

the ministrations of the angel referred to this morning, and through the Prophet Joseph, it was opened up for the last time. This was the great crowning dispensation of all dispensations, in which the Lord had declared that he would gather together in one all things that are in Christ, both in heaven and on the earth. When this work was opened up it was with the idea of perpetuity.

We were here to build up the Church and Kingdom of God, to carry on the work which He had commenced, with the consolation in our hearts—that it would never be taken away from that are in Christ, both in heaven and on the earth. When this work was opened up it was with the idea of perpetuity.

Mormonism comprised all that was good, virtuous and praiseworthy—that would lift up mankind and exalt him, and prepare him for the presence of his Maker.

The speaker advocated marriage among the young people in Israel, remarking that the man was not perfect without the woman, and the woman was not perfect without the man; and in the celestial kingdom, where was the highest degree of glory, the sexes went together; the one was not without the other in the Lord. Elder Penrose encouraged the young men of Israel to strive to get homes of their own, each to take to himself a wife whom he should treat as his companion, placing her on an equality with himself. She should be regarded as a partner in life, and let them together strive towards helping to build up the Kingdom of God and establish the foundations of society upon the proper basis.

APOSTLE ABRAHAM H. CANNON

bore testimony to the presence of the Spirit of God in this Conference, and said he felt in his heart that the Lord had many blessings to bestow upon His children on this occasion. If the Saints ever needed the Holy Spirit to lead them in the path leading to celestial glory, it was at the present time. Even in the reading of the Bible and other Holy Scriptures we need that divine gift to enlighten our minds, to enable us to understand and comprehend what we were striving to learn. The Lord also desired us to preserve ourselves in the enjoyment of health and strength by observing certain rules. He had given to His Saints for their observance. Then the Lord had promised prosperity to His Saints in a temporal point of view provided they would keep the law of tithing, and assist in a temporal way to build up the Kingdom of God. The promise was that those who were tithed should not be burned in the dreadful day of the Lord to come—that day which should come upon the wicked and disobedient. By observing the commandments which the Lord had given to His Saints, both spiritual and temporal blessings would be multiplied upon the Saints, and a brighter day would then be in store for Zion and her people, notwithstanding the dark forebodings and apprehensions entertained and expressed by some.

The speaker discouraged the spirit of faultfinding. Some of the people, he said, were in the habit of pointing

out imperfections in the lives of the leaders of the Church, and particularly the local officers. This should not be. These men were entitled to the confidence, love and good will of the people, to whose interests they were devoting their strength and ability, and the people could rest assured that when a man became unworthy of the position he held in the Holy Priesthood, the Lord would remove him, and appoint another in his stead. The speaker bore testimony to the faithfulness and integrity of the First Presidency and the Apostles, whose hearts were all devoted to the work of the Lord, and whose whole souls were wrapped up in the welfare of Zion. Even some of the old veterans, who had spent their entire lives in the service of God, were sometimes attacked by those who were always looking for the weaknesses of mankind. This should not be. Elder Cannon closed by bearing a strong testimony to the truth of the work of God and its ultimate triumph over all opposition.

APOSTLE MARRINER W. MERRILL next addressed the congregation. He urged that during this Conference the Saints should lay aside their business cares and anxieties, come to meeting, and listen attentively to the counsels and instructions given by those called upon to speak to them. They should gather together in a spirit of unity. Many topics were dwelt upon on these occasions, and it was therefore a good plan for the leading Elders of the Church to bring a note book with them and jot down the chief points in the discourses for future reference and guidance. Some excellent advice was given which should not be forgotten. They came there to counsel together and to receive a refreshing from the Lord which would stimulate them in their daily life when Conference was over.

The speaker touched upon the opposition which this Church had encountered, but said he did not share the too gloomy apprehensions entertained by many of their number. This great latter-day work had so far prevailed, and would continue to prevail until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of God and His Christ. It is not a good thing to prophecy evil concerning Zion; let us rather look upon things hopefully and so encourage others in the same direction. The good Spirit of the Lord would then bring comfort and consolation to the people. Where are the men, asked the speaker, who rose up against the Prophet Joseph in his day? History told us, as it did of the men who had fought against this work from then until now. They had gone here, there and yonder; while others had turned away from the work of God because their souls were full of bitterness. Latter-day Saints could not afford to indulge in bitter feeling, which was among the evils which came from beneath.

Elder Merrill counseled the Saints to pay their tithes and offerings regularly, lamenting the indifference which existed in some quarters in regard to this ordinance. Those, however, who had discharged these obligations had been abundantly blessed of the Lord. The Lord required us to make sacrifices from time to time, and we should always be ready to respond to any call made upon us in His name.

The speaker dwelt upon the necessity of unity and harmony in the family circle, and counseled the Saints not to neglect family prayer. He touched upon the subject of our Church schools. These were institutions of profit to the people and ought to be encouraged in every possible way, because in them our children were taught principles of doctrine which could not be obtained in public schools.

PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON

next spoke. He said that the Salt Lake Temple was nearing completion, and in this we had a great interest as the people of the Lord. The Prophet Joseph Smith made known unto us that without our fathers we could not be perfect and that neither could they be perfect without us. He showed unto us in his day the great necessity of building temples unto the Lord, where work could be done both for the living and the dead. The question was should we finish the temple here and have it dedicated on the 6th of April, next, according to the resolution passed at our former Conference, or let the matter rest entirely upon the shoulders of a few of our brethren upon whom the responsibility mainly rested for the accomplishment of the work? Upon us devolved the duty, however, of giving of our substance, and so strengthening their hands. It was an undertaking in which every one of us should engage. By united effort the building could be completed by the stipulated time, and free from debt. We would thereby give evidence that we loved our dead kindred as much as we loved ourselves.

May God help us to cultivate love of others within our hearts that we may prove ourselves deserving of the manifestation of God's divine love towards us.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

advised all mothers attending Conference who brought their infants with them to remain seated near the doors in order that they might the more easily leave if necessary, and so avoid any inconvenience to the congregation.

The choir sang the anthem "From whence come all these people whom I see?"

Benediction by Bishop Elias Morris.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The attendance at the opening session today was much larger than that of yesterday morning. Should the congregation continue to increase in dimensions the building will soon be insufficient to afford room for the people anxious to be present at the meetings, to enjoy the spirit of the occasion and obtain the full benefit of the instructions imparted by the speakers.

Conference was called to order by President George Q. Cannon, who was unable to be present yesterday, on account of his being absent from the Territory.

The choir and congregation sang:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,
To guide us in these latter days.
We thank Thee for sending the Gospel,
To lighten our minds with its rays.

Prayer by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.