

ment, from that day to the day of his martyrdom, was by the revelation of Jesus Christ. We ought to understand this, and as a people have faith in God, in His revelations, in His promises. We should look forth for the fulfillment of these promises unto us in the day and generation in which we live. They will be fulfilled. The Lord is at work. He has set His hand to accomplish the great dispensation of which all the patriarchs and Prophets have spoken since the world began. Therefore let not your hearts be troubled; believe in the Father, believe in Jesus Christ, believe in the gospel which has been preached unto us, and keep and fulfil the commandments of God; then all will be right. The Lord will not fail the Latter-day Saints; He will not fail in His work, in the gathering of His people; He will not fail the seed of Abraham; He will not fail the seed of Judah. They will be gathered home to Jerusalem, their holy place. They will receive their city and temple, and be prepared for the coming of their King.

Zion will arise and prosper. If the Latter-day Saints will but do their duty, there is nothing in the way of our accomplishing all that has been promised unto us. I have no fears myself with regard to the outcome and final triumph of the Kingdom of God, of the Zion of God, of the Church of God, of the Saints of God. The Lord has already gathered many thousands to these valleys of the mountains, in fulfillment of His promises.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us be thoughtful while in the flesh, and seek to magnify our calling. Let our hearts be set on the building up of the Kingdom of God, and none shall fall. With regard to those who may address us during this Conference, I hope that they may all have our prayers, that they may be inspired by the Spirit of the Father, and preach only those things which are true and faithful.

May God bless us and pour out His Spirit upon us, that we may have a good time at this Conference. May we enjoy that Spirit, may our hearts be united together, and may we rejoice in those principles which have been revealed for the comfort, salvation and eternal life of the children of men.

Elder John Morgan

was the next speaker. His remarks were substantially as follows: I am gratified at the privilege of meeting with the Saints in General Conference, of hearing the voice of President Woodruff, and for the fullness of the Gospel, revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith. It is a cause for gratitude that, notwithstanding the opposition arrayed against the truth, its cause still prospers. That which to the natural eye would seem to break down this work, established by the Almighty, has the opposite effect. There never was a time in our history when the Saints attracted wider attention than now. This is not from personal causes, but on account of the principles which the Saints have been taught. Because of those principles they are

regarded as a peculiar people. According to the Scriptures, when the Saints are regarded with aversion they should rejoice. I have traveled throughout this country a good deal of late, and met with many people and heard numerous ideas expressed regarding what is called "Mormonism." One journalist said, with regard to that system, that its merits did not enter into the question; the nation had had enough of it. They would not tolerate it. This said he, is a settled fact. This seems to be a peculiar sentiment. It is also common to assert that the religion accepted by the Saints would finally go to the wall. Of course I could not agree with this view, being convinced that truth will assert its true position in the hearts of the children of men and will ultimately prevail. The people of God have been enabled to triumph over opposition in the past, so will they be able to do in the future.

I testify that God is pleased with His people, also with those who preside over the Church, and is guiding it with His all-powerful hand, by the spirit of revelation through His servants.

Elder Jacob Gates

said in substance: I am always willing to bear testimony to the truth, with considerable of which I have been made conversant, through the Gospel, for the last half century. I have never seen anything that tended to weaken my faith regarding the fulfillment of the predictions of the Prophets relating to events of this dispensation.

A peculiarity of this dispensation is that we have been commanded to be clean and come out from the world, with which we cannot fuse. We have to take a sure and direct course, and take what the world has to give us. We are now experiencing what was promised the Saints fifty years ago. I heard Hyrum Smith predict the situation when he was on trial before Judge King. He said that at that time it was a State persecution. In time it would become national. I look for the time when Jehovah shall remove every barrier that stands in the way of the Saints' enjoying every right and privilege the Lord designs they should possess. I say to the Latter-day Saints, move on to victory. There is no need to be discouraged. The destruction of "Mormonism" has been predicted from its organization; but every effort in that direction has failed, and history will in that respect be repeated.

Elder B. H. Roberts

said in substance: I feel grateful for the privileges we now possess and the favorable auspices under which we are enabled to engage in the exercises of this Conference. There is enough to inspire gratitude in the hearts of the Latter-day Saints if they but pause to consider what they enjoy. Besides spiritual blessings we have those of a temporal character, which alone are exceedingly precious. The winter has been severe and some losses have occurred in consequence, yet

there is abundance of food and clothing for all. Copious snows have been stored up in the mountains, presaging a plentiful coming harvest. There are not the want, misery and perplexity here that are in other communities. The Saints have been preserved from many evils that exist in other communities and have measurably kept themselves free from the entanglements resulting from the credit system. This freedom from the cause that makes the many become the servants of the few is a result of listening to the counsel of the servants of God.

We have other blessings to be grateful for. It is not long since the stard at gatherings of this kind was almost vacant, causing a spirit of loneliness to prevail. Now nearly all of the presiding brethren are in their accustomed places. For this I thank God.

The experience of the last few years, like that of the past sixty years, gives us confidence that this work will not be destroyed by the cunning of its assailants. Mob force cannot destroy it, as that process failed when the numbers of the Church were but few. Of late we have seen the combined wisdom of wise men applied for its destruction, yet the Church remains unmoved, not a quorum displaced, and not an indentation on the armor which encases the good ship Zion. I have often thought how gloomy was the prospect before the Former-day Saints, to whom the spirit of prophecy manifested that there would be a falling away. In our day we have been given the assurance that the Kingdom shall not be destroyed nor given to another people. The Lord will chasten us, if needful, and repeat the experience until the desired effect is produced, but the Kingdom is indestructible. It cannot be removed from the face of the earth. If there is danger to the work of God, it does not proceed from outside enemies. It arises from individuals who compose it. While it shall remain intact, many who are identified with it may fall. Having escaped from those who formerly threatened our destruction and come to these valleys, a flood comes upon us, that our disintegration may be encompassed. This flood is one of wickedness, from which, until late years, we have been measurably free. In the past, extremes of wealth and poverty have been rare. This condition is changing and the situation is becoming similar to that which exists in other communities. There is danger of this change, to say the least. Wealth and luxury are pouring into the laps of the Saints. These are more dangerous, because more insinuating, than the opposition and poverty. All should be on their guard against the allurements of wealth. The temptations to the young to break the Sabbath and indulge in other practices that are in conflict with the Gospel of the Son of God are increasing. They lead to spiritual death. It is well for the Saints to contemplate the reason for their gathering to these valleys. It