

people. There never will be a lack of a man of God to stand at the head of this great work. I have been a witness of many deliverances wrought out by an unseen hand for this people. It is true that the first Elder of the Church, with many others, was called to lay down his life, and many have had to endure hardships, but this need not be a cause of regret. If there were no trials no man could be tested. The promise of eternal life is to those who endure unto the end. It has been said of Jesus that He was a man of sorrows. His life and habits showed Him to be a most earnest Being, not dwelling upon the lighter things that engage the attention of smaller minds. It is good for us to emulate the virtues of those who have overcome. We may expect to be subject to annoyance and perplexity until the Lord shall come. I have seen many of the efforts made to destroy the Priesthood, and have been able to judge the motives behind these attempts. Those motives have been unworthy. Many subterfuges have been used as covers for these endeavors. These efforts have been made in the name of morality, but the pretense has been hypocritical. This is made clear by the practices of those who conducted such assaults against the Priesthood. I rejoice that men and women make it an object of their lives to walk in purity. There may be exceptions, but I do not believe they are so numerous as to cause alarm. I am willing to consecrate myself for the benefit and progress of this great cause we are engaged in. May the Lord add His blessing.

ELDER JOHN T. CAINE

said he deemed it a great privilege to stand before the Saints in a conference, and express his joy that the people were becoming more united, and the work of God was still progressing in spite of the efforts made against it. I rejoice to hear the testimonies that have been borne, and to witness the sincerity and earnestness of the people. This is a glorious day. We have passed through many trials, but the people are still anxious to see and hear and associate with the servants of God. We have raised our hands in covenant toward God to sustain them, and it is our duty to keep that agreement. It is now over 42 years since I joined this Church, and I have never regretted it. I rejoice in laboring with you in the cause of right. May we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord.

The choir sang the anthem:

Lord, what is man?

Benediction was pronounced by President Wilford Woodruff, and the Conference adjourned till April, 1890, the precise day to be hereafter announced.

OVERFLOW MEETING.

In the Assembly Hall an overflow meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, Apostle H. J. Grant presiding. On the stand were: Of the Quorum of Apostles, H. J. Grant, John Henry Smith and A.

H. Lund; also Counselor John W. Young; of the presidency of the Seventies, John Morgan.

The choir sang:

Great is the Lord, 'tis good to raise
Our hearts and voices in his praise.

Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Paxman.

The choir sang:

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears.

The Priesthood of the Eleventh Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN

addressed the assemblage. A passage of Scripture has presented itself to my mind several times today while looking upon the great numbers of the Saints: "Give us room that we may dwell." When we consider that the settlements of the Saints extend from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south, we can better understand the meaning of these words. It is a source of joy for the Saints to know that their numbers are so rapidly increasing and that such an overflow meeting as this is necessary.

That the Latter-day Saints are more firmly grounded in the principles of the Gospel than they ever were before, and that their numbers are steadily swelling, is apparent, and is a cause of rejoicing to the Saints. The honest are gathering to these valleys from all parts of the earth. Here they find that which will make them better, and redeem mankind and the earth from the condition both have lain in for so many centuries. Though the world may not believe this, and though they may deride the Latter-day Saints, not one word of the Lord will fall unfulfilled, and all that He has promised will be accomplished. The opposition we have in the past encountered has caused this work to be filled with life and activity, and a great incentive which the Saints have had to faithfulness. When we see the wealth of the world pouring in upon us we might well fear the result, but for the legislation which has been passed against us; and it will yet become apparent that this legislation has been a blessing to us. The men who have suffered under it, and who have endured imprisonment, are more faithful and humble than ever before. The Kingdom of God is moving steadily forward and is accomplishing the work assigned it.

As individuals we have need to walk cautiously, for we are today passing through an ordeal that we will in the future look back upon as a fiery one. We have need to guard our footsteps lest we take a false step. There is no reason to turn from the Gospel; but on the contrary there is every rightful incentive for us to continue to practice every principle God has revealed. These principles are worth caring for, and we cannot afford to trample them down nor turn aside from them, nor treat them slightly.

Let us carry the spirit of this conference home with us; let us carry

it into the valleys of these mountains where we dwell. So shall God be with us and His blessings abide upon us.

COUNSELOR JOHN W. YOUNG

addressed the Saints. The Latter-day Saints who have attended this conference are witnesses that the Spirit of God has been poured out upon the people abundantly. Personally I have never enjoyed a conference better, and I feel that we have great occasion to rejoice.

We are engaged in a great work, that of the Gospel, which has been restored in our day, with the promise that it should nevermore be taken from the earth. We live when Apostles and Prophets speak unto us under the inspiration of the Almighty. We have privileges which are great, far greater than we appreciate. The time allotted to us on the earth is short. In it we ought to lay a foundation for an eternal salvation. We have no time to lose. Let us go forth from this conference determined to right the wrongs we have committed. Let us be more united in temporal things than we have been heretofore, and be in temporal as we are in spiritual affairs. There is comparatively little discussion or division among the people concerning spiritual matters; but what about their temporal affairs? Are they united in them? To a certain extent, yes. The people have gone forth and built new settlements and have shown much union in such labors as the bringing out of water upon their lands. But there are higher laws of temporal union which we have not carried out, and we will be held accountable for the course we have taken in regard to these things. Let us be more united temporally. If we will be, we shall have more power spiritually.

APOSTLE A. H. LUND

addressed the Saints. In arising before you, my brethren and sisters, I can say it has been a time of refreshing for me in attending this conference. Jesus told the woman at the well that He would give her of the water of life, and after drinking of it she would not thirst again. We can all testify that after having drank of the Gospel we have not thirsted. Our doubts have been removed, and we have retained a consciousness, a testimony that we have received the truth. How thankful we ought to feel that we have become members of the Church of Christ.

How true were the words spoken by the Lord to the Prophet Joseph, that a great and marvelous work was about to be begun. When I read the Book of Mormon, and ask the question, is it possible that this can be an imposture, the answer is, no. This book was published before the Church was organized. In it is the declaration that when the spiritual gifts cease, faith has ceased. This is a statement that could be brought against this work if it were not true. How could Joseph have dared to put such words in a book written by him, had he not been inspired? The book