

gambling hells and brothels, the doers of all evil, may be members in the denominations of the world. Apparently there is no sin a person can commit that would cause other denominations to excommunicate one of their members from their churches. A member can repudiate the church, and then there is nothing else for the church to do than to cast him out. The Catholic church would not even do that in by gone years; they would burn them at the stake, and then pray for their salvation. As a general thing, no matter how wicked, or what the occupation of a man may be, he can occupy the very best pew in the church, if he will but sustain it with his means. That cannot be done in the true Church of Christ. We must serve God; we must keep His commandments; we must eschew the very appearance of evil and do that which is right to retain our standing in the Church, which has been founded in this earth by God, the Father, and by the Son, Jesus Christ. If your deeds are such as were mentioned by Brother Wells, that is, if they are not known by men, let me assure you that God knows them, and while you may continue in this secret sin a member of the Church, a professed member of the Church, the day will come, my brethren and sisters, if those sins are not repented of most sincerely, God, the Eternal Father will separate you from those who are faithful, and will cast you out from His presence and from His salvation, because of your sins. Therefore, we say, repent, ye Latter-day Saints; repent and call upon the world to repent. You who are warned, warn your neighbors; you who have a knowledge of the truth, teach your children; you who know that God lives, bear your testimony to the world, that all may have the privilege of knowing that God lives and that this is His Church, and that the Latter-day Saints are God's people.

Now, may the Lord bless you, my brethren and sisters. May you be benefitted in this conference and go forth and serve the Lord with singleness of purpose, and with an eye single

to the glory of God and to the building up of His kingdom, that the earth may be prepared for Christ's reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, when we may bask in His approbation and smiles of approval because of our faithfulness in doing His will and carrying out the counsel given to us through His servants. May the Lord bless us to this end, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER MATTHIAS F. COWLEY.

My brethren and sisters, I have no desire to prolong the meeting. We have had a good one, and very much excellent counsel and admonition, and I trust that each one of us will make it the business of our lives to carry them out.

I wish to remind the brethren and sisters who are here of the counsel given by President Smith this morning, that just as far as possible you will attend the conference meetings tomorrow and the next day, until the conference ends.

I have been very much impressed with the remarks of all the brethren, and especially the last remarks of Brother Hyrum in regard to the teaching of our children, and I desire to say just a word or two on this subject. Recently I enjoyed the honor and privilege of accompanying President Smith and his party to Canada, and the Big Horn. In the Big Horn Stake of Zion I had occasion to stop all night in various places, and I believe that, at every place where I stayed, before they had prayer at night, the family was called together and sat down and sang a hymn, one of our sacred songs, and they were attended by the influence of the Holy Spirit. A chapter was read from the Book of Mormon or the Bible, and, if time permitted, some remarks were made upon it for the benefit of the children. The father, mother, and children, each in turn, from time to time offered the family prayer. Now, this is a very simple thing. I enquired of the President of the Stake if that was the practice of every family in the Stake, and he said he believed it was; it had been counseled. I wish to say that this is a very good practice. It has been recommended to us time and

time again, by the Presidency and other brethren of the Church. It simply means this, my brethren and sisters: That it is establishing the Church of God in our homes; it is establishing the worship of God around the family altar, and I believe if we try it we will find that good results from it. I desire to carry it out myself, in order that I may consistently recommend the same to others. I believe that the great cause, possibly in about nine cases out of ten, of the transgression of our children, and the cause of skepticism in some instances, is not that they naturally drift away, but because they have been neglected; we have not sat down and talked to them. We have got to establish the order of heaven in our families, in the spirit of prayer and supplication, and must teach our children the principles of divine truth.

I want to say another thing to the Latter-day Saints: If you have any grievances against any of your neighbors or against the servants of God who stand in authority in this Church, do not talk about those grievances before your children. I give that out as the word of the Lord. If you do, you will poison the minds of your children, and the day will come when you will regret it, when you would like to fill their souls with interest in the work of God and with the spirit of this Gospel, and then you will remember you have poisoned them. I give this counsel because I feel impressed with it.

Now, just one more item occurs to my mind. I suggest to the brethren and sisters, and especially the Presidents of Stakes and Bishops of wards, that when they attend conference in Salt Lake City they should take advantage of every opportunity afforded at the meetings for informing their minds in regard to the work of God. I do not mean by this our attendance alone at the general assemblages, but also at the other meetings we are invited to attend. (The speaker here invited the Saints, especially those in authority, to attend the Religion Class meeting to be held at the close of this service.) God has established these auxiliary organizations in the Church for the ed-

ucation and training of our children, and no man is justified in depreciating them, in casting any reflection upon them, nor in saying they are not necessary in the work of God. Every sound Latter-day Saint will welcome every institution in this Church as a help in the education of our children in the principles of the Gospel.

I bear my testimony to the truth of this work, that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. This testimony comes to us by the Spirit of God; and, outside of this, they of the world are proving he was a Prophet of God. Brother McMurrin, in speaking of the Presbyterian Church dogma regarding infant damnation, which they have taught for the last 250 years, might have added that the Methodist Church is adopting the law of tithing. The Epworth League also has made a covenant to give one-tenth of its income to the service of the Lord. The sectarians are now adopting what the Prophet Joseph Smith taught over seventy years ago. They are not doing it to sustain the Prophet, but it proves he was a Prophet, for he said the Gospel would revolutionize the world. God bless you. Amen.

The choir sang: ,

"Now we'll sing with one accord,
For a Prophet of the Lord," etc.

The benediction was offered by Elder Stephen L. Chipman.

OPEN AIR MEETING.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon an open-air meeting was held near the bureau of information building on the Temple block. The meeting was called to order by President Jos. E. Taylor and opened with the hymn: "High on the Mountain Top." Prayer was offered by Elder D. H. Grow, of Huntsville.

Singing, "Praise to the Man."

President Taylor then introduced Elder Ben E. Rich, president of the Southern States mission, who gave an interesting and spirited address, touching upon the divine mission of Jos. Smith and the wonderful spread of his teachings throughout the world.

Elder J. G. Duffin, president of the