

Benediction by Elder J. F. Allred.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Singing by Thomas McIntyre's Glee Class: "Hark! Hark! My Soul.

Prayer by Elder Rodney C. Badger

Singing, "God is Love."

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

addressed the congregation, commencing by reading from the fourth chapter of Proverbs. His remarks were then directed to the youth of Zion. Referring to the steady increase of "Utah's best crop,"—children, he said he was happy in the thought that the Saints had not fallen into the idea that children were a burden, or into the hellish practice of preventing their birth. God would curse any people who engaged in these practices.

It was necessary that the children of the Saints should be carefully trained in the path of righteousness. The future of the people depends upon the training and education of the young. If they grow up irreligious or unvirtuous, the future is a gloomy one. If, on the other hand they grow up with a lofty standard of life, a thorough reverence for Deity, and a disposition to obey Him, then the future can be contemplated with great pleasure. We have institutions among us which, if nourished, will materially aid in the proper training of the youth. There are the Primary Associations, the Sunday Schools, and the Improvement Associations, all presenting opportunities for advancement from early childhood. We should have our children so placed that they may profit by these advantages. There should be no carelessness on the part of parents. The Elders go forth and labor for years to bring in a few converts. The value of the souls of our own children should be deeply impressed upon our minds. There should be great zeal manifested by those who have charge of the education of the children, and the utmost pains should be taken to induce them to go where they will be instructed in the ways of Godliness. There should be united effort so that no one will be excluded from the benefits to be derived from our organization.

Our children can be trained in a way that is impossible for those who are older and have been influenced by the traditions of the world. Many people have turned away from the truth because of false traditions. There have been millions baptized, but only a small percentage have remained faithful. This falling away has been chiefly because of traditions by which they were prevented from receiving the whole truth. In this is shown the great value of early instructions. Not a child who has been properly trained will ever lose the influence of true principle. He may become wicked, but deep in his heart there will be found something of the love of the Gospel. But if we do not give our children

an understanding of the principles of truth they are in much greater danger. Therefore it is a matter of great importance that we guide them in the right path.

I have spoken of the large number of our children. But it is not in the great number wherein the blessing lies, but in the way in which those children are trained. The woman who has an Isaac for a son is more favored than if she had a dozen sons who were wayward. Hence the great necessity to teach our children so that they will conform strictly to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I cannot say more about walking uprightly than is said by Solomon in the words I have read. I feel that the fear of God should be implanted and cherished in every heart. We hear of the necessity of training in the various sciences; but after all, true knowledge is based on a testimony that God lives. Then science can be viewed from the standpoint of truth. This knowledge of God should be taught in all our associations. The children should be taught to pray, and they will receive a strong testimony in their hearts. I have mourned over young men who have gone to college and come back infidels. They are not in the path of true knowledge. The career of such is marred; they do not contribute to the increase of righteousness. Without the knowledge of God our education is not complete, nor can it be. Our text books today are in a line to lead students to doubt the existence of God. Ideas are set forth that weaken faith in the existence of Deity, and unless the children have a foundation of faith to build upon, disaster is likely to follow them. They should be taught to test all things by the infallible rule of truth.

These associations have for their object the acquirement of the knowledge of God. This depends upon the effort of the individual. No man can convey that knowledge to another. Each must seek in humility to the Lord in order to secure that great blessing. I know that God lives. You can obtain the testimony by humbling yourselves before Him and contending for it in faith. Then you will be on the same plane with the Prophets, and with all the great and good. Having this foundation, we can go on till we shall know God as He is. We can go on from faith to faith, from gift to gift, from knowledge to knowledge. Thus it was that the Prophets obtained power from God. Thus it was that in response to Elisha's prayer the heavens were closed that it rained not, and thus were the heavens opened again. It will be the same with us if we obey the same principles. Power and knowledge will rest upon us to equally as great an extent. It is a remarkable thing that when men have followed the counsel of the servants of the Lord they have been greatly blessed. God has honored the counsel of His servants, and thus has the Church been led by the spirit of revelation.

Some say they have not been able to obtain a testimony; but an in-

quiry would show that the fault is with themselves. Some want an overwhelming manifestation as a testimony, but such a desire is wrong. I know in my own experience that such a exhibition is not necessary. At one time I felt that I had no gift, but I learned afterward that I did have a gift from God. There was no great manifestation to me, but there came to me the peace of God, that has increased with me to the present. I have received gifts and grace since then, and have thanked God that He did not grant me the desire of my heart when I wanted a wonderful evidence I have learned that the greatest testimony is the gift of the Holy Ghost. It cannot be deceived. It is a testimony that lives—that no man can give or take away; no man can reason it away from you, or make you believe that it is what it is not.

Solo and chorus "Evening," McIntyre's glee class.

Apostle F. M. Lyman was not able to be present, and

APOSTLE JOHN W. TAYLOR

was called. He said he trusted he should, during his whole life, be worthy to follow in the footsteps of such a man as Brother Lyman. He regretted that Brother Cannon had been curtailed in his remarks, as he would have liked him to continue. Last night I was asked to deliver a sermon. I inquired what a sermon was, and the messenger replied that it was such as Christ spake on the Mount. But such a sermon you will not receive from me. Jesus says "Blessed is he that hungereth and thirsteth after righteousness." With me it is not a question "Does God live?" I have passed beyond that, and with me the question is, "How can I do the will of God?" I believe that many who think they are seeking to serve the Lord have such a fear of man that they fail to find God. It takes an independence of character, as well as humility, to serve Him.

One of the reasons why we cannot do His will is that we do not repent of our sins—that we do not hunger and thirst after righteousness. We reach out for gold and silver, instead of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Unless we labor together as Saints, unless we are one in temporal things, we cannot be one in spiritual things. Nine-tenths of the differences among the Saints are as to temporal matters. The day must come that if we have as an emblem the hive of Deseret, we must store our honey together. If we do not this, the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit will be withdrawn from us. We speak of strength; we should always add the word union, for therein is strength.

Let us dedicate all that we have to the service of God. We will not have influence with Him as we should have unless we unite in temporal matters. There is too much distinction among us today. It is not meet that some of us should gather our thousands of dollars, and that others should be wearing out