

upon them, making them to feel that they are the children of God.

Why, he asked, should we permit the spirit of discontent and fault-finding to prevail in our midst to the advantage of the Gentile and the ungodly, who regard us with feelings of the deepest hate? We should not lightly dispose of our inheritance to strangers. Treat them kindly when they are within thy gates and show them every consideration. But there is no reason why we should yield to our enemies—those from whose cruelties we fled in the past, who robbed us of our flocks and other possessions, burned our houses, killed our friends, and those near and dear to us. God has planted our feet in these mountains; He has made us a free people; He has showered down upon us the blessings of heaven and earth, and will preserve us unto the end. However much we may dread imprisonment and death, God is stronger than all, and will bring us safely through.

Let us sustain His Holy Priesthood, men full of tender mercy, long-suffering and judgment. May peace dwell in the habitations of the people, may they become more prayerful than in the past, and seek to unite their hearts in one and all things, both spiritual and temporal, until the Kingdom of God shall be fully established upon the earth.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG,

of the Presidency of the Seventies, was the next speaker. I have listened to the remarks of the brethren with great satisfaction. I have never attended a conference in which more of the Spirit of the Lord has been manifested. The teachings of the Elders have been characterized by the Holy Spirit. When we maintain in our public assemblies, the Spirit of the Gospel, the people rejoice. In this divine system is all that is necessary for the development of the noblest and highest aspirations of men. No other organization, secret or otherwise, is needful for our purpose, as it embraces all truth. Salvation is an individual work. It is needful that each one should possess the Holy Spirit and be guided by its influence.

Our enemies have charged us with disloyalty. It has been suggested that no more "Mormon" immigrants should be allowed to land on the shores of this country until they take an oath to the effect that they do not have a specified religious belief. These conditions exist in the face of the fact that the Saints have always been loyal to the government, even going so far as to supply five hundred men under the most trying circumstances, to go to Mexico and fight the battles of the country. The Saints have defended the country's interests against Indian depredations comparatively without remuneration from the government. But, as President Brigham Young once said, notwithstanding that we may be outraged and abused, still we will love our country and revere the principles of its government. The Saints have sought to show a good example to

all peoples, that they might be induced to turn to God and serve Him.

We should hold our blessings sacred, and not engage in any society that would lead us away from the teachings of God and His servants. We should sustain the government, each other and all things that are good and worthy. In relation to our government we should submit to all things placed upon us in the Providence of God, but in the meantime make our calling and election sure. We should follow the example of meekness placed before us by Christ, when he submitted himself, for righteousness' sake, to be baptized of John. The Jews spurned their Savior, but the time will come when they will repent and acknowledge Him. The people of this nation are rejecting the message of the Gospel, but it is our duty to proclaim it. God will give them numerous testimonies of its truth and will ultimately make bare His arm, vindicate His people and bring them off triumphant.

ELDER E. H. ROBERTS

addressed the Conference. It is a pleasure for me to meet with the Saints in their present capacity. This is a time of refreshing—a spiritual feast. By it we are renewed. Our faith is increased in the great work of the last days. I have not had the pleasure of mingling to any extent with the Saints in these valleys for the last few years. My labors have been among the nations of the earth, proclaiming the Gospel. I have, however, observed closely the progress of events, and the drift of circumstances.

It would seem from remarks made by brethren who have had ample opportunities for an understanding of the subject, that there is a tendency toward disunion. Still, as Apostle Lyman stated, it is probably of a local character. But whether local or general, it should not exist. It is a complicated disease. When it prevails there is lack of faith and confidence. If there is any Stake where discord is, those who preside in the locality should exert all their powers to remove the causes of division, and increase the faith and confidence of the people.

If there ever was a time when our front should be unbroken it is now. It is a time when parents and the community should throw around the youth protection from the insidious attacks of the enemy of souls. When the enemy is on the watch for weak points in our ranks, it is no time to be segregated.

In crossing the Atlantic recently we were overtaken by a severe gale, and the officers lost their reckoning. An attempt at taking an observation was made, but owing to moving clouds, it was imperfect. In consequence it was necessary to take soundings. It would be well for us to make reckonings, that we may ascertain where we stand.

We have been proclaiming the restoration of the Gospel in these times through a prophet. The charge of presumption has been made against us on this

ground. It may appear presumptuous to take such a position, but it is true. The Lord saw the necessity of establishing faith through testimony. That that might be accomplished He brought from the bosom of this continent the Book of Mormon—the testimony of an entire people. In addition, the Lord sent one of his ancient servants again to earth, and he laid his hands upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordained them to the Aaronic Priesthood. Subsequently Peter, James and John appeared and bestowed upon Joseph Smith the keys and authority of the Melchisedec Priesthood. The presence of the Saints today is proof of the genuineness of this restoration. Elijah also came and bestowed the keys which turn the hearts of the children to the fathers, and the hearts of the latter to the children. This turning of hearts has begun, proving the efficacy of this restoration. Moses also brought to earth in these days the keys of the gathering of Israel in the latter times. We have ample evidence in our own experience that these keys have been committed to man. These being great truths what right have the Saints to be rebellious and to withdraw themselves from the oracles of God? We cannot afford to be so lost to our interest as to forfeit the right to the Holy Spirit, by indulging in the spirit of the world. Better lose all our substance than slacken our hold upon the great work of the last days. We have not only heard these things taught, but we have a right to know them for ourselves. Christ laid down this principle when he said that any man who would do the will of the Father, should "know of the doctrine whether it be of God" or not. If there are any among us who are not in possession of this knowledge, it is a shame. Paul, in his day, thus characterized an absence of knowledge of the things of God. If there is disunion among us, it is a shame that it should be so.

This work cannot be destroyed; for the forces of heaven stand behind it and will carry it to a successful consummation.

The choir sang the anthem:

In thee, O, Lord, do I put my trust.

Benediction by Counselor Daniel H. Wells.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang:

Great God, attend while Zion sings,
The joy that from Thy presence springs.
To spend one day with Thee on earth,
Exceeds a thousand days of mirth.

Prayer by Elder John Nicholson.
Singing:

Let us pray, gladly pray,
In the house of Jehovah,
Till the righteous can say,
"O, our warfare is over."

APOSTLE LORENZO SNOW

addressed the conference. The follow is a synopsis of his remarks:

We understand very distinctly, I suppose, that whatever blessings we as Latter-day Saints secure to assist us in the great work which we are endeavoring now to