

Saints and counsel them to remember the education of their children. Let us, he said, give our children that which no one can take away from them, and that is an excellent education. He hoped the Church university would so prosper that the time would come when the children of the East would come here to finish their tuition instead of the youth of Zion going there for that purpose. Might God bless the Latter-day Saints and help them to choose to walk in the path of righteousness.

President George Q. Cannon

then said that it would be appropriate for him to say a few words before the congregation was dismissed, in regard to the subject of the proposed monument to the memory of President Brigham Young. This matter had been carefully considered, a committee appointed, and the services of a sculptor secured. It was at first thought that comparatively few would contribute to the fund, but upon more mature consideration the opinion prevailed that this was an undertaking in which probably all the Latter-day Saints would like to engage. It was therefore decided that they should be able to contribute \$1 each. It was not expected that contributions should be limited to that amount; any one who chose to give more could do so, and it would perhaps become necessary to go beyond the sum named. But it was felt that each of the Saints might put in one dollar. There might be many of the children, too, who would like to add their mite, if not more than a dime or a quarter, so that they might be able to say, "I helped with what little means I possessed towards the fund for the building of that monument." This was a good time to take the matter up in earnest. Judge Elias A. Smith was treasurer of the fund, and the contributions of as many of the Saints as could donate during the Conference would be gladly accepted. When those present returned home they could tell their neighbors what was going forward and they to induce them to help also. In the days to come everything of this character—in which they took part now, every such movement in which our children took part—would be remembered with feelings of gratification. On this account it was well that the subscription should be a general one. This movement had its origin with the authorities of the Church. When the proposal was made to them they heartily approved of it; what was now being done was with their sanction.

President Cannon continued—In my remarks yesterday afternoon I alluded to Brother John Henry Smith. A member of my family afterwards called my attention to what I had said and observed that I did not explain myself fully, but that I left myself open to misconstruction. Least there should be any misapprehension on this point I wish now to explain what I really meant. What I said was quite clear to myself, though perhaps it was not so clear to some who heard me. It appears to have been thought that we (the First Presidency) told Brother Smith to do what he had done.

Now the explanation of this is very simple. John Henry Smith came to

the First Presidency when this division on party lines took place and said to us, "I am a Republican; I would like to give my voice to my brethren on Republicanism. Can I, being one of the Twelve, do it; am I at liberty; will I be transcending my bounds or doing anything improper?" We told him that we saw no impropriety in his doing this. Now that is what I meant by the remark I made yesterday, and I take this opportunity of explaining it, because I was told by two or three last evening that they were afraid somebody would put a wrong construction on what I said. I take pleasure in explaining this, though to the First Presidency it was quite plain at the time.

The choir sang:

Let the mountains shout for joy.

Benediction by Elder John Nicholson.

THIRD DAY.

Afternoon Session.

The choir and congregation joined in singing:

Our God, we raise to Thee
Thanks for the blessings free,
We hope enjoy.

Prayer by Elder Charles W. Penrose.

Singing by the choir:

Lord, Thou wilt hear me when I pray,
I am forever Thine;
I fear Thee all the day;
O, may I never sin.

There being a great many more people in and around the Tabernacle than could be accommodated with sitting room within the building, it was announced, by President George Q. Cannon, that an overflow meeting would be held in the Assembly Hall, over which President Lorenzo Snow would preside.

Apostle Abraham H. Cannon

addressed the congregation. He said it seemed a long time—sixty-two years—since this Church was organized, and especially was this the case when they considered the marvelous work which had been accomplished. God had indeed been with this people, and had performed that which we today witnessed. But with all that had been carried out already, there was still a great deal to be done in the accomplishment of the mission which God had assigned to the Latter-day Saints. He had placed upon us the duty of preaching this Gospel of the Kingdom to the world. True, we had done this to a very great extent already. Every quarter of the globe had been visited by the Elders and in almost every language had the truth been proclaimed; but a stupendous work yet remained to be done. Touching upon the question of dissension, the speaker asked what good would it do, if discord was sown, to bring emigrants here—if they were placed in the way of following the example which was too frequently set them by some of those who professed to be the people of God? It would perhaps be better, under such circumstances, to leave them in the lands where they now dwelt than have them here to make them apostates to the truth and perhaps send them forth again to spread falsehood and circulate im-

proper rumors concerning the Saints in Zion. He counseled the people to look after their brethren and sisters who arrived here from abroad, and urged that suitable employment should be provided for them as soon as possible, in order that their minds might not be kept idle and filled with idle thoughts. In this Territory there was ample work for all, and it was well that the people should be kept employed, thus keeping them out of the way of that evil which prevailed to too great an extent in our midst. Let us seek to beautify Zion by the industry of our own hands, and work unitedly for the salvation of our fellowmen.

President A. O. Smoot.

of Utah Stake, was the next speaker. He said it afforded him exceeding pleasure in having the privilege of addressing that vast audience, and of bearing that testimony to the truth of the great work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged. If they carried out in practice those things which had been pointed out to them during this conference Zion would go upward and onward, and no power beneath the heavens would stay her progress. He had been a member of this Church from his boyhood, and he had been acquainted with the Latter-day Saints for fifty-seven years, having embraced the Gospel under the administration of Elder David W. Patten and President Wilford Woodruff.

The speaker drew a picture of the lives of the Saints in the early days, referred to the experiences through which they had since passed, described the condition of this western country at the time the pioneers first reached it and compared it with the present. After saying that he had done his utmost in his own humble way to preserve unity among the Saints, and to improve their spiritual condition, the speaker deprecated the feeling, already dwelt upon, which he had observed here in regard to political affairs. This should not be; let them rather give heed to those things which would build up Zion and make her happy and prosperous. Might peace be with Israel.

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.

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, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Mariner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, and Abraham H. Cannon.

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—Jacob Gates, Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fieldsted, John Morgan, E. H.