

take place when this generation of young men and women shall have passed through another thirty years of this life, I do not think it would be wisdom for me to reveal it to the world. Nevertheless, I will say that no generation of young people before this has had greater evidence of the revolutions, changes, sorrows, or afflictions that will overwhelm the world, that will overtake the inhabitants of the earth, than those which are to come to pass in their time. The sorrowful fact is before us that never in our history has such a flood of crime and the power of the evil one trying to destroy the children of men been so rampant as now. One thousand murders are committed today upon the face of the earth where there was one a hundred years ago, or even when the Book of Mormon was translated into the English language by the servants of God. The same in regard to suicides. Look at the black catalogue of crime in our midst today. Why, the world will not realize all this unless they look at the signs of the times and read them. The signs of all heaven and earth indicate to us that the end is approaching—that the Son of Man is at our very doors.

To the sons and daughters of Zion I would say: I have done my mission to the world. I have traveled far enough to make a journey around the world six times within the last fifty or sixty years of my life in preaching the Gospel to the nations of the earth. My mission is now closed in that respect, and in the few days I have to spend here I want to use my voice in the cause of the sons and daughters of Zion.

Those who have obeyed and served God have always been unpopular with the world, in every age, from the time of Christ Himself. The Lord raised up a Prophet in the 19th century. Joseph Smith, the Prophet of God, labored with us for fourteen years after he had organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; he established a work which will stand until the coming of the Son of Man. I myself have traveled with him thousands of miles, and spent a great deal of time in his company. But he is now on the other side of the veil; so are also those Apostles who were then with us, among them Brigham Young, John Taylor, George A. Smith, the Pratts, and many among us now will soon follow them. But the Church and kingdom of God is here and will remain to the end.

I would say to the young people of Zion, "The God of heaven has laid upon your shoulders the honor and responsibility of bearing off this kingdom in your day and generation. You are called to build up Zion, to manifest your faith, to keep the commandments of God, to administer in the ordinances of the House of God both for the living and the dead. This is the work your fathers have laid upon you. Rise up and magnify your calling, prepare yourselves for the great work of God Almighty which rests upon you. If you are unpopular and persecuted—what of it? What if

your names are cast out as evil among men? There is a God in Israel. He holds your destiny as well as that of all nations under heaven, and He will not fail or disappoint any of His Saints." To those who are engaged in the primaries, in Sabbath schools, in young men's and young women's mutual improvement associations, let me say, "We cannot be divided in these matters." Having spoken of the excellent work which these institutions had accomplished in the past, President Woodruff alluded to the Relief Societies, which he said had been a great blessing to this people.

It has not unfrequently been said by this and other nations, "You 'Mormons' are not fit to live." Hard things have been said against us; and there have been so many lies told about us that nobody knows what is the truth.

Some time ago I came down here with a whole car load of ministers on their way to attend a conference, and as we passed by the Sixteenth Ward schoolhouse one of the gentlemen sitting by my side remarked, "Mr. Woodruff, what is that building?" I replied that it was one of our schools. "School!" he exclaimed, "Do you have schoolhouses?" I replied that we certainly had—that we had twenty Church schoolhouses in this city. "Why," he rejoined, "I am surprised; I did not know before that you 'Mormons' had a schoolhouse; I did not even know that you taught anybody!" A man of his standing should have known better; but that is just the way with the world today.

Do not be discouraged or fear that the Lord will fail any of you. This kingdom will increase in power and glory; the kingdom of God will increase until all those gathered together are prepared for the coming of the Son of Man.

God bless you and all those who are laboring in these Societies. You are upon a good mission. Here you have an army of young men, maidens and children; to save them is your mission, and God will bless you in it. May our Heavenly Father pour out His spirit upon Zion, prepare Jerusalem for the return of the Jews, gather together the scattered from the nations of the earth, and prepare all for the coming of the Son of Man.

Miss Louie Poulton here sang the solo, "The Lord is my Light;" after which

#### APOSTLE F. M. LYMAN

delivered a brief address. He pointed out the great importance of such an institution as that whose cause the Saints had met to advocate. Mutual Improvement Associations, the Primaries, and such like organizations had been established as helps to the Church, in order to prepare the young people of Zion to take upon their shoulders in turn those grave responsibilities which had been borne by their parents. It was necessary that they should be thoroughly instructed in regard to the Lord's work, made acquainted with the doctrines of the Gospel, and

become efficient representatives of the Lord. The time would come when it would be a disgrace to any young man born in Zion, upon reaching his majority, to be without a full knowledge of the Gospel.

Let these institutions, he urged, be encouraged and improved as far as possible, and let the true nature and object of their organization be constantly brought before the people.

If they would live godly lives they must suffer persecution. It could not be avoided, for this was a fallen world. The Prophet Joseph would have faltered thousands of times had not the Lord been with him and sustained him until the laying down of his life. It was by the power of God that the Latter-day Saints could endure both as individuals and as a people.

God bless the young men of Zion, their associations and organizations, that they may accomplish the work originally designed, that from their ranks there may come forth thousands of men who shall bear off the kingdom of God in due time, to the honor and glory of our Heavenly Father.

#### THE OFFICERS.

The following were sustained by unanimous vote of the congregation:

General Superintendency—Wilford Woodruff, Joseph F. Smith, Moses Thatcher. Assistants to General Superintendency—Junius F. Wells, Rodney C. Baiger, Milton H. Hardy, Joseph A. West, Edward H. Anderson, secretary; William S. Burton, treasurer; Evan Stephens, music director.

The choir sang a selected hymn:  
Come, Spirit, come.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Charles Kelley, of Box Elder Stake.

7:30 p.m.

Services commenced by a select choir, under the direction of Elder Evan Stephens, singing the chorus,  
From afar, gracious Lord.

Prayer by Elder Joseph H. Felt, of Salt Lake Stake.

The choir sang:

Praise ye the Father.

ELDER M. H. HARDY

responded to the sentiment, "True Education." This involved the axiom, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Training is causing to act, teaching is causing to know. True education embraces both. It includes the physical, spiritual and intellectual beings. If one was to be trained physically, spiritually and intellectually, the moral training would take care of itself. These three departments cover the whole field, and include the moral. True education is based on the principle that it is unnatural to do wrong, and natural to do right. It recognizes the fact that while everything has its opposite, yet right is the light and wrong the darkness. True education is based on theology. It is positive, instructing what to do rather than what not