

The congregation sang the hymn :

There is beauty all around,
When there's love at home;
There is joy in ev'ry sound,
When there's love at home.
Peace and plenty here abide,
Smiling sweet on ev'ry side,
Time doth softly, sweetly glide,
When there's love at home.

Benediction was pronounced by
Elder George C. Parkinson.

Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION.

In the Tabernacle, at 2 p. m.
President Joseph F. Smith called
the meeting to order.

The congregation sang the hymn :

Redeemer of Israel, our only delight,
On whom for a blessing we call,
Our shadow by day, and our pillar by
night,
Our King, our Deliv'rer, our all!

Prayer was offered by Elder Wm.
H. Richards.

A bass solo, "Within this sacred
dwelling," was sung by A. L. New-
berg.

ELDER RULON S. WELLS.

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

My brethren and sisters, I feel
my dependence upon the Lord this
afternoon, more than I ever did
before, it seems to me, and I sin-
cerely hope that the Lord will favor
me with His Spirit to say a few
beneficial words while I stand before
you.

I have rejoiced exceedingly in the
spirit of this conference. It has
been to me faith-promoting. When
President Smith was speaking at the
opening session, I recognized the

spirit of inspiration which rested
upon him. The high standard, that
has been raised up in this dispen-
sation of the Lord's providences un-
to His people, is something worthy
of consideration by all the peoples
of the earth. It seems to me that
in the life of our Redeemer the ex-
ample was set for all mankind, and
whereas we may fall short of those
perfections which were illustrated
in His divine life, nevertheless we
have a standard raised up by which
we are to be measured. In order
that we may approach His perfec-
tions, the Gospel has been delivered
to the children of men, and in it we
have been admonished to be perfect
even as our Father in heaven is
perfect. No one realizes more than
I do myself the weaknesses by which
we are beset at every hand. Some-
times we hear one say that we ought
not to preach anything that we do
not practice. It seems to me that
that is not altogether correct, but
I do endorse the doctrine that we
ought not to preach anything that
we do not try to do, even though we
may not completely succeed in com-
ing to that degree of excellence. We
should preach Christ and Him cru-
cified. We should preach the excel-
lence of His life, whether or not
we are able to come up to His stand-
ard completely. We are living in a
world of sin. We are exposed to
the temptations of the world. We
have our weaknesses and our imper-
fections. Nevertheless we have de-
livered unto us the power of God
unto salvation, and that power of
God is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus
Christ, and obedience to that will
perfect us in our lives. Neverthe-
less there is sin in the world, and
none of us are perfect. We have
our weaknesses and our imperfec-
tions, but we ought not to glory in

them. We ought not to think that they are justified, or that we are justified in doing anything that is wrong. We are only in the right attitude when we are engaged in the fight against sin.

It is a great warfare that is being carried on in this world. It is the power of God versus the power of the adversary. It is truth versus error. It is righteousness against sin; and only he has his feet planted in the straight and narrow way that is striving and endeavoring to overcome his weaknesses and imperfections. Neither ought we to judge one another, and think because some one may not be as near perfect as we consider ourselves to be, that he is therefore lost. Each man and each woman, each child of God has his own battle to fight. They have their own environment in which they move. They have the particular training that they have received from their parents. Some have had greater advantages than others; and we are not in a position to judge any one. We are scarcely able to judge even ourselves. But we ought to be engaged in fighting sin, at the same time being full of love and charity towards all men, whether they be sinners or not. All men are to a certain degree sinners; and this question of sin is to be regarded pretty much in the same light as we regard sickness and disease. We may loathe and hate sin and yet be full of love and charity towards the sinner, just as we may loathe and despise disease and pain, and at the same time be full of love and charity towards those who are afflicted; and our purpose should be to bring relief both to the sinner and to the afflicted.

There is an analogy between these two propositions, between sin and

sickness. In each case, in both cases, it is required that they should have proper treatment. In the case of a man or a woman who has been afflicted with some bodily ailment, what a splendid thing it is to call someone in who is skilled in the art of bringing relief, some physician or doctor who can bring relief to suffering humanity. It is also essential and requisite that those who are afflicted with sin should have relief brought to them; and what a blessed service it is when we can render relief, bring restoration unto a state of righteousness to him that is afflicted with sin. There are a great many maladies both physical and spiritual. The Lord, however, has given a remedy for every evil, for every affliction. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is a panacea for every affliction of the soul of man. We ought to practice and obey that Gospel, apply it to everything in our lives, that we may be healed from the afflictions of sin. The whole world lieth in sin, under the bondage of sin, and we are not relieved from that bondage until we shall overcome evil, even the sins with which we are afflicted. If the Gospel be applied to each and every one of us, and we obey its principles, its precepts, it will heal us spiritually, and finally bring us back into the presence of God, sound and whole, and free every whit from all the contagions and diseases of sin that are found in the world today.

My brethren and sisters, I realize that the moments here are very precious so I will close, and in conclusion let me bear my testimony that I know that this Gospel, which has been restored in the day and age in which we live, through the instrumentality of the prophet Jo-

seph Smith, has within it the power of God to heal the sick, to heal the afflicted, whether it be from sin or from sickness. I pray the Lord that He will guide us by His Holy Spirit, and finally bring us back into His presence, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER JOSEPH W. M'MURRIN.

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

I trust, my brethren and sisters, that the few words I utter upon this occasion, may be directed by the same good spirit that has been so abundantly manifest in the remarks that have been made by the brethren who have been called to speak to the people, in the various sessions of this general conference.

As I was coming up Main Street on Saturday morning, on my way to attend the opening session of the conference, I joined a brother who was also wending his way towards this Tabernacle. He smilingly said to me, "Well, brother Joseph, I suppose we are going to have the very best conference that has ever been held." These words of the brother referred to, brought to my mind remarks that were made in my hearing, by one of the counselors in a stake presidency, at a stake conference that I attended a few months ago. He declared in that meeting that he felt the stake conference, then convened, was one of the best they had ever held. After making this statement, he said that when he returned from Salt Lake City after attending the October conference last year, his family wanted to know what kind of a conference had been held, and how he had enjoyed himself. His answer was, "It was the best conference I have ever attended." Then the young peo-

ple in the home laughed and said, "Why, father, you have made that statement after every conference you have ever attended." I was made glad, my brethren and sisters, when I listened to that declaration. This man was a man of years and of long experience. He was engaged in teaching the Gospel when I was a little child, a man under whose direction I had come in my Sunday School studies in the days of my boyhood; I was made glad in my soul that after all the years of experience which he had had in the Church, that the doctrines of the Gospel were still so sweet that he could say, after more than a half a century of experience, and after being in attendance again and again at conference meetings for about that length of time—for he has been in regular attendance at these conferences, and he is sitting in this congregation this afternoon—that this last conference was the best one in his experience. I would not be at all surprised if he were to report when he has opportunity that he has again attended the best conference he had ever attended. I do not know that one conference is really better than another; but there is something to be very grateful for, that at every conference we always have a spirit of joy and always feel that we have reason for great happiness. We feel fully satisfied with the sound of the Gospel, the principles and doctrines of the Gospel that are expounded in our hearing at these gatherings and at other times even though we may have heard them frequently before, they are always fresh, they are always satisfying, and always fill us with gratitude, thanksgiving and praise.

I attended a conference recently, my brethren and sisters, where the