

fied for the position. I desire to say to the people of Utah that we are on the verge of an opportunity for wonderful growth, and, while we may have reverses and hard times at intervals, there will be an impetus come to this state that we little dream of at present. There will be great iron manufactories in the south, and many great smelting plants in different parts of the state. The time will come, and it is not far distant, when the manufacturing interests of this state will be the greatest of her industries. Are we preparing for this? I take it for granted that the smelters we have today can get all the common laborers they want for two dollars or two dollars and fifty cents per day; but, if they require a man who knows the business thoroughly, and who could take charge of it, I guarantee that they can not find him here, but will have to look to some eastern city where people, through necessity, have learned that, in order to get along in this world, they must be thoroughly

educated in some particular line or calling.

Before sitting down, I desire to say that I feel grateful to my heavenly Father for His special blessings to me; and I am also grateful to the people of this state for their confidence in me. I know that if we pray to God in earnestness He certainly will sustain us. The danger of our becoming lukewarm is not from without—the danger is within. I hope and trust that God will strengthen us; that He will make us honest, upright and honorable members of His Church; that we will never falter for a minute, nor ever have a doubt this this is the Church and Kingdom of God. God bless us all, I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward and the choir sang the anthem:

"When Thou Comest to the Judgment."

Benediction by Elder Moroni W. Merrill.

### THIRD DAY.

Monday, April 6, 10 a. m.

The choir and congregation sang:

Hail to the Prophet, ascended to heaven;  
Traitors and tyrants now fight him in vain;  
Mingling with Gods, he can plan for his brethren;  
Death cannot conquer that hero again.

Prayer was offered by Elder George Teasdale.

The choir sang the hymn which begins:

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.

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

Important recent occurrences—Benevolent character of Temple work—Suggestions about Marriage—Indebtedness should be avoided—Work of God pressing onward to its destiny.

I am very much gratified this morning to have another privilege of meeting

with you in conference, and have been delighted with what I have seen and heard during the last two days.

I am reminded this morning of an occurrence that took place just ten years ago—the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple by President Wilford Woodruff; and I have reflected a little upon some of the things that have happened since that time. Two presidents of the Church—President Woodruff and President Snow—have passed away; one First Counselor—President George Q. Cannon; one President of the Twelve Apostles—President Franklin D. Richards; and one Apostle. But, my brethren and sisters, they have not lost interest in the work that we are now engaged in. Since the dedication, of the Salt Lake Temple there have been performed in that house about eight hundred thousand ordinances, or about eighty thousand per annum. While the world are ridiculing and scoffing at what we are doing in the temples, I wish to say to you all, and you can

bear testimony of the same, that every ordinance, every ceremony that is performed therein is of a sacred and holy character. Every ordinance performed there makes better fathers, better mothers, better children, better husbands and wives, better citizens of the state, and better citizens of the United States. Nothing occurs in that house that we need be ashamed of; but everything that takes place there is for the betterment of all who attend. I presume that there are thousands now listening to my voice who could testify to the truth of that which I speak.

There is one thing we regret sometimes, and that is with regard to our young people who, when they are about to enter matrimony, fail to come to the house of the Lord to have the ceremony performed there; because we know that if they are prepared to enter that house they will receive ordinances that will be of great benefit to them while they live. We also regret sometimes to learn that some of our sisters contract alliances with those who are not of our faith. It has been said that we are too exclusive in this matter. I was reading an article in a paper yesterday, and I took a clipping from it to show that we are not the only ones that are exclusive in this respect. This article was headed "Mixed Marriages Barred in Future," and the clippings reads:

"Chicago, April 4th.

"The Record-Herald New York correspondent says: Owing to the reception of orders from the Propaganda at Rome, Archbishop Farley will not officiate at the wedding of Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Catherine Neilson. Positive instructions have been received by the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the United States forbidding them to officiate at any more weddings in which one of the contracting parties is not a Roman Catholic."

So, brethren and sisters, you see that we do not stand alone on this question. We know from past experience that where our sisters have entered into matrimonial engagements with those not of our faith they have, as a rule, proved to be unhappy. Therefore, we want to urge upon the presidents of stakes, Bishops, and officers everywhere, to use your influence with our

young people in regard to this matter, to the end that they may so order their lives as to be prepared to come to the house of the Lord when they desire to enter the sacred and holy state of wedlock, and be worthy of a recommendation from their Bishop, signed by the president of the stake.

I want to sustain the remarks made by our president in the opening of this conference, with reference to going into debt. It is a matter of regret, but I am cognizant of the fact that many of our people even now are mortgaging their homes and farms to obtain money for the purpose of going into some speculation. It is all very well for us, if we have a little means aside from our homes and farms, to go into some enterprise wherein we think we can make something for ourselves, if we wish to do so; but when it comes to borrowing money and mortgaging our homes, it is liable to prove very disastrous. I could mention a number of our brethren who in the "boom" mortgaged their homes and entered into speculation and enterprises which proved disastrous failures, and today they are without homes to cover the heads of their wives and children. Let us take warning from this, my brethren and sisters. I know that what President Smith said yesterday is timely and appropriate. It is said by some that we are going to have an era of prosperity. All right; let prosperity come, and if during that time we can get out of debt, we will rejoice that we are out of debt. But if, on the other hand, a time of adversity should come, and we are in the bondage of debt, what will be the result? We will likely lose our homes and our farms. I hope, therefore, that we will take to heart what was said in relation to this matter. It is important that we should.

I do not know how many more conferences the Lord will permit me to enjoy with you; but I know He has been very merciful to me, and has extended my days beyond what I could expect. I will soon be 82 years of age, and I rejoice to think that the Lord has so preserved me that I have this one more privilege of standing before you.

Now, my brethren and sisters, when we go from this conference let us go with a determination, each one of us, that

"as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." I have a very strong impression that missionaries will not be withdrawn from the nations of the earth, and that the temples will not be closed, but that the work will progress and go on from this time henceforth with greater force and strength than it ever has done before. My the Lord help us all to be faithful and true, even to the end, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER WILLIAM A. HYDE,  
(President of Pocatello Stake.)

My beloved brethren and sisters, I am deeply sensible of the honor that is conferred upon me and the consideration that is shown our stake by this privilege of standing before you to report. I have been greatly interested in the remarks that have fallen from the lips of other presidents of stakes who have had a like privilege. In a certain sense, it has been to me a convention of brethren holding like responsibilities to myself, and for that reason I have listened with a great deal of interest. I have learned much from the older brethren who have occupied positions of responsibility for years, and who have had many experiences, some of them we are undergoing at present. Especially was I impressed with the patriotism of the remark uttered yesterday by one of the brethren, who said it did not matter to him where he lived, so long as he was doing the work of the Lord. That has been my feeling since my incumbency in this position.

Our stake might be termed almost a composite of the other stakes of Zion; for we have within it many of the problems that confront them all. We have our large areas of uncultivated and arid land; we have little communities that are flourishing, but have not the advantage of close proximity to the head of the Church; we have a large railroad town, in which problems of labor and the employment of our brethren are to be considered; we have the disadvantages that arise from living in cities of this character, and the other ills and evils that have been mentioned. But I am pleased to say that we have

a people whose desire is to do the will of the Lord. Our stake has been organized about five years, of which time I have been at the head only two years. Since the stake was organized our tithing has increased 60 per cent; and taking into consideration the fact that our numbers have not been largely augmented, I take it is an evidence of the spiritual growth of our people. I believe their desire still is to serve the Lord and to increase in this particular requirement. The brethren are united in their work. We feel that we cannot do too much for the kingdom of God; and although there are many obstacles, which at times have seemed insurmountable, every temporary embarrassment and apparent defeat we have only considered as a stepping stone to our ultimate success. We believe that the time will come when we shall not be considered one of the smallest or least efficient of the stakes, but that in due time we shall do our part toward the glory of God. My faith is strong in the promises which have been made to the people of God. I believe in their ultimate success. All my life I have looked forward to the time when our people shall be vindicated, when the nations of the world shall look upon us as we really are, when our virtues shall be known, and we shall be indeed a light set upon a hill, by which they may get ideas of advancement. I have been galled all my life under the criticisms that have been uttered against those brethren that have stood at our head, whom we have known to be men of honor, honesty of purpose, and of integrity. I confidently expect to see the time come when they shall be vindicated in the eyes of the world.

Brethren and sisters, I bear my testimony to the truth of the work of the Lord. I know it is of God. I feel in my heart that the day of our triumph is not far distant, that there is an undercurrent of success and of spiritual progress permeating the entire body of the Church, and that the only result that can ensue from this will be our increase in things spiritual and things temporal, and the increase of the glory of God upon the earth; which I pray for in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.