

etary cost each one that joins our Church through baptism, in the world, costs at least \$1,000 to \$1,500 in missionary work. Some of them are worth it, and much more, and others are not worth the breath that we spend to preach a fifteen-minute sermon to them. But we have to put up with all. We have to give our testimony to the world. We have to say to them that there is a living, guiding faith that will lead men to eternal life, give them a salvation in this world, if they will but obey it.

I say to you, my friends, it is not only the Protestant churches today that oppose "Mormonism," but the great Mother Church, which has heretofore apparently kept her hands off, is now joining hands with Protestants, trying to come, some of them, to one common platform on which they all can stand. Stand against what? let me ask you. It is, stand against the Church of God; that is what. You will find that the Church of Jesus Christ won't be asked to join with them when they get their platform fixed up. You say, "Well, what can you do?" We can do nothing, but continue to preach the principles of faith in God, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the ordinances that He taught while He was in the earth. This thing, however, we may bear in mind, my brethren and sisters: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and shall persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you."

May God's blessing be with you, my brethren and sisters, and with all Israel. I testify to you that

God's work is in the earth, and that He is seeking to redeem mankind through His gospel which He has established by divine revelation. And this light, this revelation, this living faith that is in the world to-day will redeem mankind, if they will listen unto its teachings and the voice of the servants of God. Amen.

The congregation sang the hymn:

Do what is right; the day-dawn is
breaking,
Hailing a future of freedom and
light;
Angels above us are silent notes tak-
ings
Of every action; do what is right!

Benediction was pronounced by
Elder Heber J. Romney.

CLOSING SESSION.

In the Tabernacle, at 2 p. m.
President Joseph F. Smith called
the meeting to order.
Fred Graham, and the Taber-
nacle choir, sang the hymn:

O Zion, when I think of thee,
I long for pinions like the dove,
And mourn to think that I should be
So distant from the land I love.

Prayer was offered by Elder C.
F. Middleton.

A duet and chorus, "Christ Is
Risen," was rendered by Rose
Smithen, Carl Samuelson and the
choir.

ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH.

"Get the Spirit of God, and Keep It."—
Testimony of the truth of latter-day
revelations.

I rejoice with you, my brethren
and sisters, this afternoon, in the

privilege that we enjoy of meeting in this sacred building, in conference assembled to receive the word of the Lord. I endorse, most heartily, the truths that have been taught from this pulpit during this conference, and I take to myself the admonition of our beloved president with reference to the conditions that maintain in our beloved country at the present time. I desire to repeat his admonition to us, that our Father is the source of inspiration in all things, both spiritual and temporal. We may petition the throne of grace in faith and our prayer will not be unanswered.

In the language of a great prophet of Israel I would say to the Latter-day Saints, "Get the Spirit of God in your hearts and keep It; it will guide us into all truth; it will be a panacea for all our ills; it will enable us to look forward to the coming of the risen Redeemer confident that He shall come again in the clouds of heaven." Possessing that Spirit, our ambition will not be a selfish one, but with charity in our hearts for all mankind, love for all our Father's children, we will mingle with them day by day, and the influence we radiate will be one of love and kindness that will have its influence for good upon every child of our Father with whom we come in contact.

May the Lord add His blessing; may His peace be upon all Israel. I desire to add my testimony to those already borne. I know that the Book of Mormon contains the word of God, and that it supplements the other sacred scriptures of Jewish Israel. I know that the Doctrine and Covenants is the word of the Lord to us in this day; and I know that the same Power that gave the instructions contained in

those volumes still is supreme. He will continue to feed us the bread of life as we need it from time to time, if we will but live in accordance with the teachings we have already received. God grant that we may evidence our faith and devotion to the cause with which we are identified, by lives of purity and righteousness, doing good to all men, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH.

Young people admonished to shun existing evils.

In the presence of this vast congregation, and in the presence of men much older than I, both in experience and in years, I certainly feel my weakness in standing before you, my brethren and sisters, and I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will continue to be with us.

I have enjoyed this conference above all others that I have ever attended. This to me is the first privilege of standing before so great a number of people. Without the Spirit and blessings of our Father in heaven, I feel that I will be unable to magnify the calling and position that has come to me. I desire an interest in your faith and prayers continually.

I know that this is the work of the Lord, and that we are His chosen people in these the last days. Where much is given much is expected; and I do earnestly pray that both young and old will take to heart the instructions that have been given by our prophet, and by those who have followed him, in teaching and warning us concerning these trying times, and in regard to our lives as Latter-day Saints. I