

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

want to make it manifest to the world that the charge is not true, but that we are obeying the commands of the Lord, seeking knowledge ourselves and are imparting this also to our children. I feel proud of what the Latter-day Saints are doing for their children in regard to education; they are alive to the necessity of having them thoroughly instructed. We do not want the mind trained alone, but also the hands. We desire that the education we give our children shall be most useful to them. The object of giving them a good education should not be alone for the purpose that they may be able to gain a living without manual labor. It is true that we need many teachers; we need many men and women in other professions also, and they must devote their time to fit and prepare themselves for such positions; but all our children cannot expect to enter the professions. There are, however, many vocations open to all, and a skilled hand will always find work. Presidents Smith and Winder are much in favor of giving our children thorough manual training. We should teach them to regard labor as ennobling, and not to look down upon the farmer or the tradesman as engaged in occupations beneath the professional man, for the one is as noble as the other. The professions may require more study, but those having attainments in these directions should not look down upon those who are skilled in the trades. Professions and handicrafts, should go hand in hand.

We desire our children to get a good, solid education, both secular and spiritual. We would like our people to sustain the Church schools and let their children spend some time in them—a year, two years, four years if they can afford it—so that they may have opportunity to study theology. We have excellent school all over the state, and the people should make the best use of them; and when the children get through the grades let them attend our Church schools. The Church has advanced a great deal of money to sus-

tain these institutions, in order that our boys and girls may attend them and become grounded in the faith. Our faith is valued so highly by us that we want them to appreciate it also, and it is gratifying to see that when they receive religious instructions in these schools they love it. To some it may be irksome, but there are few who complain of theological study in the school. It is for religious training especially that Church schools have been established. If a student wants to take only the secular branches of education, with theology eliminated, he can get all he wants at the state institutions; but he must attend the Church schools if he wishes religious instruction. We would encourage our people to give this due thought. We cannot overestimate the value of giving our children an opportunity to study under teachers who will teach them the way of life and salvation. Of course, a great many cannot attend the Church schools. We would like such to have a chance to obtain religious instruction, and for this purpose religion classes have been established. I was thankful that the President brought them to our notice. I hope that all of us will try to make these religion classes do as much good as possible to our children.

I rejoice, brethren and sisters, in seeing the progress that the work of the Lord is making, both at home and abroad. At home I see that the quorums of the Priesthood are awakening to their duties, and that in many of the Stakes the Presidents and their counselors, the Bishops and their counselors, are taking an active part in making the quorum meetings interesting unto the members. The quorums are indeed like schools, in them the duties of the Priesthood can and should be taught, so that every one, from the Deacon to the High Priest, may learn his duty, and not be ignorant of what pertains to the office assigned him. Abroad the work is progressing. Among the Greeks the Gospel has been sounded, pamphlets have been printed, and a few people have

been baptized. In all the countries of Europe there are Latter-day Saints, excepting Spain and Portugal, though there are not many in Southern Europe. I hope that the time may soon come when the Gospel door shall be opened in these nations, and that the light may shine upon those who still sit in darkness. Our missions in the United States are prospering. The Southern States mission is reaching out even to the islands in the ocean, and I hope they will succeed in planting the Gospel there. From everywhere we receive good reports concerning the Saints, and the missionaries feel encouraged, though baptisms are not as numerous as they would like. Nevertheless, when the time comes and the Lord shall work upon the hearts of the people, we may see many Pentecosts in different lands. In regard to the printed word, I may say that the Book of Mormon is being printed in the Turkish language; and Brother Alma O. Taylor, in Japan, is nearing the completion of the translation of the Book of Mormon in that difficult language. We are trying to do what we can to bear the responsibility that rests upon us, namely that the Gospel be preached unto all nations. God bless you all. Amen.

The choir and congregation united in singing the hymn.

Redeemer of Israel, our only delight,
On whom for a blessing we call;
Our shadow by day, and our pillar by
night,
Our King, our Deliv'rer, our all!

Benediction was pronounced by Elder David H. Cannon, and conference was adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 p. m.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn beginning,

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 Elder William McLachlan.

The choir and congregation sang,

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.

ELDER SEYMOUR B. YOUNG.

My beloved brethren and sisters, I can hardly express to you the gratitude I feel for the privilege of attending this great conference, looking over this large congregation of Latter-day Saints, and witnessing the feeling of unity of purpose that has brought you together. The Latter-day Saints are increasing. The work of the Lord is spreading abroad, and we are witnesses that there is remarkable evidence of this fact today. I rejoice when I hear such a report as we listened to this morning from the President of the Church, concerning the union of the Saints and their endeavors to do the will of the Father and keep His commandments.

Seventy-six years ago today the Church was organized, and beside the six persons who were the charter members of the organization, there were very few who belonged to the Church at that time, hence we conclude that the work has greatly increased, and the truth continues to spread abroad over many lands and among many people. The Lord is fulfilling His prediction to the Prophet Joseph, that He would bring to pass "a marvelous work and a wonder." I have a perfect knowledge of the fact that the Church has disseminated among the children of men principles of truth, righteousness and love, and not principles of hate. It is love of the Gospel that has prompted so many people to receive the message which was brought unto them by the followers of the Prophet, who was the means, under our Savior, of intro-