

Prayer by Elder Abraham H. Cannon.

Singing by the choir.

Behold the mountain of the Lord
In latter days shall rise,
On mountain tops above the hills,
And draw the wondering eyes.

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, Marriuer W. Merrill, Anton H. Lund and Abraham H. Cannon.

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

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

William B. 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, and John Jaques as his assistant.

At this point President Cannon remarked that as the Temple was now completed, there would be no need for any longer retaining the services of Elder Don Carlos Young as Church architect. It was due to him, however, that this Conference should accept his past labors as Church architect and tender him a hearty vote of confidence and esteem.

John Nicholson as Clerk of the General Conference.

The resignation of Amos Howe as a member of the Church Board of Education, tendered on account of failing health, was accepted by the Conference.

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

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

ELDER F. M. LYMAN

besought an interest in the faith and prayers of the congregation during the short time he addressed them. It was a great privilege, he said, to be in attendance at this conference—one of the most important Conferences that had ever been held in the history of the Church. The Lord had sustained this great latter-day work up to the present time, and would continue to do so in the future, because it was His work, and by His own person and

by His own voice He had introduced this Church to the children of men.

We had not to depend upon the Holy Scriptures of ancient times alone, upon those of modern times, or those of the Nephites. All these were as witnesses of God and to His work, and would not be sufficient to convince men of the truth of the Gospel or that God lives. This testimony could only be given by the Holy Ghost the Comforter and every true Latter-day Saint was entitled to enjoy it. The Holy Ghost had borne record to our souls and convinced us of these truths in answer to our prayers and obedience to the Gospel.

The trials through which the Saints passed from time to time were intended to test their faith and integrity, to purify our souls and increase in our hearts a knowledge of the wisdom of our Father in heaven. The reformation which was now needed in this Church was individual reformation, whereby we could discover under the light of the Spirit of the Lord our weaknesses and imperfections, leading us on to better things.

The Latter-day Saints were looked upon by the world as an aggressive and something of a dangerous people, as being alien to the commonwealth of this country; but the aggression of which this Church had been guilty was of a peaceable character—the preaching of the Gospel and the conversion of the honest in heart; and that was all they were seeking to do now. The work of the Latter-day Saints would be accomplished by reason, truth and the power of God, and not by the power and strength of men, not as one nation subdued another. No more peaceable people than this could be found in the whole world today. It was the duty of parents in Zion to so raise their children that they would continue steadfast in the faith and listen always to the promptings of the Spirit of the Lord. The Latter-day Saints should live strictly up to what they professed. They should be more strict in their family prayers, more regular in their attendance at meetings on the Sabbath day, and in partaking of the holy sacrament. They should strive to fulfill all their obligations faithfully, be honest in their dealings, and ever ready to forgive those who gave them offense.

The speaker laid special stress upon the importance of a good example on the part of parents towards their children; this was better than all the precept that could be laid down for the guidance of the young. We should shun every evil course and above all avoid those who indulged in profanity, intoxicating drink, or kept evil company. Unless we did this we could not faithfully serve our Father in heaven.

The Lord had graciously given us testimony after testimony of the truth of this work and the principles which He had revealed to us. Let us, then, honor Him and His laws, do His will, and listen carefully to His counsels and those of His servants.

Elder Lyman also spoke upon the subject of charity, and said we should seek to cheer and comfort and impart hope to those who were less fortunate in the affairs of life than ourselves. He prayed that the blessings of God

might rest upon this people, and said it should be the pride of every one who entered the Temple to go there with "a broken and contrite spirit," that the Lord might remain with them through their future lives.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH

was the next speaker. He too, touched briefly on the subject of the Temple, and said that at this time many eyes were turned Zionward. To his mind the greatest missionary experience in the history of this Church was taking place today, and he himself counseled the Saints so to live that they would be found walking in the path of eternal life.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

expressed the great pleasure which he felt in again meeting with the general body of Saints, after a lengthened absence. He presumed they all realized that we were engaged in a spiritual warfare; and it was very sweet and healthful to be associated together in our conferences, where we come to hear the word of the Lord and to sit in judgment upon ourselves, trying to see how far we were in harmony with those principles which the Lord had revealed from the heavens. It was impossible to understand the things of God unless we possessed His Spirit, and this could only be obtained by diligent faith and prayer. When a man did not pray it was evident that he did not require anything at God's hands. There was no royal road to heaven; in this respect the king on the throne and the beggar in the street stood on equal terms. Unless we humbled ourselves and become even as a little child we could not enter the Kingdom of God. We could not expect the Lord to say to us "Well done good and faithful servant," if we failed to do His will.

In regard to the payment of tithing, the speaker urged the Saints to be strict in this regard. To whom did they pay their tithing? Why, to the Lord through His appointed agents or servants; and when he himself had done this he could say from his breast, "Father I have done Thy will." He bore his testimony to the truth of the establishment of the Church of Christ upon the earth and to the restoration of the everlasting Gospel, spoke of the unity which existed in the quorum of the Twelve, and counseled those who were about to go into the Temple to do so with the fear of the Lord in their hearts. Then His richest blessings would attend them.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

Said he realized that there were a great many persons in this city waiting to go into the Temple in the day and time appointed unto them, and it was therefore deemed inadvisable to continue the present Conference in this building in view of the dedication services. The Lord had been very merciful unto this people, and he felt thoroughly satisfied that His blessing would be poured out in abundance upon all those who there responded to the call made upon them for assistance in finishing the Temple. He rejoiced in the blessings which the Saints had enjoyed upon the present occasion in listening to the