

have the humility to confess that the fault is with ourselves and not with the doctrine of the Savior. Jesus said: "If ye love only those who love you, what reward have ye? Do not the scribes the same?" "But be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect; for He causeth his rain and sunshine to descend upon the unjust, as well as on the just."

To love our enemies does not mean that we should wallow with them in the gutter of iniquity, nor pattern after their evil ways; but we should desire and labor to benefit and save them, which is the highest kind of love that we can manifest. An Elder who goes forth on a mission hating mankind will not accomplish much good. But he should go forth desiring with all his heart to elevate and to bless, even the wicked. They of all men need it most. We should remember that they do not know, as we do, that this is the work of God. They know of course when they lie, and rob, and cheat and defraud, and are cruel and unjust, but they do not know that in opposing "Mormonism" they are fighting against God to their own destruction. Did not Joseph ask the Lord to close up the vision which he saw of the miseries and sufferings of those who rejected the Gospel and trampled upon the Saints of God? He did, for he was a lover of his kind, and did not wish to gloat over their sufferings. They were too terrible and heartrending, even in vision, for his eyes to behold. That was the Spirit of Christ, the spirit of mercy and charity, the spirit that should imbue the soul of every son and daughter of God. The speaker said in conclusion: I do not put myself forward as an example of patience, of fortitude and humility. No one knows as well as I do the weaknesses of this man. But I feel as if I wanted to join with the humblest of you in cultivating and establishing these grand and saving principles that will prepare the earth for the coming of its Redeemer and King, which glad event may God hasten in his own due time through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF** delivered a highly instructive address, which will shortly be published in full.

The evening services commenced by the choir singing the hymn beginning:

Sing to the Great Jehovah's praise,

Prayer by Elder Elias Morris.

The choir sang:

Shall I, for fear of feeble man,  
The Spirit's course in me restrain?

**COUNSELOR CHAS. W. PENROSE**

was the first speaker. He said nothing gave him greater pleasure than meeting with the Saints and enjoying the Spirit poured out upon them when they assembled to worship God. It was always pleasant to hear the servants of the Lord speak under the influence of the Holy Ghost. This morning we had the pleasure of listening to Elder

Hintze, who has just returned from a mission to Asia Minor.

At this point, President Angus M. Cannon was under the necessity of calling a number of boys and young men to order, as they were creating a disturbance by moving about noisily in the building, and running up and down the gallery stairs.

Elder Penrose remarked that if there was any one thing in which the people failed it was in giving proper home instruction, or there would be no cause for complaint of the behavior in meetings. The Priests and Teachers should turn attention to this, and the Bishops should give the necessary directions to have instruction imparted in the teachings of the Lesser Priesthood. Parents should also give closer attention to this, and see that their children received a proper education in good behavior. There are many duties in connection with the order of the Church which the Lesser Priesthood should attend to. It is not only in regard to good order in meetings, but relates to other matters, such as moving from one ward to another. In this, the order of the Church is that recommends should be taken, and there should be an improvement in this respect. It is the duty of the Lesser Priesthood to promote peace among the people, and this should be done by home teaching.

Reverting to his former subject, Elder Penrose remarked that, while Elder Hintze was speaking he could not but think that Mahomet was raised up on the Eastern continent to perform a particular work, which God would use for the accomplishment of His purposes. All truth came from Him, and all who work mightily in the increase of peace and good deeds among men are inspired by the Almighty. When the Lord calls a man, and he turns his faith in the direction of the labor assigned him, he is qualified for its responsibility and he brightens and receives strength to succeed. But he cannot receive this blessing unless he makes an effort to this end. We find this exemplified in the lives of all great men.

This is the dispensation of the fulness of times, when God shall gather together all things in Him. In Zion there will be a concentration of light, and power, and all that comes from God, thus preparing the people for the coming of the great King. "Mormonism" embraces all that is good, and true, and beautiful. Out of the people who have received its principles God will make a mighty nation over which He will rule. Let us bring ourselves into a condition to perceive truth so that we can make it a part of our lives. May God bless us for this purpose, that we may be continually guided by His Spirit.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON**

said there were no people who received such a variety of instruction on the practical duties of life as did the Latter-day Saints. If we are not a perfect people it is not because we are not taught properly. There is not a feature of human duty that

is not touched on in the teachings given to us. There is no good practice, there is no truth, that is not "Mormonism," for it comprises all truth. When we visit the heathen we can see the truth there, and can recognize it in the systems of Mahomet, Buddha, Confucius and others. We know that that which is truth among them is a part of our system. The heathen have truths, in the observance of which they are in some respects ahead of our much-vaunted civilization. In this civilization all that is true is not inculcated. We have inherited our civilization from our fathers, and have traditions which it is necessary to rid ourselves of in order to look at the other peoples of the earth dispassionately.

Among the Latter-day Saints are gathered some of every race. There is a design of our Father in this. Wherever our Elders go the spirit of gathering rests upon those who receive the Gospel. Even when the Elders tell the people that the time has not come for the gathering of such as are on some of the islands of the sea, there is great difficulty in keeping them back. The same is true of the people of the Orient, who, when they receive the Gospel, desire to gather with us. Such a course might increase jealousy of us as a people. I think the time is not far distant when we shall have a Stake of Zion in Palestine. Jerusalem is a gathering-place as well as Zion. The time is not far distant when men will be sent there to teach the principles of union that are exemplified here.

We are gathered together for a purpose. God intends to hold a controversy with the nations, and they will be destroyed unless they repent. He is gathering here men from every nation, who will be the foundation of a new race, as it were, and will receive a new civilization—the civilization of heaven.

The system of "Mormonism" is of such a nature that no thinking man can see its effects without wondering. It is a miracle in the midst of the earth. Men see it, yet they close their hearts and declare it a great imposture which should be destroyed. It is now as it was in the days of the Savior. Notwithstanding His wondrous works and pure instructions, He was slain. Professed Christians today condemn the generation of that day, yet follow in their footsteps by opposing the work which Jesus inaugurated among men.

The purposes of God are being wrought out. His work is growing. In our midst we have representatives of nearly every nation. But among the Jews the work of the Lord has barely commenced. The Prophets have told how the Gospel will be taken to the House of Israel. As yet our field is comparatively limited. But God knows the end from the beginning. He knows what will come to pass. Because of this foreknowledge some people think the destiny of man is irrevocably fixed. This idea is incorrect, for there is a difference between foreknowledge and predestination. The Lord knows how the nations will act,