

vants are inspired of Him. I desire, if I may have sufficient strength, to follow continuously, and consistently, him who is at the head of this work, whoever he may be, be he Joseph F. Smith or any other man whom God shall place there; for I know that the Lord will never permit the man who stands at the head of this work, as a guide to His children and to His Church, to counsel or advise contrary to His will. I believe that one in authority may give wrong advice, that may be possible, but the Lord's anointed never. He is my watchword, he is the one under God whom I shall endeavor to follow, by the help of the Lord. May we all do so, and our exaltation will be sure in the presence of our Heavenly Father; which may God grant, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER RUDGER CLAWSON.

Absence of traitors an evidence of growth and stability of the Church.—
Intense devotion now manifest.

My brethren and sisters, the Church has been organized 78 years tomorrow. Have the Latter-day Saints made any progress in that period of time? Mark this. Joseph Smith, the Prophet, was surrounded in part by false brethren men who were ready and willing to betray him. Some of them he had taken to his heart. Some of them were associated with him in the presidency, and some of them were connected with the quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and there were many among the High Priests and the Seventies who were false to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Upon one occasion Wilford Woodruff, who was approached by some of

these men, lifted up his voice in warning, and predicted that if they did not repent of their sins that they would be damned and go to hell, and this because of their opposition to the Prophet, because of their willingness to betray him to his enemies, for they said he was a fallen prophet. He was not a fallen prophet; they were fallen prophets. How is it today? Pause, my brethren and sisters, for a moment and reflect. There are 56 stakes of Zion, each presided over by a presidency. That means 56 presidents and 112 counselors. There are 652 wards, each presided over by a bishopric. That means 652 Bishops and 1304 counselors. There are 21 missions in the world, presided over by 21 mission presidents. That makes altogether 2,145 very prominent and influential officers in the Church and not one, so far as I know, is a traitor, not one.

Here is evidence brethren and sisters, that the Church has grown, that it has progressed that it has shot ahead wonderfully. And it may also be said of High Counselors, Patriarchs, and High Priests, Seventies and Elders, and members of the Lesser Priesthood, and in fact of members of the Church, generally that very few, if any, are traitors among them. The Latter-day Saints hate the spirit of apostasy, and they despise a traitor, and God despises a traitor, and there will be no place found in the kingdom of heaven for a traitor, for the man who would betray his God or his religion, or his country. Now, I rejoice in this testimony, for it confirms to me the divinity of this work. The growth and progress of the Church clearly shows powerfully the spirit of God is operating upon His people and upon His

servants to make strong in the faith, to make them firm in their attitude to the world and to each other, in keeping the commandments of God.

This is a glorious time which we now behold, a glorious conference. The Spirit of the Lord is upon His people, and we are made to rejoice. There is a multitude of people assembled in the great tabernacle, and this house is filled to overflowing with Latter-day Saints, and the temple grounds are covered, and there are hundreds of Saints who have left the grounds, and there are other hundreds upon the streets, and thousands and tens of thousands in the various stakes. Assuredly Zion is growing, and Zion is becoming strong, both spiritually and temporally. Let me say to you that a people who are weak spiritually and strong temporally are a weak people, and a people who are strong spiritually and weak temporally are a weak people; but a people who are strong spiritually and strong temporally are a strong people. My testimony is that the Latter-day Saints are a power in the earth which will be felt in a time to come. May the Lord bless and prosper us, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The choir sang the hymn, "Hark! ten thousand thousand voices."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Arthur Parsons.

Outdoor Meeting.

The Tabernacle and Assembly Hall could not accommodate all who desired admittance and, the weather being propitious, several hundred assembled on the lawn, near the

Bureau of Information building, where services were held at 2 p. m., under direction of Elder Benjamin Goddard.

Prof. Charles Kent conducted the singing, and the selections rendered by him and his male chorus were highly appreciated.

The services were commenced by the male chorus and congregation singing the hymn entitled "Sowing."

Prayer was offered by Bishop David A. Smith.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Hope of Israel."

ELDER BENJAMIN GODDARD.

We are glad, my brethren and sisters, to meet with you in this capacity. We regret very much that we have not seats for all. It has been suggested that, if the Saints who desire to receive instructions are to be accommodated hereafter, it will be necessary to roof over this entire block. From the increased attendance, it is very evident that "Zion is Growing," and that the cry is going out not only from our children in the Sabbath schools, but from all Israel, "Give us Room that We May Dwell." I pray that the blessings of the Lord may rest upon you, that through your faith and prayers, the brethren who address you may be inspired of Him to give unto you words of wisdom and truthfulness. May God bless you unto that end, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER REUBEN G. MILLER.

(President of Emery Stake).

I am thankful to be here, and to listen to the testimonies that have