

may be that exists between us and them. Therefore, I say again, the Church of Jesus Christ stands for virtue, honor, truth, purity of life, and good will to all mankind. It stands for God the Eternal Father, and for Jesus Christ, whom the Father sent into the world, and whom to know is life eternal. This is what the Church stands for, and it cannot tolerate abomination crime and wickedness on the part of those who may claim to have some connection with it. We must sever ourselves from them, and let them go. Not that we want to hurt them. We do not want to hurt anybody. We never have, and we do not intend to, hurt anybody. But we do not intend to be hurt by those who are seeking our destruction, if we can help it. It is our right to protect ourselves.

Now, God bless you. May peace abide in your souls, and the love of truth abound in you. May virtue garnish all your ways. May you live uprightly and honestly before the Lord, keep the faith, and be valiant in the testimony of Jesus Christ; for he that is valiant will receive his reward. God bless you, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem, "Let the mountains shout for joy."

#### UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.

President Smith explained that according to the deed of the Brigham Young University, the trustees of that institution shall be presented every three years to be sustained at the general conference. He therefore presented the following names for the vote of the Saints:

Joseph F. Smith, David John, Wilson H. Dusenberry, Susa Y. Gates, Reed Smoot, John Henry Smith, Lafayette Holbrook, Stephen L. Chipman, Jesse Knight, Oscar B. Young, Jonathan S. Page, Jr., Richard W. Young. The vote was unanimous.

#### PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

Testimony concerning the truth of President Smith's statements.—Gratifying increase of interest in Temple work.—The Lord will bless the faithful.

I feel very thankful this morning to have the privilege of meeting once more with you in general conference. I have listened with much pleasure to the statements made by our President in relation to the condition of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I have no doubt that you also have listened with the same degree of interest. I rejoice exceedingly that I can bear testimony to the truth of what he has said, in all particulars. I am very thankful that the Lord has been so kind and generous to me as to extend my years until the present time, and I pray and hope that the remainder of my days may be spent in assisting to build up His Church upon the earth.

I remember that in the last sermon preached by the Prophet Joseph Smith, he laid particular stress upon the duties and obligations of the Latter-day Saints in relation to the redemption of their dead. I rejoice to know that the disposition and feeling of the Latter-day Saints in this direction is improving, and that the number attending to this work in the temples is increasing all the time. A little item that has appeared in the statistics we have received is of much interest to me, namely, that during the past year there has been a very decided increase in the number of marriages in the temples. We are much gratified to know that our young people are looking towards the temples of God as the proper places for the performance of the marriage ceremony. We hope they will continue to do so, and that there will be a still greater increase in this direction during the present year. I look upon the payment of tithing, and the desire of the people to perform temple ordinances and work for the redemption of their dead, as good indications of the faithful condition of the Saints.

I am thankful, my brothers and sisters, for this opportunity to bear testimony to what has been said. I do

not feel to occupy your time, but I desire to express my thanks and gratitude to God for every blessing He has bestowed upon His people. I am satisfied that if we continue to prosecute our labors as faithfully as we have done in the past the Lord will continue to bless us, and will multiply us upon the earth. May God bless you, my brethren and sisters. Many of you have traveled long distances to come up here to spend a short time in conference. May you be abundantly repaid for all that you have done in this direction.

God bless you, and all pertaining unto you, and may your substance, and everything that is needful for your welfare, be multiplied and increased, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

The ethics of "Mormonism".—Pursuit of worldly affairs quenches love of Gospel.—Essentiality of religious, intellectual, and manual education.—Advantages of Church school instruction.—Gratifying progress of the Church at home and abroad.

When President Smith in his closing remarks told us what the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands for, I thought of these words, given in an early revelation:

"Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence, ask, and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

This passage contains the ethics of Mormonism, and is what the Church stands for. I believe that we, the Latter-day Saints, are remembering these virtues, and that faith is increasing in our midst. It would be well for us all to examine ourselves and see if our faith is increasing, or if we are getting indifferent and our faith decreasing. We should do this thoroughly; let our criticism of self be severe so that we may see ourselves in the true light. Many who received the Gospel abroad, in thinking over the past, are led to say: "How sweet was the word of God as it came to us

through the servants of the Lord." But since coming here they have become so absorbed in business and worldly pursuits that they seem to have forgotten the object of their gathering with the Saints. To such I will say, Stop, and try to regain that first love of the Gospel which, even now, gives you so much pleasure in recalling. A friend, whom I remember from my childhood, said a short time ago: "You may not think that I am very staunch in the faith when you see how little I do in a Church way, but I wish to say that, when I think of those early days, when I joined the Church, it warms my heart, and I feel thankful that I have a knowledge of the truth." Here is one who has let the present absorb all his energies, and he has become seemingly indifferent to the requirements of the Gospel. This should not be the case with any of us. We should remember and do the duties required of us as Saints.

We should remember our fellowmen, and that we owe the duty of making them acquainted with the faith God has given us. There are many living right in our midst who do not know what we believe. Many of us are willing to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the glad tidings of a restored Gospel, but do not think of our neighbors who live in the same street with us, and who know nothing about our religion except that which they read in newspapers inimical to us. We should be ready to bear our testimony to them, and above all let our good works so shine that they may know we are endeavoring to be the children of God.

We should cultivate the virtues mentioned in the passage I have read. We are there encouraged to seek knowledge. The President has given us a statement of the different organizations in the Church, and has told us their aim and purpose. The object of the quorums of the Priesthood, and the auxiliary organizations, is that their members may acquire knowledge, and self improvement. If we are called an ignorant people, we