

Now, you don't need to think that I am criticizing anybody; I am stating the fact as I have seen it myself. We get the beauty of the earth, the music of the earth, gratuitously, from Sunday to Sunday, and we get the word of the Lord, and with many of us it has become a common thing, which we have ceased to appreciate very much.

Let us appreciate good instructions and good music, even though we are treated to them from Sabbath to Sabbath. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

Our Father in heaven,
Before Thee we bend.

Benediction by Elder George Reynolds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

AN OVERFLOW MEETING WAS HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL, COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon presided.

The congregation sang:

We thank thee, O God, for a Prophet.

Prayer by Elder Lewis W. Shurtliff.

Members of the Tabernacle choir who had come in and occupied seats in front of the organ sang:

He died, the Great Redeemer died.

The Sacrament was administered by the Bishopric and other officers of the Fourteenth ward.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN

was the first speaker. He referred to the glorious results of the teachings and words of wisdom which the Latter-day Saints had received in years gone by; a compliance with the same kind of advice and instructions would secure their future happiness and prosperity. The instructions of the late President Brigham Young and other leading men in Israel imparted years ago in relation to the Saints becoming a self-sustaining people were good today. While we were at the present time purchasing canned fruits and vegetables from abroad, our own productions of the same kind were permitted to perish for want of proper care and management. The same could be said of various kinds of manufactured goods. We had been also in the habit of selling hides at a nominal price to be shipped to Boston and other cities of the East, there to be tanned and manufactured into boots and shoes and shipped back to us. This was a ruinous policy to pursue. As Saints we should endeavor to act wisely in temporal as well as in spiritual matters. It was hoped that the Saints would learn from the things they were suffering at the present time, and by their action in the future prove that they meant to follow the admonitions of the Lord through His servants. If they did this Zion would prosper and flourish.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG

read from the Doctrine and Covenants, sec. 88, par. 8 and 4; and remarked that the doctrines which had been taught during this Conference are in accordance with that revelation. Many years ago, when the Saints resided in Jackson county, Missouri, the Lord revealed certain grand and sacred

principles which were calculated to make His people free and prosperous temporally, but mobs arose against the Saints in that land and drove them away from their homes. The speaker was highly pleased with the change in feelings and sentiments which apparently had taken place in that part of the country. In this we could see the mercy and hand-dealing of the Almighty, in answer to the prayers of His people, and in fulfillment of prophecy. After reading extracts from Church history concerning the pentecost enjoyed in the Kirtland Temple, when the Savior said that He had forgiven the sinners there, the speaker referred to the recent dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, on which occasion the Lord through His servants also declared that He had accepted of His people and blotted out their transgressions. This was a cause of great rejoicing among the Saints, and should stimulate us to renewed efforts in serving the Lord, who is merciful and full of forgiveness toward His children.

ELDER RULON S. WELLS

spoke of the opportunities which the business world afforded men for being dishonest, and questioned whether some of the Latter-day Saints had risen above temptations of this kind. If not, they should take heed from now on, and strive to be perfectly honest and fair in all their business transactions, and not take advantage of any opportunity that might present itself for them to be otherwise. The speaker also discouraged back-biting and slandering among the Saints, which always resulted in great evil, and admonished to a life of purity and consistency.

ELDER ABRAHAM H. CANNON

spoke in relation to the children of the Latter-day Saints, some of whom had gone astray, though their parents had always been faithful and true to God and their religion, and had done their utmost to train their families in the path of duty and righteousness. We were not to suppose that such wayward sons and daughters were lost forever. The speaker believed that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was broad enough to provide for the final redemption of these; that in due course of time, in the case of the prodigal son, the parents of these erring ones should rejoice in the repentance and salvation of their offspring; but perhaps not until after they had suffered the penalties of their misdeeds. But no one should take license from this and excuse themselves in committing sin. The sons and daughters of Zion should understand that their exaltation in the Kingdom of God depended largely upon their virtue and purity; and if they wilfully and knowingly sinned against God, their parents or society, they would have to pay the penalty. The speaker regretted the change for the worse in this connection which had taken place in Salt Lake City and other places in our Territory of late years. At one time virtue, good morals and the best of order were leading characteristics of the inhabitants occupying these mountain valleys; wives and daughters were safe by day and by night; but now we were surrounded by wickedness and abominations of all kinds. The wicked

had desired to defile Zion, if possible; they had laid their traps for corrupting the youth of Israel and all who were not sufficiently founded in the love of the truth and in the strength of the Holy Spirit. The speaker admonished the Saints to be on their guard against the abominations of the world and encouraged husbands, wives and children to love each other, to be true and faithful and act so that confidence and good will would be the crowning characteristics of the household. Parents should be careful in the example they set before their children, and pursue a course of consistency, which God could approve and which finally would become the means of saving their offspring, even if some should temporarily stray away.

The choir sang:

Captain of Israel's host and Guide.

Benediction by Elder A. H. Raleigh.

AT THE TABERNACLE.

The choir sang the "Hosanna" anthem.

Prayer by Elder David H. Cannon. Singing by the choir:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.

The sacrament was administered under the direction of the Bishopric of the Thirteenth ward.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

made the opening remarks, stating that although suffering from a severe cold on the lungs, and therefore feeling indisposed, he yet desired to say a few words to the vast congregation in Conference assembled. He referred to the many great and interesting truths which had been laid before the Saints by the brethren during Conference, and then proceeded to enlarge upon the subject of faith, through which, he said, so many marvelous things had been accomplished. He looked upon faith as one of the most important principles that God had ever revealed to man. The arch-enemy had labored against the Church of Christ in every age of the world; the enemy had labored against the people, but they had, nevertheless, great cause for thankfulness for the many mercies which the Lord had vouchsafed unto them. President Woodruff touched upon the vast resources of this Territory, and made special reference to the establishment of the sugar factory, which project was deserving of their hearty support. The Church has shouldered this responsibility to a large extent, in order to make the undertaking successful. The speaker paid a tribute to Brigham Young for the great work which he accomplished while among the Saints on behalf of this Church, and acknowledged the faith and prayers of his brethren and sisters through which he knew, in the mercy of God, his life had been preserved to this hour.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

read a portion of scripture from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, wherein he said, was set forth with great plainness the reason why there should be Prophets and Apostles in the Church of Christ. The speaker dwelt at length upon the authority and power of the Priesthood, and also spoke on the subject of revelation.