? Men have died for less truth than we have today. They have made great sacrifices for principles less Godlike than those that have been revealed to us. These men have felt that they could sacrifice life itself for communication with the eternal world. Men have prayed for the Priesthood and authority of God, and have made boundless sacrifices to obtain it. What would Martin Luther have given for this authority? As it was, he dared the whole world; he took his life in his hand, and was willing to die for even the modicum of truth he possessed. But how much more willing he would have been to make the sacrifice if he had had the truths that we possess.

In the providence of God, His will was not communicated till this latter age. The earth had been drenched with the blood of Apostles and righteous men. The Priesthood was taken back to God till the time when He saw fit to communicate it. The courageous reformers will be rewarded for their labors, and receive the ordinances and salvation which they sought for. God's work is from eternity to eternity, and none of His children will be lost except the sons of perdition.