

self, other people will respect them, and the world will. The Gentile world and the people of this city and State would have respected the authorities more than they do had our own people set the example. That is what I want to tell you, and I have told you, and I am not going to take it back either. I am not going to make any apologies because I have made that statement. It is true, just as true as the Lord lives. If you honor your wife and speak well of her, other people will do so. If you do not honor your children and you have a hired girl in the house and you do not treat them kindly, the girl herself will treat your own children unkindly.

Now I feel that we ought to honor God. We ought to be loyal to our country, and I believe that honest men ought to rule this nation, that honest and good men ought to rule this country. It is a mighty poor time for us now to sit down and feel bad about it, if any mistakes are made. I want to tell you that while I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have my franchise, and my citizenship, and I have my vote, and I have a right to cast it. And if every single man and woman that is entitled to their franchise, instead of going and howling after the trouble is over, would shake themselves and realize that they are members of this great nation and great State, and go to their primaries and cast their ballot, I tell you mighty few dishonest men would find their way into our State and into the offices. But it is your fault, because we do not do our duty as American citizens. I claim that every man and every woman in this nation that has the franchise—that own property, that pays taxes—has a right to go to the primaries and see to it that honest men go into the convention, and then you leave the matter in their hands and let them do the rest, and hold them responsible.

Now I pray God to bless you. I feel to be loyal, I feel to be true to the cause of Christ, and I want to be saved in the kingdom of God; and I want to go where my father went and where my mother went. I want to be with this people. I want to see all the world

saved, and I want to see the Gospel preached to every tongue and people as a witness, and I will be mighty glad when the end comes. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

Sister May Young sang a solo.

ELDER ABRAHAM O. WOODRUFF.

I desire, my brothers and sisters, that the words that I shall speak may be dictated by the Holy Spirit. I have rejoiced exceedingly in this conference in the words that have been spoken to the Latter-day Saints, and I feel that the Lord has greatly favored the Latter-day Saints in giving them the instructions that He has given through the mouths of His servants; and I pray that we may be faithful and true in carrying out these instructions that will be for our good and blessing.

I desire to raise my voice in warning to the fathers and mothers of young men and young women, who come to this city to attend school or to find work. I desire to caution them to see that they are under proper influences, and know something of the families that they are living with, something of their environments, for we are all influenced to a great degree by our surroundings. It is a great deal better or easier for us to do right and keep the commandments of the Lord when we are under good influences; and it is a great deal easier to do wrong when we are under conditions of wrongdoing, or where others set the examples. And especially are the youth, the young men and maidens of Zion, or of any community or of any people, inclined to be influenced by conditions which surround them. I feel that this is a very important matter. There are things that are of more importance to the Latter-day Saints' parents than the mere earning of dollars and cents by their sons and their daughters; and the question ought not to be, when their sons and daughters come to this city, or to any other city, to obtain employment, "How much money can they get?" The consideration ought to be, in part at any rate, what are the conditions that will surround them in this position or in this employment? I feel that great evil has come

through a lack of observance of this counsel, and through parents sending their sons or their daughters, or permitting them to go, to the larger cities to obtain employment in hotels and in families that are not good, or in other places where they have not been under proper restraint. It is a very good thing for us all to be placed under proper restraint. It is a good thing for us to have good influences thrown around us. Is it possible that fathers and mothers can, in view of these conditions that will surround their daughters, permit them to come into these cities, leaving their homes and natural guardians to obtain employment without knowing of their surroundings and knowing that these shall be good? There are very many Latter-day Saints that cannot get help, either girls or young men. They cannot get the assistance they need on their farms and in their families because they do not live handy enough to Main street, or because other conditions are not satisfactory to those who are seeking employment. I feel that it is the duty of every Latter-day Saint to know in what kind of a family their sons or daughters are living, where they are found at night, and what conditions and influences they are under. It would be a great surprise to many of the fathers and mothers, perhaps, if they were to walk down our Main street here some Saturday night about 11 o'clock and find, to their astonishment, that there were more young men and young women upon the street at that hour than can be found at any time of the day during any of the week days. Now, my brethren and sisters, many of you who have allowed your sons and daughters to come to this city to go to school or to obtain employment and think they are all right, that they are keeping proper company, you would be surprised, perhaps, if you personally would take a stroll down Main street and find some of your sons and daughters upon that street in an unseemly hour of the night, and not in proper company either. Young people who frequent the streets of this city, or any other city, at a late hour, with no other view than simply to walk up and

down to be seen or to see, if they are not very careful, will lose their standing in the Church of Christ, they will break away from the restraint of the parental home, and they will lose their virtue that is ten thousand times more dear to them than all the money they will ever be able to earn in their life.

This is something that parents ought to give their attention to, for we realize that (the devil is not opposed to immorality. He is not even opposed to prostitution. The sanctimonious of the world are not opposed to these things. We have never heard in all our lifetime the great cries raised against prostitution and such like vices practiced in the world that we have heard against patriarchal marriage. It was because this principle is of God; but the works of the devil are not found fault with by the agencies of the devil. There are very many in the world that are opposed to conditions of restraint placed upon young people, but there is a large majority of the sons and daughters of God upon the earth that consider laxity in these things to be of a very grave character, because the devil is pleased with such as yield to such things. We are told that we are the servants of whosoever we list to obey. If we list to obey the teachings of God and His counsels, we are the servants or the handmaidens of God. If we list to obey satan, we are satan's servants. I feel that the conditions that are arising in some quarters in this city and in other cities, are alarming, and fathers and mothers ought to give their attention to these things. They ought to try to keep their sons and daughters under a proper influence and from improper associates. You may feel that they are all right, that you have trusted them, and probably many of them can be trusted; but it is not a good thing to expose them to conditions that bring them into temptation and danger, that are against morality, virtue, honesty and truth.

I believe that sorrow will be brought to many of the homes of the Latter-day Saints if they do not give these matters proper attention. Your sons and daughters had a thousand times better stay at home, if their clothes are not quite so good, than go away from home to be exposed to the conditions which are

found in the cities, and wreck their lives and make themselves miserable and useless in the service of their God. I feel that the Latter-day Saints ought to see to it that their sons and daughters find employment and lodgings in the Latter-day Saints' homes. And this is not boycotting either, for the protestants and the Catholics do it, and no fault is found with them. And we are just as free as any other people to advise people what to do, and I do advise the Latter-day Saints to see to it that their sons and daughters find employment or lodgings in the homes of Latter-day Saints, when they come to the city to spend the winter or look for work.

I pray God to bless you and give us the spirit of this work in which we are engaged, and help us to do right and live faithfully before Him, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sister Lucy Grant and the choir sang "Beautiful City."

ELDER JOHN W. TAYLOR.

Dear brethren and sisters, I would have preferred to have heard from Elder Grant the remainder of this meeting, but he insists that I shall occupy a portion of the time, and I humbly pray that our heavenly Father will bless me with the light of His holy Spirit that I may have something to say to you that shall be appropriate to the occasion.

If there is one thing above another that impresses itself upon my mind at the present moment, it is the obligation that is placed upon the Latter-day Saints to preach the Gospel in all the world. A short time ago I was in Canada. While the weather looked pleasant, as we were passing along over the prairie a thunder shower came up before we reached the village of Cardston. I believe it was a little more severe than anything I ever saw or heard. During the progress of the storm it killed eight or ten head of cattle and a similar number of horses, knocked senseless Brother Jenson and all his family, set his house on fire, killed his dogs, knocked to pieces a few telegraph poles and scared everybody pretty near to death. I was out in the buggy, and I know what my feelings were. How

easy, I thought, it would be for one of those bolts of lightning to strike us. We could see the electricity running along on the barbed wire as we passed by a ranch, and a great many places the lightning struck.

Now, I say to you young men who are under the sound of my voice, lightning is going to strike all through this country. The next day when we were in a public meeting, getting up a subscription to furnish a few farmers with teams—they having lost theirs during the storm—I asked the people if they would not subscribe and give a few cattle and horses; sufficient were obtained in a few moments, and arrangements were made to furnish teams to those who had lost theirs. Lightning is going to strike all over this country in a short time.

In regard to preaching this Gospel, I will tell you how I look at it. The Lord said to the Prophet Joseph Smith, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, to every nation." He had renewed unto him the same commission that was given unto the ancient Apostles. How far have we obeyed this commandment? We have spent most of our time in Scandinavia and in the British isles, and more recently in the United States. There are hundreds of millions of people that have never heard the Gospel. How long will it be before the Lord comes? I don't believe He will ever come until the sound of this Gospel goes into all the world, to every creature. How long will He have to postpone His coming if we do not make faster progress than we are making at the present time?

I feel to continue in the strain of Elder McMurrin's remarks for a few minutes, and speak of the Elders of Israel here at home. I would say to you, Elders, do not be surprised if you are called again. President Snow announced to the Twelve the other day that he expected them to open up the doors of the Gospel unto other nations of the earth where it had not before been. What does that mean? It means that where only one of the Twelve goes there will hundreds—possibly thousands—of Elders go soon or later. While the brethren were