

start with number one. I have heard of advocates of prohibition who, when they feared their county was going dry, would lay in a large store of liquor. Such men do not help the cause. Such hypocritical examples are injurious to the case. Now we have an opportunity, next June, of deciding what we shall do with respect to this important question; and I believe the position of the Latter-day Saints may be vindicated upon this question. It is strange how every age has its opportunity to decide between good and evil. This may not be, in the minds of some, the great question which I believe it to be; but I do not recall a more serious question coming before any nation than that which we have to combat today. You remember the opportunity came to ancient Israel to decide whether they should receive Him who was sent to them. They pushed Him aside with open palms, and said they would not have Him. Said that He admitted Himself to be king of the Jews. And when Pilate, sitting in the seat of justice asked and plead with the Jews, "Whom will you have released unto you?" According to the law, one prisoner might be released unto them annually. "Whom will you have released unto you, Barabbas or Jesus?" The Jews, stiff-necked and hard of heart, said, you remember: "Release unto us Barabbas. As for this man, crucify him, crucify him. Let his blood be upon us and upon our children after us. Release unto us Barabbas." It is not a question of as great moment, perhaps; but it is a similar question, and we as a people have to decide this day whom we shall have in this year of grace, the year 1911, whether we shall have the Christ or Barabbas; and

God give us the wisdom and the courage, "God give to us the Christ whom we desire above all else in the world."

May God's peace be upon the Latter-day Saints, and His choice blessings upon the servants of the Lord, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER CHARLES W. PENROSE.

Closing exhortation.—Timely advice. Testimony of the Truth.

I thank the choir of the Farmers ward for their presence with us this afternoon, and their excellent musical services.

I am glad to meet with so many of my friends of the Latter-day Saints in conference, and I hope they will take with them to their homes the spirit that has pervaded the conference, and particularly I commend to them the advice given this morning, and again this afternoon, in regard to the 27th day of June, 1911, the anniversary of the death of our martyred Prophet. On that occasion the people of Utah will have the privilege of showing by their votes whether they are in favor of the traffic in alcoholic stimulants which cause so much misery, or whether they desire good regulations, peace and order in their respective communities, and I endorse what has been said concerning this subject. It is a matter of religion with us, not a mere political affair—one of party in any sense of the word; people of all parties and sects and persuasions, and religions can manifest on that day what their sentiments are with respect to this great question affecting all humanity.

Brethren and sisters, take with you to your respective fields of la-

bor and to your homes, wherever you reside, the spirit of this conference. And when the time comes show by your acts and by your votes whether you are on the Lord's side or on the other. You cannot be on both sides at the same time.

I bear testimony to this congregation, as I have had the privilege of doing many times in years that are past, that God, the Maker of the universe, is our Father, the Father of our spirits; that Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Mount Calvary, is His Son, in the body as well as in the Spirit, and that He is our Savior. I bear testimony that Joseph Smith, who was slain for the word of God and the testimony which he bore, was a Prophet of the Most High, raised up to usher in the last and greatest of dispensations. I bear testimony that the covenants that we have made with God to serve Him and keep His commandments are recorded on high, and we shall have to meet them on the great day of accounts. If we fail to keep them we cannot obtain the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace. If we live according to the principles that God has revealed through that great Prophet, this Church will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil and establish the kingdom of the Most High which will prevail over all the earth, and they who are faithful unto the Lord will obtain the great reward. Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers and exaltation in worlds without end shall be the portion of the true the faithful Saints of the living God.

May the Lord help us to be faithful in all things and to overcome all things that we may inherit all things in His glorious presence. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem, "Awake my soul."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph R. Morgan.

OUTDOOR MEETING.

Thousands of people gathered on the Temple grounds, unable to obtain admission to the Tabernacle or Assembly Hall, and an outdoor meeting was held for their benefit, at 2 p. m., near the Bureau of Information building. The services were presided over by Elder Seymour B. Young. Music was furnished by Prof. Wm. C. Clive's orchestra, and Prof. Andrew G. Bowman led the singing.

The congregation sang the hymn:

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor
fear,
But with joy wend your way;
Though hard to you this journey may
appear,
Grace shall be as your day.

Prayer was offered by Elder Benjamin Goddard.

The congregation sang the hymn:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,
To guide us in these latter days;
We thank Thee for sending the Gospel
To lighten our minds with its rays.

ELDER BEN E. RICH.

(President Eastern States Mission)

I feel quite at home in speaking in the open air. There are very few States in the Union in which I have not spoken in the open air. As a missionary that has spent some sixteen or seventeen years in the missionary field, it has been my lot to bear witness to the cause which we represent, many times; and I think