

We are glad to have the thousands of our visiting friends come here. We will have, this year, probably two hundred thousand people register at our Bureau of Information. We give them, as I have told you, the best there is. We have provided for free organ recitals every day. These recitals bring many people into this city every year, and we are trying with our conferences and with other means, not only to build up the Church, as a church, as a spiritual force, but to build up the country. We welcome these people. We welcome the Grand Army and those who will pass through the city on their way to the Fair at Seattle. They will all be made welcome, so far as the Church can spend means and labor to entertain them.

I say that all these things, and many more that I have not time to mention—are good for there are many good works that could be mentioned. This is not theory, it is not doctrine alone, it is works, and they are good and they should entitle us to something more than abuse.

May the Lord bless this work. I propose, by His help, that we stand by it, and that we not only appreciate the works that are accomplished, but with all our hearts and souls and our faith in every way before the Lord, we say in our hearts, it is good to serve the Lord. This work is good. The spiritual part is better, infinitely better than the temporal part—but the temporal part, men can see and understand, but they can not understand the spiritual part. We who have tasted of that spirit know; we know of the doctrine. I know that this is the work of God, and you know it. I recall an inci-

dent—Brother Penrose relates that when he was about to leave England, coming to Zion the first time, he was around bidding his old friends goodbye. There was one old English lady, to whom he was attached, who cried and said she was sorry she could not go; and when he was going, she said: "Brother Penrose, when you gets to Zion, you tells Brother Brigham I knows Mormonism is true just as well as he do." That is the foundation upon which Mormonism is built—this individual testimony that every one knows the spiritual side of it as well as the temporal side. My time has expired. God bless you. Amen.

#### **PATRIARCH JOHN SMITH.**

The people enjoined to be true Latter-day Saints.—Personal remembrances of early history.—Passing away of old friends.—Necessity for giving heed to Spiritual Monitor.—Proper way to pay tithing.

My Brethren and sisters: I was in hopes that this task would pass over; for preaching, as I have said many times, is not my forte. However, I trust that by your faith and prayers my memory may receive strength, that something may come to my mind that I may say, which will benefit both you and me.

I have listened attentively to all that has been said, thus far, during this conference, and I can indorse every sentiment, every word, for I know all that has been said has been inspired by our Father in heaven. We as a people should endeavor to be true Latter-day Saints; If we are not, we certainly should be. We should realize our duty and privileges and strive diligently to live in a way and manner that

our Father in heaven will approve so that He may be pleased to let His Spirit rest upon us, that those who address us may speak by that Spirit, by that intelligence, that we who listen may obtain wisdom and knowledge, and that we may remember and profit by what we have heard.

In my reflections, my mind often goes back to early youth, to my childhood. I can remember back farther than many others who are here present, in regard to the travels of the Church. My memory goes back as far as Kirtland, Ohio. I remember when we were leaving there, our travels to Missouri, the persecutions through which we passed in Missouri, and being driven from there to Illinois. My mind is very vivid on these points. I remember our arrival in Quincy, Illinois, and proceeding to the place where was afterwards established the city of Nauvoo. I remember distinctly that the place where we settled, first named Commerce, but subsequently called Nauvoo, was a sickly place; many of us were sick for a year. There was a time there when corn was only ten cents a bushel, but many of us who had the ten cents could not get the corn, because so many were sick; and few were able to go out and purchase and take it to the mill, in order that we might obtain the food needed. My memory also goes back to the time we were crossing the plains; finally settling here when this country was covered with sagebrush, and there were no houses to speak of. Often, in my reflections, I look around for those whom I call, in my way of speaking, the old boys of my youth. They are getting scarce and, in looking around, I oftentimes feel lonesome. For many years I have tried to get here to conference

meetings early in the day, that I might shake hands with old persons with whom I was acquainted in early times. But, they are getting scarce; it causes me to realize that time is going, and that the people are being gathered from the earth to the spirit world.

I have been interested in the advice and instructions that have been given here in regard to closing saloons, and urging our people to live moral and upright lives; I realize that this is a necessity. As Latter-day Saints, we should strive to live in that way and manner that our Father in heaven can bestow His blessings upon us. We understand that it is our duty to pay our tithes and offerings; that we should attend to our prayers, and perform the many other duties that devolve upon us. I have said many times, every latter-day Saint has a monitor within him. If we will stop to reflect upon our duties and privileges this monitor will direct us in the true path. I believe there is no person who does a wrong but what that monitor within him will say that it is wrong, and that he should not have done it. If we happen to get under an influence which is not proper and right, and permit that influence to guide us, we will often err in judgment and do things that we ought not to do; but if we will listen to the promptings of that monitor, and take a straightforward course, asking our Father to assist and guide us in our labors, we will not so often make mistakes.

I have learned by observation, and also by practice, in regard to the law of tithing, to which some of the speakers have referred, that if we pay our tithes and offerings at the time we have the means, it is no hardship; but if we neglect payment one month after another the

means will be spent; and then, when we should pay tithing, taxes come upon us, and when we pay the taxes we have no money left for tithing. If we will do our duty in this regard, and pay as we go, we will be all right. This reminds me of a little circumstance that transpired not long ago. I went into a store to buy something. The clerk said, "Shall I charge it?" I said, "No sir; if I can't pay now for what I want, I will go without till I have the money." This practice is the best. If we have not the means on hand to buy what we want, wait until we can pay for it. If we as Latter-day Saints will strive in this wise to live up to our duties and privileges, asking our Father in heaven to guide us each day, we will not often err in judgment.

May the favor of our Father rest upon all Israel, and guide us in the true faith, qualify us for every duty, that we may be worthy of the blessings He has in store for us, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sister Erma Pendleton sang a contralto solo, entitled, "The Lord is my light."

#### **ELDER SOREN RASMUSSEN.**

(Late President of Scandinavian Mission.)

My brethren and sisters, I feel very thankful for this privilege and opportunity of addressing this large assembly. I have rejoiced exceedingly in the various sessions of the conference, and in the spirit that has been made manifest in our gatherings. During the few moments that I shall stand before you, I desire that I may be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, that I may be able to say something that will be of benefit to you as well as myself.

I have been away, laboring in the Scandinavian mission, for nearly three years, and I can assure you that I feel very happy to again assemble with the Saints of God. However, I must say that I have had a blessed time. The Lord has been with me; He has encouraged me in my labors, and I have rejoiced exceedingly in being a humble ambassador of Christ.

I wish to say that the Scandinavian mission embraces, now, Denmark and Norway, there being three conferences in each of these countries. We have about 140 elders laboring there, and I may say, with Brother Baliff, that we could use more if we could get them. There is plenty of room, and we find that our elders are received very kindly on almost every hand. We are not persecuted as they are in some countries. The Scandinavian people are, as a rule, a good, hospitable, kind people. Our Elders are working hard in order to get the Gospel to the children of men. Our auxiliary organizations are in a very fair condition. We have twenty-two Sunday schools in the mission. We have eighteen Relief societies; and the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations are also in very good condition. We have a little over one thousand enrolled in the Sunday schools, one-third of whom are outsiders. Nearly one-fourth of those who attend the Mutual Improvement Associations are non-members of the Church. Besides those who are members, we have a considerable number who come to the meetings, who are also outsiders, and great interest is taken in these organizations. We have tried to encourage them along in these lines, having been so instructed by the general authorities of the Church, realizing that it is of