

wants no champion who is not as ready to be struck as to strike her."

Any of these backboneless people, any who are afraid that God's work will not triumph, had better get in the background, and let those that have courage stand in the front of the battle. Of course, I might be the first one to run; I have not been tried yet; but I know I will be tried if I stay in this Church. I know that I cannot live on borrowed light. You can talk and preach and expound until you are black in the face, but if you do not know that Jesus is the Christ you will never stay in this Church.

I want to read one more quotation and then I will quit:

"The more one reads of the newspapers the less clearly one sees. There are days when having read them and admitting that one believes their word, the reader will see himself obliged to draw this conclusion: Decidedly, there are none but tarnished men everywhere. There are no men of integrity, but some of these chroniclers. But that last conclusion will fall in its turn! The reader would have before his eyes a spectacle analagous to that represented in the caricature called the 'Combat of the Serpent.' After having devoured everything around them, two reptiles attack each other and begin to swallow each other, so that there remains in the battle field but two tails."

I guess we know where to apply this. There is one morning paper in this city that has treated us reasonably fair, and they know how well they are succeeding in their fair treatment. As far as I am concerned, I want to be broad-minded enough to open my arms to the stranger, and to treat him kindly; but, I will not sustain a man who will lie, abuse, and deride this people. It is our business to sustain this work, and it is our business to uphold this State and nation.

May God bless this people. May He bless the authorities of the Church. It is not often I bear my testimony, but I want to tell you today that I know this work is true. I know that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God. I honor and love his memory, although I never saw him. I have been acquainted with all the Prophets of God from the days of President Brigham Young down.

They have been kind to me in my childhood and in my manhood. It does not matter much to me where the place is that they have gone to, but I want to tell you they are good enough company for me, and I do not want to go with any others, because I would be lonesome. God bless you. Amen.

OVERFLOW MEETING.

Sunday forenoon an overflow session was held in the Assembly Hall. It commenced at 10:40 and was largely attended. The presiding officer of the occasion was Elder Rudger Clawson.

Singing "Redeemer of Israel." Prayer by Elder Chas. B. Felt. Singing, "How firm a foundation."

ELDER JOSEPH W. McMURRIN.

Elder Joseph W. McMurrin spoke of the necessity for a speaker to enjoy the Spirit of the Lord in order to accomplish good. He rejoiced over the instructions thus far given during the Conference, and the testimonies borne as to the divine principles of the Gospel and calling of those who are directing the Church today. This is a day of restoration and of warning—the call is to repentance, the testimony to the world is that the Redeemer's work has again come to earth.

Referring to the dream interpreted by Daniel, showing the setting up of God's kingdom in the latter days, of its perpetuity and that it should not be given to another people—he called attention to our duties; in view of our having received a knowledge of the restoration, that we treasure and cultivate that knowledge and testimony, live in accordance with it, and bear that testimony to the world by word and act.

There seems to be great anxiety among those who are not of us, lest this people are being led astray. The enthusiasm and unanimity of the thousands in attendance at this Conference does not bear out such a theory, but it proves that there never has been more confidence in the servants of God than exists now in the hearts of the people.

He bore testimony that twenty-two years ago, when laboring in Scotland, Bishop McKay told him that he was present when President Wilford Woodruff prophesied that Joseph F. Smith would one day stand in the shoes of his uncle, the Prophet Joseph Smith. That Joseph F. Smith was chosen of God to lead this people, and he invited the people present to write it in their books. He related also another incident when President Woodruff took Joseph F. Smith by the hand and led him before a congregation, many years ago, and told them that he would become president of the Church. (Brother Henry F. McCune, from the congregation, confirmed the statement, as he was present at the meeting referred to.) President Woodruff spoke on both occasions by the spirit of prophecy. Every Latter-day Saint is entitled to the spirit of inspiration, and such cannot be led astray.

God has given to this people individually the testimony of the Gospel, and through that they have been led here, and are united in the truth, and know they have the truth, and are not led astray. This same spirit rests upon the people today, and it will always be the case. God has manifested to this people where His authority is, and they will never lose this testimony.

"As our days may demand so our succor shall be."

God reigneth!

ELDER E. D. WOOLLEY.

President E. D. Woolley of Kanab stake then addressed the meeting.

He stated that he had attended all the general conferences but two for the last 21 years. During that time waves of trouble and times of peace and joy have passed over this people. He recognized that we are now passing through one of the peculiar experiences, and he felt, before the voting upon the general authorities of the Church, that the people would be even more anxious to vote to sustain them than for many years. The speaker bore testimony that Joseph F. Smith is the mouth piece of God to this people; and

said, if the people will observe his teachings, and follow his instructions, they will be blessed of the Lord and make no mistake.

He reported the condition of the Kanab stake, referred to calling the Priesthood together, with the heads of departments, and later in ward conferences, when, with full and free expressions from the people, the authorities were sustained with unusual enthusiasm and absolute unanimity.

ELDER JOSEPH E. ROBINSON.

Elder Joseph E. Robinson, president of the California mission, was the next speaker. Referring to the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood through John the Baptist, and of the Melchisedek Priesthood through Peter, James and John, called attention to the many important revelations given since then, quoted from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, showing that His word was to all the world, even the voice of warning by the mouth of His servants whom He would send, and who could not be staid. In the 124th section, some of these servants are named, and these same men are they who came to these valleys and assisted in establishing the Church here. He exhorted the Saints to bear in mind the promises of the Lord, keeping fresh the comforting words and prophecies as given in the Book of Covenants, and rejoice and serve Him continually. He closed by bearing testimony that God lives and hears and answers the prayers of His children, and that we are enjoying the gifts of the Gospel as did the Saints of former days.

ELDER RULON S. WELLS.

Elder Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy spoke briefly.

The Lord has declared that He would bring to pass His wonderful work, and we know that He is doing so; that He has opened the heavens and sent messengers to the earth. The world, without the Spirit of God, cannot grasp nor receive these things, but only those who through obedience to God's laws have received His Spirit, and we know them.