

lead to infidelity; the absolute sinfulness even of many harmless pleasures when engaged in on the Sabbath.

#### ELDER FRANCIS M. LYMAN

of the Quorum of Apostles, was the next speaker. He dwelt for some time upon the sacredness of this place where the Saints had for so long been accustomed to assemble. It was here where the living oracles had, by inspiration and revelation of God, dispensed words of wisdom and intelligence. He spoke upon the need of repentance, of contriteness of spirit and of humility; all of which should be exhibited by good works. If these conditions were needed as qualifications for entrance into the Church by baptism, they must also be continued as requisite to salvation in the kingdom of God. The promises to those who thus conducted themselves were fittingly delineated by the speaker. In this connection he quoted from the lucid teachings of the Book of Mormon. The attention of the assemblage was also directed toward the favor of God which had been manifested toward the Saints, who were urged under all circumstances to obey His commandments. Elder Lyman spoke of the living oracles, told who they were and described the nature of their duties, one of the greatest of which was to communicate the word of the Lord to the people. He stated that the coming of Jesus Christ was approaching and urged the Saints to prepare for that mighty event.

#### ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

of the Council of Apostles, testified that his presence in the Conference today was due to the healing power of God, manifested in his behalf. He spoke of the universal character of the Gospel and its salvation, stating that it would extend to all the creations of the Father. The term "Christian" was defined, and the statement made that it included a belief in Christ and an observance of His laws. Some of the defects of the Latter-day Saints were pointed out, and the need of proving their title to the name by their Christ-like acts.

They had the power to walk a straight line into the presence of God, and all were expected to live up to their privileges. Any failure of reward would be due to a failure of service to God. Most of the troubles from which the people were suffering were due to a lack of whole-souled devotion to their work, and a neglect of exercising proper influence over their children. A greater diligence and devotion was earnestly urged in view of the near approach of the coming of Christ.

**PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF** spoke briefly upon the comparative value of the living oracles and the written word of God; also upon the privilege of the Priesthood and Saints generally to possess the spirit of revelation, and to know the mind of God in respect to their individual duties.

The choir sang the anthem, We give thanks to Thee, O Lord of the harvest. Benediction by Elder B. H. Roberts.

#### SECOND DAY.

October 5th--10 a. m.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn which begins,

Redeemer of Israel  
Our only delight.

Opening prayer by Elder Elias S. Kimball.

Singing by the choir:

High on the mountain top  
A banner is unfurled,  
Ye nations now look up,  
It waves to all the world.

**ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS** of the Quorum of Apostles was the

first speaker. His opening remarks were upon the value and importance of the living oracles to the Church of God, and their precedence over what is called the written word. He showed, with clearness, that none of the ordinances of the Gospel, including those through the reception of which men could be admitted to membership in the Church of Christ, could be administered by that which was written. This could only be done by the living, authorized Priesthood. The joyous and saving effects brought by the Gospel were delineated, and the prominent distinguishing features of our religion and those of other ecclesiastical bodies were described. The speaker also dwelt upon the nature and object of the mission of the Savior, chief among which was the bringing to pass the resurrection and the life; also the giving to men a knowledge of things which extend beyond the grave. The visit of Christ to the ancient inhabitants of the American continent was, with some of its prominent miraculous details described. The condescension of God in establishing His great work through the Prophet Joseph Smith was referred to. Elder Richards, in the concluding portion of his discourse, urged upon the people to repent of all their sins of omission and commission, and made special reference to the proper observance of the Sabbath day, concerning the keeping holy of which injunctions as strict would be enjoined upon the Saints in future as were applied to ancient Israel.

#### ELDER LORENZO SNOW

of the Council of the Apostles followed. He read from the Doctrine and Covenants, section 110, respecting the visions manifested to Joseph the Seer, and Oliver Cowdery, April 3, 1836, in the Kirtland Temple. He stated that it was strange that so few had come to an understanding of the revealing of God and the Priesthood to the world, considering the active ministry of one thousand three hundred missionaries in the world, and their important and unique predictions. Yet the people of the world could know of the truth of these testimonies and principles simply by yielding obedience to them. For this there were ample precedents in the days of the ancient Apostles. Such personal knowledge of the truth of the work was absolutely necessary in view of the difficulties the Saints would be called upon to encounter. Those who had been gathered from foreign lands were living witnesses of the truth of that principle. Much, too, could be gained from the testimonies of high witnesses of miraculous events, and such testimonies were not lacking. All could gain a knowledge of the truth of the great work through these various means, and possessed of such a knowledge, they could well afford to meet and overcome difficulties. Under such circumstances a perfect union of the people in the bonds of the faith would not be only possible but natural. The proper control and discipline of the family circle were explained and urged upon the Saints.

#### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

addressed the conference. After a few preliminary remarks he read from a revelation in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants in relation to the law of tithing. He also read passages from the Bible upon the same principle. The speaker then delivered a short discourse on the subject.

A Priesthood meeting was announced to be held in the Tabernacle this evening at 7 o'clock.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing,

Come, let us anew our journey pursue.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Edward Partridge.

#### Afternoon Session.

The choir sang the hymn which commences:

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell,

By faith and love in every breast.

Opening prayer by Elder Abram Hatch.

Awake, ye Saints of God, awake!

Call on the Lord in mighty prayer,

That He will Zion's bondage break,  
And bring to naught the fowler's snare,

was sung by the choir.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON** delivered an elaborate discourse upon the authority which God has restored, its claims and standing before the people. Among the leading points presented and sustained by the speaker were, that anything that tended to weaken the influence of the servants of God was deplorable; it was to the guidance and activity of the authority of God that the prosperity and deliverances of the Saints could be ascribed; when the people read the written word they were more ready to listen to and seek the counsels of the authorities of the Church; it was through neglect in this regard that the present state of bondage, through indebtedness, had been brought about and existed; the brighter situation of the future would be brought about by the people listening to men of wisdom, experience and integrity; when it should arise all classes of citizens would enjoy its benefits.

#### THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES

were presented to the Conference by President George Q. Cannon, as follows:

Wilford Woodruff, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

George Q. Cannon as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Joseph F. Smith as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Lorenzo Snow as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill and Anthon H. Lund.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Patriarch to the Church—John Smith.

First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Seymour L. Young, C. D. Fjeldsted, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball and Rulon S. Wells.

William H. Preston as Presiding Bishop, with Robert T. Burton as his first and John R. Winder as his second counselor.

Franklin D. Richards as Church historian and general Church recorder, with John Jaques and Charles W. Penrose as his assistants.

As the General Church Board of Education—Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Cannon, Karl G. Maeser, Willard Young, Anthon H. Lund, James Sharp, Joseph F. Smith and John Nicholson.

As Trustee-in-Trust for the body of religious worshippers known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Wilford Woodruff.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

All of the voting to sustain the authorities was unanimous.

#### VACANCIES FILLED.

President Cannon announced that there being two vacancies in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles it was now intended to fill them.