

when they grew to maturity. Disobedient children seldom became faithful members of the Church. The spirit of obedience was not an indication of independence of character. Submission to rightful authority was, on the other hand, indicative of genuine courage. (The speaker here related a number of instances illustrative of the correctness of this view.)

The noblest example of adherence to the law of obedience was exhibited by our Lord and Savior, who gave to us the highest lesson for the guidance of mortals in their conduct. In any course that affected the welfare of the Kingdom of God, it was the duty of each member to consult the authorities of the Church. The pathway of this work was strewn with the wrecks of otherwise great men, who had disregarded the wishes of those who were at the head of the work which God had established. No man, possessed of the Spirit of Christ, would ever give counsel that would injure those who sought it. If the people rejected the counsel of those who were placed to preside they would be under condemnation, as the authorities were the representatives of that divine power by whom they were appointed. The discourse throughout of the speaker pointed to the great necessity for the leading officers of the Church being imbued with the spirit of their callings, and the people at large being in harmony with the measures they inaugurated for the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness on earth.

#### ELDER MOSES THATCHER

Followed. He advised the Saints to become familiar with their own spirit and motives, and to avoid narrow and prejudiced remarks about one another. The character of one's associates, especially among the Latter-day Saints, should be sacred to him. Narrow judgment would always receive its own kind in return. Personal matters should not be brought into public notice, for such action would cause a feeling of bitterness for those whom one has personally injured. Envy was declared to be a heinous offense, resulting in such injustice as proves those who are guilty or it to be incapable of exercising just authority over others. Rule founded upon affection was preferable to that based on fear; love would beget its kind. The exercise of authority should always be characterized by kindness and self-sacrifice. Treachery in worldly affairs would preclude the possibility of perfect justice in religion.

Too much seeking after the honors and riches of the world would alienate the Spirit of God, leaving the man in blindness, to do and to say things which under other circumstances he would carefully avoid. Saints could not afford to have the friendships of years broken up by the vain wranglings and discussions of politics. Rather should every effort be directed through the Holy Spirit to the establishment of the Kingdom of God. Above all things should the Saints attempt to win to themselves the friendship and good will of all good men.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON, addressed the Conference on "The voice of the true Shepherd." He

cited instances prominent in the history of the Church, of God having clearly indicated on whom the authority rested to lead the people. The great body of the Saints had recognized the voice of the Spirit of the Lord, which had found an echo in their hearts. He also showed clearly that the experience of the past fully justified the people in listening to the counsel of God's servants. The concluding portion of the discourse was devoted to delineating the wonderful nature of the Latter-day work of God, and the marked characteristics of those who had identified themselves with it.

The choir sang:

O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

Benediction by Elder John D. T. McAllister.

#### THIRD DAY.

Oct. 6th, 10 a. m.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,  
But with joy wend your way,  
Though hard to you this journey may appear.

Prayer by Elder Hugh S. Gowans, of Tooele Stake.

The choir and congregation sang:

Redeemer of Israel,  
Our only delight,  
On whom for a blessing we call;  
Our shadow by day,  
And our pillar by night;  
Our King, our Deliverer, our all.

#### PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

delivered a discourse on the subject of revelation, showing that it was impossible to conduct the work of the Lord and lead His children without continuous communication with the heavens. He showed why the weak were chosen as the instruments of the Almighty in preference to those who were esteemed as great from the standpoint of the world. The humble did not take glory to themselves and could be used for the attainment of divine purposes. The speaker also dwelt for some time on the manner in which the Almighty prepared the way for the introduction of His dispensations to the children of men, and related notable instances associated with the setting up and establishment of the Church in this age. He also spoke for some time on the marvelous character of the dispensation of the latter days, inaugurated through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and bore testimony to the divine character of his calling.

#### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

followed. His address was mainly devoted to a delineation of the practical duties of the people. He remarked upon the great charge that had lately taken place in the public sentiment of the nation with regard to the Saints, whose good qualities and works were beginning to be understood. This change had not occurred because of a conversion to the faith to which the Saints were devoted, but on account of what they had accomplished in developing the resources of the country and improving the condition of the people. He then showed with clearness and force the necessity of instituting and sustaining home industries, naming a number which had been begun and had not received the degree

of support to which they were entitled. He earnestly contended that a self-supporting policy constituted the true basis of material greatness and prosperity.

The choir and congregation sang:

Our God we raise to Thee  
Thanks for Thy blessings free,  
We here enjoy.

Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young.

#### OVERFLOW MEETING.

An overflow meeting was held in the Assembly hall at 2 p. m. Elder Brigham Young presiding.

Choir and congregation sang.

Guide us, O thou great Jehovah,  
Saints into the promised land.

Prayer by Bishop R. T. Burton.  
Singing:

Glorious things are sung of Zion,  
Kuech's city, seen of old.

#### ELDER C. D. FJELSTED

was the first speaker. In looking over the vast assemblage of people that are unable to gain admittance, it makes me think that we, as a people, are eager to serve God. We do not hire ministers as other denominations do, to look after our salvation. We keep God's commandments and in so doing work out our own salvation. I feel that we, as Latter-day Saints, are blessed in having men of God preside over us; men who have communication with God, and can teach us those things which God desires us to attend to. The ship of Zion, although it sails in troubled waters at times, will bring us safely through if we will but stick to the rod of iron.

#### ELDER HEBER J. GRANT.

I have been truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the good counsel which has been given us during our conference. I am not what you could call a very religious individual, but I am what you could call a practical man in every sense of the term. When I hear a man or woman say that they believe that this is the Church of God and they do not show in their every day walk and conversation, that they act according to this profession, I don't have much faith in those individuals. We as a people claim to believe in home industry, yet at the same time we have woolen mills and factories in our midst that have had to shut their doors for lack of support. How is this? It is because we believe in one thing and practice another. If we loved Zion and the building up of the Church and kingdom of God, we would have enough home manufactories to turn out all the commodities which we are daily in need of. The fact of the matter is, we think too much of tea, coffee and a chew of tobacco, spending our money for these things which tend to lower and degrade us. The speaker here dwelt strongly upon the subject of home industry and admonishes those present to sustain them to the extent of their ability.

#### ELDER A. W. IVINS

began by reading a passage from the book of Jeremiah. It was a prediction uttered 600 years B. C. concerning the gathering of Israel. This prediction is now in course of fulfillment. The Latter-day Saints are a people of de-