

LIFE OF PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH

Discourse by Elder B. H. Roberts
At the Tabernacle Yesterday Afternoon.

RARE GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Large Audience Listens With Rapt Attention to the Speaker Who Recites Work of Martyrs.

A discourse on the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith by Elder B. H. Roberts characterized the afternoon session of the Ensign stake conference. The body of the tabernacle was completely filled and the large audience listened with

rapt attention as Elder Roberts delved into the teachings of the great prophet of the nineteenth century and brought forth gems of thought most for the seeker after truth, religious, scientific or philosophical.

As a text, Elder Roberts read the following extract from Joseph Smith's "Pearl of Great Price": "It is by no means improbable that some future test-book for the use of generations yet unborn, will contain a question something like this: 'What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his country?' And it is by no means impossible that the answer to that interrogatory may be thus written, 'Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet.' And the reply, assured as it doubtless seems to most men now living, may be an obvious commonplace to their descendants."

The speaker referred to the impress made upon the minds of their countrymen and of the world by such statesmen, philosophers and theologians and inventors, as Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, Daniel Webster, Abraham Lincoln, Longfellow, Poe, Emerson, Eliza Follen, John, Jonathan Edwards, Channing, Beecher, Abbott, Morse, Whitney and Edison. Is it presumption, he asked, to compare Joseph Smith with these? The term prophet means more than one who predicts or foretells; it means a teacher of men, an expounder of God's word, the voice of God to the people. The condition of the world religious-

ly at the time of the advent of the subject of his discourse, was briefly explained by Elder Roberts. While Christians believed there had been revelations from God to man, that in times past angels had visited the earth, that men had even talked face to face with Deity, the opinion was universal that neither the present nor the future would witness any such manifestations again. The doctrine was taught that God was a being without body, parts or passions, in a word, immaterial; that out of nothing He had created the universe and all life and animation. Regarding man's salvation many vague ideas prevailed; redemption or damnation by the mere carrier of the Creator being a doctrine that largely obtained. Against these errors the boy prophet proclaimed in no uncertain tones. He announced anew the truth that God is a material being, that man is in His image, for he beareth the Father and the Son; that earth's children were created by communication from heaven and revelations from God and the visitation of angels were again to bless mankind; that salvation was not for a chosen few, but was within the reach of all who desired it; that man's soul is immortal and endowed with such attributes as shall lead him onward and upward throughout all time.

GEMS CONTRIBUTED.

If these teachings were all that Joseph Smith had announced to a religious world believing entirely to the opposite, they would have stamped

him as being a personage of no mean consequence, declared Elder Roberts, but these were only the commencement of his sayings and doings in the realm of thought. Directly or indirectly he contributed to the world's thought a new era in spiritual philosophy that shall win universal recognition. The doctrine that there is no end to space, that there is no space in which there is no kingdom, and that intelligence was not created, neither can be, and other principles of a similar character, were dealt out by Elder Roberts in a most masterly and convincing manner. There is no such thing as failure where the kingdom of God is concerned, said Elder Smith in conclusion.

"The glory of God is intelligence." "No man can be saved in ignorance." "A man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge."

"Adam fell that man might be; man is that he may have joy." "The elements are eternal, and spirit an element, inseparably connected, receiveth a fullness of joy."

PATRIOTIC AMERICANS.

"This prophet of ours is preeminently the American prophet," he declared. "Never was a greater mistake made by mortal man than when it is supposed that the followers of Joseph Smith can be anything else but ardent, patriotic Americans. Let me show that to you. Over and over again in the sacred books produced by him, these two great continents of the western world are proclaimed to be the promised land." Here Elder rose, the valley of Adam-on-di-ahman is out there in the Missouri valley. Here Adam and the patriarchs dwell, and here the archangel Michael or Adam, gathered in his posterity about him in the valley of Adam-on-di-ahman; and though bowed by age yet strengthened in the spirit of God he rose up in the majesty of the grand presidency of this earth and foretold what should befall his posterity to the latest generations. This is the land of Zion. This is the land, according to our prophet, teaching from whence shall go forth the law in fulfillment of the prophecy saying that the time should come when the law should go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The Constitution of this land our prophet proclaims to be an inspired instrument.

"If you will listen you may hear," he continued, "away down below us, some murmur coming up like: 'Joe Smith, plagiarist; Old Joe Smith, the money digger; Joe Smith who stole Spaulding's manuscript and published it as the Book of Mormon; Joe Smith, the licentious—a bundle of confused voices pelted the memory of the prophet, as we stand here amid the glory of his achievements.'"

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CONFERENCE IN ENSIGN STAKE

Many Reports On Conditions
Among the Auxiliary Organizations Are Made.

The Ensign stake quarterly conference was held yesterday, the first meeting convened at 10 o'clock in the Assembly hall. There were present on the stand Presidents John R. Winder and Francis M. Lyman, Elders Hyrum M. Smith and George F. Richards, of the council of the apostles, and the presidency and leading elders of the stake. Elder Richard W. Young presided. Music was furnished by members of the Twentieth ward Sunday school, the selections being "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah," "Joseph Smith's first prayer," "The Christmas Carol" and "Far away on Judea's plain." Elder Hyrum M. Smith offered the invocation, and the benediction was pronounced by President Francis M. Lyman.

Elder John M. Knight reported the general condition of the Ensign stake, the various church, ward and auxiliary organizations. Never before had there been such interest manifested among church members in the matter of attendance at meetings and in the performance of all ecclesiastical duties. Upwards of 50 per cent of the entire membership of the Church are each Sunday represented at sacrament meetings, and in some of the auxiliary organizations the attendance reaches nearly the 100 per cent mark, in some instances.

Elder Knight said that many persons not members of the Church are being cared for by the Relief society of Ensign stake. The sick and destitute of all creeds and classes receive the prompt and kind consideration of the sisters of the society and their benevolence knows no restrictions. The Relief classes, he observed, were perhaps more lacking in interest than any other organization, and the speaker urged upon parents the necessity of seeing to it that their children were identified with Relief classes.

PRESIDENT R. W. YOUNG.

The general and stake authorities of the Church were presented for the vote of the conference by President Richard W. Young, and all were unanimously sustained.

Speaking of the report given by Elder Knight, President Young endorsed the same in every detail. Perfect harmony exists, he said in the presidency of the stake and between its members, the bishops, members of the high council and all officers of ward, stake and auxiliary organizations. A strong plea was made by President Young for the parents' classes provided for in the Sunday schools. The aim was to educate fathers and mothers, that they in turn might be teachers of their own offspring. The children are in the Sabbath school but two hours a week while they are at home, or under the tutelage of the remainder of the entire seven days. Not only would the attendance of parents at Sabbath school prove a blessing to children, but the day would be made one of less idleness, less feasting, less visiting, and be what it should be, a day of rest and worship.

ELDER HYRUM M. SMITH.

Elder Hyrum M. Smith said that the reports given of the Ensign stake were most encouraging. The splendid spiritual condition of the people was no wonder, as with such local leaders it could not well be otherwise. As with the priest so with the people.

Elder Smith held the opinion that the Primary association is one of the most important organizations in the Church. What a knowledge of truth and love for it are instilled into a youthful mind, the possessor will seldom stray far from the narrow path, and if perchance he does in a measure

wander away for a time, the sweet remembrance of childhood days will sooner or later bring him to repentance.

The faith and constancy of Church leaders was dealt upon by Elder Smith from the Prophet Joseph Smith to President Lorenzo Snow, and he remarked that the present leaders are not one whit behind their predecessors in integrity and right living. With them it is the kingdom of God first, last and all the time. The authorities should be sustained with good words and good works. There is no such thing as failure where the kingdom of God is concerned, said Elder Smith in conclusion.

Two great obstacles seem to stand in the way of people who are converted to and desire to become identified with the Church of Christ. The first of these is the continually heaped upon one who attempts to follow the Savior's commands, and the other is

found in the sacrifices a believer is called upon to make. Of the first the latter-day Saints have learned to pay but little heed. The sacrifices, however, still remain though it no longer is required that all they possess be brought and laid upon the altar. Many find it exceedingly difficult to bring one-tenth of their increase as an offering unto the Most High, and some there are who not only give grudgingly, but like Annas and his wife of old, seek to deceive. The same punishment may not now be meted out as in the scriptural case, but there are punishments worse than death, and he who is dishonest with his God may live to rue the day.

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