

upon the minds of the people of Mexico; and while he would not stand up here to criticize the religion of others, he desired to say that Catholicism in Mexico differed in many respects from Catholicism in Europe or the United States. It adapted itself to the conditions of the people, and much of it was show, in order to enthrall the minds of the ignorant and the mixed races of that peculiar land. But when it came to sincerity and devotion, there could be no question but what it was largely sound there.

The authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were worthy of the confidence of the Saints. The latter should uphold and sustain them. Love begets love and confidence begets confidence, therefore we should love and trust each other. If wrongs existed in the Church they could not be corrected by the masses of the people, but by the proper tribunals, established for the settlement of differences. Keep well cultivated the strong cord of affection and look up to those in authority with trust and confidence. He thanked God with his whole heart that we had with us this afternoon the Presidency of the Church. Today we were, as a people, in the enjoyment of liberty, which was near and dear to us, and he rejoiced in the society of these men to bless and comfort the Saints on this occasion.

He prayed that the blessings of the Lord might be in the midst of this people and that they might follow the light of inspiration.

APOSTLE F. D. RICHARDS

read from the 65th section of the book of Doctrine and Covenants on the subject of prayer, being a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph Smith in October, 1831, at Hiram, Portage County, Ohio. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was the great point at which this prayer seemed to be directed—the object of our work here upon the earth and endeavor continually to spread abroad the Kingdom of God here below. We were called upon to lay the foundation of a great and mighty work upon the earth, and to prepare the people of all nations for the second coming of the Lord.

This was the greatest of all dispensations; and the work which the Prophet Joseph Smith continued to unfold to our vision, as set forth in some of his last sermons on the immense responsibilities resting upon this people, it devolved upon us now to carry forward. Trials and persecutions had beset all the faithful sons and daughters of God from the days of our Savior, and this would be the lot of all true Christians as long as life lasted. Many of the Saints who embraced the Gospel in their native lands were spurned in consequence by their friends at home, but they were content to make any sacrifice for the Gospel's sake, and gathered with their brothers and sisters in these valleys. But in all our trials the Lord had been with us, and the greater the sacrifice the greater would be the blessing. The speaker cited some of the struggles through which the Saints passed in the early days of the Church, but showed how, through all, the Lord's hand had protected us. Falsehoods had been circulated broadcast concerning this people, but a change for the

better seemed to be coming in this respect. The Lord has brought us here to make our light shine upon the nations of the earth as well as upon the people around us.

In regard to the Salt Lake Temple, the speaker expressed his confidence that the help required to complete it would be forthcoming, and that in six months from now the building would be dedicated to God. Then there would be four Temples in the Territory of Utah. Let us treat the strangers who come within our gates with Christian love, and he doubted not that here and there among the honest in heart would be found those who would embrace our faith.

After urging the importance of secret prayer, Brother Richards remarked upon the fact that the Book of Mormon has now been published in some ten different languages, most of which he enumerated, and advocated at the forthcoming World's Fair the establishment of a department where the Church works printed in the various languages might be obtained. Copies would thus find their way into foreign countries and so the truth would be spread abroad among the nations. The speaker directed the attention of the Seventies to this subject. It was a great work which devolved upon us to send forth the Gospel message to the human family, and he yet looked forward to the accomplishment of great things by the servants of God in this and other lands. This was the Lord's work, and, knowing it, we should go forward laboring unceasingly.

[The foregoing is necessarily only a brief synopsis of Elder Richards' excellent discourse.]

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON.

Following is a brief outline of his remarks: He had enjoyed these meetings today very much, and expressed his great regret that he could not be present on the opening day. This was a time when we could temporarily forget and lay aside the cares, perplexities, and annoyances of life, listen to words of counsel, and partake of that heavenly influence which always prevailed in these Conferences. The Lord had wrought great things in our behalf. This latter-day work was a standing miracle in the eyes of all the nations of the earth; it was a continued testimony, an indestructible work. It was not the plan, wisdom, or device of man that had wrought out such wonderful results which we witnessed here on every hand; and the Lord would hold the inhabitants of the earth accountable for the knowledge they had concerning this work, but which they did not make a proper use of. Where could be found anything like it in the whole world? This Church was founded and had been carried on in the face of all the opposition that had been brought to bear against it. He rejoiced that the Saints could meet together in Conference under such favorable circumstances as now prevailed, and that the heavens were still open to us. This was the only Church on the face of the earth, so far as he knew, that gave to every worthy male member thereof the Priesthood and the authority to officiate in the ordinances of the House of God. God intended to make of us a great

and mighty people. He had revealed to us that we are His children; and what a glorious revelation this was!

This Gospel would bring us back into the presence of God and the Lamb if we only obeyed all its principles and remained faithful unto the end.

The anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy, was sung by the choir, and the whole congregation joined in the Doxology.

Benediction by Elder L. John Nuttall.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

A meeting of the general Priesthood was held in the Tabernacle last night, April 7th, beginning at 7 o'clock. The first speaker was President Joseph F. Smith. He gave much practical instruction upon the subject of looking after the moral and religious welfare of the young, and seeing that they were not permitted to spend their time in idleness. He also spoke deprecatingly of the disregard paid by many to the commandment of God in relation to the observance of the Sabbath day. The concluding portion of his discourse was devoted to the evils growing out of going into debt without sufficient reason; the dangers of extravagance and class distinctions on the basis of wealth. He also exhorted his hearers to contribute generously to the funds needed to complete the Temple in this city.

President Woodruff followed by delivering a discourse upon the magnitude of the work of God and the responsibilities resting upon those who held the Priesthood.

President George Q. Cannon spoke upon the importance of those holding high office in the Church being careful as to how they used their authority, as they would be held to a strict accountability by the Lord for the manner in which they exercised their callings. None of the humblest of God's creatures could be wronged with impunity. He spoke also on the necessity of being charitable and of the evil results of backbiting; also upon the necessity of seeking to save our offspring, who, according to the everlasting covenant, were the children of promise. We ought to have great hopes of them, even when they went astray, exercising faith that they might be reclaimed.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The choir and congregation sang:

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

Prayer by Elder Daniel McArthur.

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning!
The latter-day glory begins to come forth;
The visions and blessings of old are returning.
The angels are coming to visit the earth.

was sung by the choir, the congregation joining.

THE AUTHORITIES

of the Church were presented by President George Q. Cannon for the votes of the assembly, 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.