

better cut it right off; better get rid of it, hadn't we? I think so. So I want to say that any legitimate means which is in your power and mine we should exercise in the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the eradication of these things as they exist in the world, and to keep them out of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that they may have no place in it. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

CLOSING REMARKS.

Announcement of deaths of missionaries.—Baptisms in 1909.—Prayer in behalf of the erring.—Heaven's choice blessings invoked upon the faithful.

An item of sad information to the congregation is the fact that Brother John H. Cartwright, of Beaver, Utah, died October 22nd, 1909, of typhoid fever, while laboring in the Western States mission; Griffith E. Williams, of Thomas, Bingham county, Idaho, died September 25th, 1909, of appendicitis, in the British Mission; and William Funk, of Claresholm, Canada, died December 20, 1909, of typhoid fever, in the Northwestern States Mission.

I know that the sympathy and love of this vast congregation, as well as of all the Latter-day Saints, go out to the kindred and loved ones of these dear brethren who have laid down their lives in the ministry, while making their best effort to proclaim the Gospel of liberty and of life and salvation to the inhabitants of the world.

Another item of information that may be of interest is this: During

the year 1909, 9,143 persons were baptized in the stakes of Zion; and 5,391 persons were baptized in the missions of the Church during the same period; making a total of persons baptized, 14,534.

I do not intend to prolong the meeting. I wish merely to say that my heart is full of blessing for this people and for all people—for all mankind. I love the good, the upright, the manly, the honorable, the pure in heart everywhere in the world; and the foolish and unfortunate have my sympathy and my pity. I pray God the Eternal Father to help the erring to forsake the error of their ways, that He will help those that are in darkness, to come to the knowledge of the truth and into the light, that they may walk in the light as Christ is in the light, that they may have fellowship with Him and His people, and that He may cleanse them from all sin.

May peace abide upon the people of God everywhere, upon the people of our state and upon the people of our glorious country. May the blessing of the Lord attend the administration of our Government; may His power and Spirit pervade the halls of Congress and enlighten the men who enact laws for the government of our nation; and may they acknowledge God in all things and seek to please Him, and to enact just laws, which may be executed in such a way that the purposes of God may be subserved and His will be accomplished in the earth. This is my earnest desire; and, therefore, I say, again, God bless Israel in all your abidings, in your homes, in your fields and farms, in your flocks and your herds, and in all the labors of your minds and the labors of your hands; may peace dwell in your midst; may prosperity attend

you on every hand—is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

It was announced that Prof. John J. McClellan and assistants will continue to give recitals at 12 m. daily, on the great Tabernacle organ, to which the public will be admitted free, as heretofore.

Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Charles W. Nibley.

Conference adjourned for six months.

Prof. Evan Stephens was assisted by Horace S. Ensign in conducting the singing of the choir and congregation at the conference meetings in the Tabernacle, and Prof. John J. McClellan played the accompaniments, interludes, etc., on the great organ, assisted by Edward P. Kimball and Tracy Y. Cannon.

The stenographic reports of the discourses were taken by Elders Franklin W. Otterstrom and Frederick E. Barker.

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Clerk of Conference.