

has enabled that institution to get out of trouble, and has lifted it up so that today it is independent. I recommend this to the Latter-day Saints, and suggest that we adopt a cash policy, and pay as we go. While doing this, let us endeavor to live our religion, attend to our prayers, do our duty, attend our meetings, and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. I testify to you, as a servant of God, that all other things will be added unto us. This gospel is true, there is no doubt about that, and it will save us if we will live according to its precepts.

May the peace and blessings of the Almighty rest upon us. May the inspiration of His Holy Spirit enlighten our minds, quicken our understandings, enable us to comprehend the truth when we hear it, and cause us to be united in all the affairs of life; that we may be forgiving in our lives, and, as we read from the revelation, seek to forgive all men, not only those who are members of the church, but forgive all men, no matter who they may be. If we will do this, the Lord will in the end forgive us, and will lift us up to salvation. Peace be unto you, my brethren and sisters. May the blessings of the Almighty rest upon you, and His prosperity attend you in your homes. I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Elder John Robinson rendered a sacred solo entitled "Grant Us Thy Peace."

ELDER CHRISTIAN D. FJELDSTED.

I do not know if I shall be able to speak loud enough to be heard by this vast congregation, but I esteem it a great privilege to attend this conference, a privilege I have not had for several years. I can truly say I am enjoying the Spirit there is in this conference. The doctrines we have listened to have come from God, and the singing has been quite inspiring. Thanks be to God, we are living in a time when we have inspired men to lead us. I have been in Scandinavia for several years, and I bring kind regards and thanks from the Saints of those countries, for the liberal feelings man-

ifested both by the trustee-in-trust and by the people here generally, through whose donations we have been greatly assisted, and we now have some very good meetinghouses in those countries. The gospel is spreading, and is being preached with power. I can say, in behalf of the Elders who have been sent from home, that they are doing a good work. They are fine men. You parents whose sons are out in the field can rejoice, because they are good boys, they are doing a good work, and they are living their religion. It is a hard matter to learn a language, but even in that the Lord is blessing them wonderfully. They meet, of course, with a good deal of opposition, and finding fault with the principles of the gospel by our friends outside of the church. I have told them we have not originated this gospel, neither has Joseph Smith nor the other leaders of the church; it originated with the Lord, the Creator of the world, and if you have any complaint to make against the principles of the gospel, He is the individual for you to complain against, not Joseph Smith, nor the Latter-day Saints. The Lord has revealed this grand and glorious gospel. He appeared to Joseph Smith and introduced His Son, even the Savior of the world, who spoke to Joseph Smith concerning the gospel; and that is where the complaint should be laid if there is any. We say that the principles of the gospel are true, and are calculated to exalt mankind, to bless the people, and to bring salvation to the human family, if they will obey it. My brothers and sisters, it is for us, as Latter-day Saints, to live our religion, because this is the work of God. His servants who stand at the head of His church are leading Israel in the way of salvation. May the Lord help us that we may do our duty, live our religion, honor our Father in heaven, and keep the covenants we have entered into, is my prayer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn:

Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah!

Jesus anointed that Prophet and Seer,

Blessed to open the last dispensation;
Kings shall extol him and nations revere.

Benediction by Bishop William B. Preston.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,

No longer as strangers on earth need we roam;

Good tidings are sounding to us and each nation.

And shortly the hour of redemption will come.

Prayer was offered by Patriarch Angus M. Cannon.

The choir sang the hymn:

High on the mountain top a banner is unfurled,

Ye nations now look up, it waves to all the world;

In Deseret's sweet, peaceful land,

On Zion's mount behold it stand!

ELDER CHARLES W. PENROSE.

Permanence and perpetuity of the Church.—Its growth and development.—No hiatus in its history.—Keys given to Joseph Smith not to be taken away.—Organization of First Presidency.—It is not hereditary.—The work of God will continue and abide forever.

It is a great pleasure to me to look upon this congregation. We have come here from different parts of this state and of the surrounding states and territories that we might associate as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in general conference. I feel for one that we have been well repaid for such journeyings, as we have had to undertake in order to come here. The Spirit that has prevailed in this conference from the very beginning has been such as to give comfort and joy and confidence to the Latter-day Saints assembled, and to increase in our souls a determination that we will serve the Lord, that we will keep His commandments, that we will sustain His servants whom He has appointed to guide and direct the affairs of His Church on earth, and that we will place ourselves in such a condition that the Lord may use us for the accomplishment of His purposes, for

the upbuilding of His kingdom, for the spread of truth and righteousness, and to help prepare the way for the coming of Him whose right it is to reign over all the earth. I am sure that every person present who knows anything about the operations of the Spirit of the Lord has had a testimony in his or her heart that the Lord is with His servants, that His power attends their ministrations, and that they are really and truly engaged in the Lord's work, and 'not in the work of man alone.

A remark made by Elder John Henry Smith, I am sure was thoroughly appreciated by those who heard him, and recommended itself to my soul, and that was, that the Lord in the latter days was to establish a kingdom that should "not be given to another people," that should not be overcome of the world but should stand forever, and it was to be given "to the people of the Saints of the Most High," and they should possess it for an everlasting kingdom. Now, we understood in the beginning, when we obeyed the Gospel of Christ and became members of this Church, that this promise was in relation to the work in which we became engaged. That it was to be different from former dispensations. That while the establishment of the Church and kingdom of God in former times was such that it was temporary and was overcome by the powers of evil—the world, the flesh and the devil, this latter-day work was to continue and abide. That it should not cease, but that it was established here permanently. We applied to ourselves the remark of the Prophet Isaiah concerning the great latter-day work, that the truth which the Lord revealed to us should "not depart from us nor from our seed, nor from our seed's seed, from henceforth, even forever." We understood that while those former dispensations only lasted for a time, and then wickedness came in like a flood and spread over the earth, that the dispensation of the fulness of times which the Lord ushered in through His servant Joseph Smith, was to continue and prevail over