

will preserve and protect us, and will prepare the way before us, that we shall live and multiply and replenish the earth and always do His will; which may God grant is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem, "Lift up the voice in singing."

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

Admonition to the Saints to sustain President Smith as Trustee-in-Trust.—Testimony that he is worthy of their confidence.

My brethren and sisters, my soul is filled with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for permitting me to assemble with you once more in general conference. I have rejoiced exceedingly in what we have heard from our President, and I wish to testify that every word he has spoken is true and faithful. I am here to uphold and sustain him in the position he has taken in every particular. All I want to say to you this morning, my brethren and sisters, is in relation to the Trustee-in-Trust. I say that your funds are perfectly safe in his hands, and, as he has said, not one dollar is used except where it belongs. I testify to this in your presence this morning, and that all things are well. He is doing just right; and the statement that he has made with regard to the books being open to those who have an interest, is a fact, and you can satisfy yourselves of these things. Now, let all doubts be removed from your minds, if you have any, though I do not believe the Latter-day Saints have any doubts in relation to this matter. There may be a few who have, but the true and faithful Latter-day Saints have no doubt in regard to this subject. I say to you this morning, my brethren and sisters, uphold and sustain the President as Trustee-in-Trust of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and all things will be well with you. May the Lord help us all, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

Willigress and diligence of the missionaries.—Extensive circulation of Church literature.—Difficulties in Turkey.—Success in Greece, South Africa, and Japan.—Satisfactory conditions among the gathered Saints.

I am indeed happy this morning to see this large congregation at the first session of our conference. It shows that the Latter-day Saints are alive in their religion and anxious to meet in these gatherings of the Saints. They want to be built up and refreshed in their holy faith. I was pleased to look at your faces and to note the attention with which you followed the remarks of our President and Brother Winder. Like Brother Winder, I can endorse everything the President has said. We are in a position to know that it is the truth.

I was pleased to follow the President in his sketch of the work being done abroad. We feel indeed interested in the missionary labors, and it is a pleasure to tell you how gladly our brethren respond to the calls made upon them to go upon missions. I do not remember more than one or two refusals during the last six months. The great majority have expressed themselves as honored in being called to go, and they say that they feel it is their duty to go and let the world know what they themselves have received. It is pleasant to read these letters from our young men, middle aged men, and even old men, who have been called to go out and bear their testimonies to the world.

A great deal has been done in diffusing the printed word to the world. I believe the British mission leads in this, but, take all our missions together, the number of tracts and books that have been scattered among the people has run up into millions. Our brethren are faithful in going from house to house, leaving tracts, trying to get into conversation with the people, to let them know the glorious truth that God has again spoken unto man. The Book of Mormon is sought after. The presidents of missions in the United States have printed large editions and are circulating them everywhere, selling them as cheaply as possible, that the world may become acquainted with that sacred volume, which has been given by God unto this generation. Our French edition is gone; another must be published. The Swedish edition of the Book of Mormon is out of print,

and another must be printed there. The Turkish Saints are asking that they may have this volume printed in the Turkish language. It has been translated by Brother Hintze and assistants, and we intend to have it published, and try to get it into the Ottoman empire. It is hard to get printed matter into that country, as they are afraid of books, afraid that there is something in them inimical to the government. Whenever you land at a port the custom officers are suspicious of your books, and they have them examined before they allow you to take them into the country. Hence the difficulty we will have in getting the Book of Mormon to the people there. We would print it in Constantinople and thus have it in the country, but we find that should we try to get it into the other provinces of Turkey we would have the same difficulty to pass the custom officers, whether it has the government permit stamped on it or not. They say that anyone could print that on the book, and so it is left to the custom house officers to decide. But we believe we shall yet be able to get that work into the hands of the people of that land. The work of the Lord is progressing there; still our Armenian Saints are having a hard time. It is a poor country to live in, and the Saints are not yet recognized as a religious body by the government. We have not very many Elders laboring there at present, but will try to get more. At Athens, in Greece, there are several persons inquiring about the truth. We were indeed pleased a few weeks ago to receive from them several tracts printed in Athens in the Greek language. They are "Rays of Living Light," written by Elder Penrose, and had been translated into that language. These Greeks had received copies of those tracts, and they thought them worth translating and printing, and sending out among their countrymen. They are now asking for missionaries to be sent to them to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel. This shows that the Spirit of God is working upon the people, and that men

are seeking for the truth. We are trying to get the Gospel principles sent to every nation. Our brethren who were sent to South Africa found members of the Church who received the Gospel there many years ago, when the mission was first opened, and although they have not been visited by Elders, for many years, they have kept the faith and have tried to make others understand the truth as they have received it. Our Elders have been successful in baptizing new members, and the Church there is increasing in numbers. Brother Alma O. Taylor, president of the Japanese mission is engaged in translating the Book of Mormon. He has been wonderfully blest in learning that language. Several of the Elders with him are also able to preach in Japanese and are traveling amongst the people. Brother Ensign, who has recently returned accomplished a great work in translating hymns into the Japanese language and setting them to music, so that the Japanese can sing our hymns and feel the spirit that goes with them. They have not baptized very many, though they have had many applications for baptism, but the brethren feel that before they baptize anyone he should understand the Gospel, have faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, and know concerning the work that God has established upon the earth. The method of preaching the Gospel to a people that do not believe in the true God is, of course, much different from the way we preach it to those who are believers in the Bible, and in Christ as the Savior of mankind. The brethren are seeking to reach the children there, and they have a large attendance at Sunday schools. The children are delighted to hear the teachings of the Elders and to sing our hymns, and in the streets of Tokio you can often hear the little ones sing our Sunday school songs. These children go home and tell their parents what they have learned in the Mormon Sunday school, and their parents get interested themselves. I consider that the Elders there are taking the right

course to reach the hearts of the people of that nation.

It is indeed pleasing to us to see the progress that the work is making in the different parts of the earth, and I hope to see this progress accelerated and the benign influences of the Gospel be felt more and more among the people. At home, we feel that the Saints in the different Stakes are progressing in all good works. The quarterly conferences that have been held in all of the 55 Stakes have been times of rejoicing, and spiritual feasts unto all present, and we believe that the Saints are growing in grace with God.

Now, brethren and sisters, I rejoice to be with you. I rejoice to be a fellow-laborer with you in building up the Church of Christ upon the earth. This work will prosper and it will not be given to any other people. The Lord has so declared it. This people will carry it on, and the Lord will crown their efforts with success. God bless you all. Amen.

PRESIDENT FRANCIS M. LYMAN.

Gospel principles did not originate with Joseph Smith.—Joseph called of God to be a great prophet.—Gathering and Temple building.—The Church of Christ, and His disciples, always persecuted.—The Saints loyal to the nation, and to the Church.—The Church thoroughly established.

I have been very greatly interested in the remarks of our brethren, and, with the assistance of the Spirit of the Lord I shall take pleasure in talking to you for a few moments. The congregation this morning is unusually large for the first meeting, which indicates that the Saints are interested and are anxious to participate in the conference. The testimonies that we have listened to from the Presidency find an echo in our hearts. The Latter-day Saints are a peculiar people, and every individual member of the Church has the same kind of testimony that is enjoyed by the Presidency. These testimonies are not confined to any quorum or council, but every member of the Church, whether his membership is of long or of short duration, has the same abiding

spirit in his soul, and is established and fixed in his faith. For that reason there is no danger to this Church, because the members thereof enjoy the same spirit. We are one; and the doctrines so commend themselves to the judgment of honest people, that when we have tested them and realized how precious, reliable, and soul-satisfying they are, we are never inclined to depart from them so long as we are true and faithful. The principles of the Gospel have always been and will always be true. They have been revealed to us in the latter days. They have not been created in this dispensation. They have not originated with the Prophet Joseph Smith, but they have simply been brought to light and revealed to the children of men in this age. They are possessed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the only living and true Church established among the children of men—this Church that has been brought out of obscurity into the light and brought to the attention of the peoples of the world. We have been preaching these doctrines as revealed through the Prophet Joseph, for seventy-five years. We are in the ministry, and are increasing gradually, steadily, and surely, spreading abroad and becoming more solid, substantial and reliable than ever. The work is so well settled that it cannot be disturbed, so we believe, and absolutely know, for it is the work of the Lord. The Lord has called and qualified His servants, commencing with the Prophet Joseph many years ago. He took him in hand, He gave him birth, He brought him forward, introduced him to the world, planted in his heart the doctrines of life and salvation, and early in the last century honored him with the sacred calling of an Apostle, a Prophet, Seer and Revelator, a man of God, a living minister, endowed with inspiration and revelation, a law-giver, such a man as has rarely ever been known among the children of men. I can hardly think of one who has been superior to him among the prophets and patriarchs of God. Of course, the Savior is far in