

it by example as well as by precept among our associates wherever we are in the world.

I want to say of my Counselors in the Presidency, there are no better men in the world today; and they are loyal to you; they are loyal to the people of God; they are loyal to their covenants and to the interests of Zion, and they are laboring faithfully for the accomplishment of all the good that it is possible to accomplish through their influence and through their agency and faithful labors. I can say the same of my brethren the Twelve, and others associated with us in the Holy Priesthood. The Lord bless them and sustain them in right doing and in upholding and sustaining God's work and the authority that He has revealed and restored to His children in the world. Now, may the Lord bless you, and may peace abound in your hearts and homes; may the blessing of prosperity attend you in your outgoings and incomings and all you put your hands to in righteousness, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem, "Song of the Redeemed."

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

Good results of President Smith's recent extensive journey.—Assurance of the triumph of the Lord's work.—Gratifying unity of the Church authorities and the Saints.

My heart is filled with gratitude, praise and thanksgiving to my Heavenly Father that He has extended my days until the present time, and that I have one more opportunity of meeting with you, my brethren and sisters, in conference. I have been delighted in listening

to the remarks that have been made by our beloved President. We rejoice to see him back again. We missed him while he was absent, but we are glad to know that it has been beneficial to his health, and pleased to hear of the good he has accomplished while he has been visiting various missions of our Church in the nations of the earth.

I assure you, my brethren and sisters, that his brethren are one with him in all matters that pertain to the best interests and building up of the kingdom of God upon the earth. We are united in every effort that is put forth for the welfare of the Church and people of the Lord, and I am grateful to be enabled to bear testimony to what He has said in relation to this matter. I realize also that if we live near to the Lord, this testimony will continue to abide with us. This is the Lord's work that we are engaged in. The nearer I live to the Lord the more strength He gives me, and my faith in His promises is increased. The work is growing and spreading. It is upward and onward, at home and abroad.

We are glad to be able to bear this testimony. Rest assured, my brethren and sisters, there is no need to be alarmed. There is nothing that will transpire that can hinder the progress of the work of the Lord. We put our trust in Him. It is His work, and we are endeavoring to carry it forward here upon the earth. Although we may be feeble in our efforts, yet we know that when we are sustained by Him the work will progress.

I am thankful, my brethren and sisters, for the health and strength the Lord has blessed me with, and that He has extended my life until the present time. I am fifteen years past what is termed the allotted age—

of man—three score years and ten. Don't you think I ought to be thankful to the Lord for His goodness and mercies to me? I think so, above all men upon the earth.

I am gratified to have the opportunity of bearing testimony to the truth of the statements we have heard this morning related by our President. I desire to emphasize one remark of his, that he and his brethren are united, and repeat emphatically that his brethren are united with him, and they propose to stand by him till the end.

May God help us all to be faithful and true to the covenants we have made, to stand by each other, to be faithful, true, and united in furthering the interests of the kingdom of God, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

Beneficial effects of the Church conference meetings.—Commendable diligence and self-denial of missionaries.—Mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.—Heroic sacrifice of Joseph and Hyrum.

I also can say that I have been delighted this morning to hear our President give a report of his travels in our missions abroad. I know how the Saints would rejoice to listen to their beloved leader, and have the privilege in foreign lands to hear his voice. I am glad that he returns to us in improved health; for the work at home was hard on him and his health was not the best when he left us. I wish he had had a little more time when he was in Europe, so that he could have visited the Scandinavian missions as well. I know that there are thousands of Saints there who would have rejoiced to have had him with

them. Sometime, maybe, they will have this privilege. I believe the President's visit to different missions has been productive of much good. It has strengthened the faith of the Saints and encouraged them in the good work. I also bear testimony to the fact that we are united with him; that the Twelve and the brethren who labor in the ministry are united, and feel to do all in their power to build up God's cause upon the earth.

These conferences are productive of much good. The Saints come together; they listen to the men whom they look up to as leaders in Zion, and they rejoice in hearing the instructions given, which they take with them to their homes. I believe those who come to the conferences really love the work and want to carry out the instructions given. Of course, the great majority of the Saints cannot attend these conferences; but they can attend their stake conferences, and these also are productive of great good. The Twelve, the Seven Presidents of Seventies, the Patriarch, and other leading men visit these conferences, mingle with the Saints, feel the influence of their spirit, and give them such encouragement and instructions as the spirit leads them to give and as the people are in need of.

The work is progressing both at home and abroad. The reports from foreign missions, and from the missions in the United States, show that our Elders have never been more industrious and zealous in their labors than they are today. They try to perform their duty as messengers of salvation unto the people. They labor early and late, and though not rewarded with worldly honor, nor in many cases made very welcome, still they feel