

tion of God and to suffer irremediably throughout eternity, would be inclined to judge us without charity or consideration. It would seem to be quite natural for such believers to exclaim: "Inasmuch as God has foreordained the condemnation of this people, well then let them be damned." I say, thank God that such charity destroying views and delusive doctrines have no part in the faith of the Latter-day Saints. Looking upon all mankind, those not of our faith as well as those that have come within the fold, as being of the same fatherhood, as brothers and sisters, with the prospect of salvation ahead of them, we would be sadly illogical if we were not filled with love and with charity, and a desire to help.

And so, throughout the history of the Latter-day Saints, we have not been the persecutors; but rather the persecuted. We have not been the oppressors; we have been the oppressed. We have not been the libellers and the slanderers of our fellow men; we have suffered from those offenses. As it was in New York, so it was in Kirtland,—we were the persecuted. When we went into Missouri, where thousands of our members, owners of the soil, were dispossessed of their property, it was the same; and so when we were driven out of Nauvoo without offense upon our part. In this state, you may search the statutes from the time the state of Deseret was organized, before the creation of the Territory, and you will search in vain for one statute that ever discriminated in the least degree against those who were not of the faith of the Latter-day Saints. We who have lived in this state have seen men who have slandered the leaders of this people, who have said

and printed of them the most despicable things, who have accused them of unchastity, of dishonesty and of all of the crimes in the catalogue, we have seen those men live in peace in our midst and walk these streets absolutely without harm or molestation. And you know who have come from the west and the north, and from the east and the south, wherever our people have ever lived, that those who have charged these things against us and have done all manner of things to destroy us, you know that we have treated them charitably, that we have not sought to return evil for evil, but rather, following the example of Christ, that we have sought to return good for evil. I say I thank God that we are a charitable people. I thank God that we soon forget the offenses of people against us. We have elevated into the highest political positions in this state men who in other days have been among the most uncompromising of our opponents. In the charity of our hearts, we have forgotten all that they have done in the past. Thank God that we do not desire to injure others, but rather to bless them.

Now may God help us so to live that as a community and as individuals we may grow in grace and in the things of God, and be finally not only saved but exalted in His presence; which I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ELDER JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR.

Ashamed that Utah is not yet a prohibition State—Church authorities advocate temperance, and desire prohibition.

The time is spent. It is not my purpose to detain you; but I desire

to say, in conclusion of these services, that I endorse the remarks that have been made here by our brethren, and trust that they will find an abiding place in the hearts of those assembled here. And I wish to say to Brother John W. Hart, that while I am very much chagrined, humiliated and ashamed of the condition that prevails in the State of Utah, not because the people so willed it, I am proud to know that the State of Idaho and the State of Colorado and the State of Arizona, and the States of Washington and Oregon, in this Rocky Mountain region and the Pacific Coast have set an example that is worthy to be followed. And just one more word. The remark has been made that whispering is being indulged in to some extent by some of the people to the effect, that the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints do not want prohibition, and I think I am in a position to say, that the authorities of the Church, the Presidency, and the Council of the Twelve, stand for temperance, and they do want such prohibition. Those who declare to the contrary, when they come to you, tell them that they speak that which is not true. And I think I know what I am talking about.

I do not wish to make any more remarks because the time is spent.

A selection, entitled, "A Perfect Day," was sung by a male chorus.

The Choir sang the anthem, "Grant us Peace," Ada Russell and Manasseh Smith rendering the duet.

Elder W. D. Kuhre pronounced the benediction.

## OUTDOOR MEETING.

A meeting was held in front of the Bureau of Information, at 2 p. m. Elder George F. Richards presided, and the 17th Ward choir, conducted by James H. Neilson, furnished the music.

The Choir and congregation sang the hymn: "How firm a foundation," etc.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder Benjamin Goddard.

The Choir sang the hymn, "Jesus, I my cross have taken," Bessie S. Rex rendered the solo part.

### ELDER GEORGE F. RICHARDS.

Faith of Saints manifest by very large attendance at Conference—Vital importance of religion—Compliance with Gospel ordinances repugnant to the worldly—All the truth of all religions embraced in "Mormonism"—God's mercy and justice evidenced in plan of salvation for the dead.

My dear brethren, sisters, and friends,—we regret exceedingly that we have not a building sufficiently large to house all of the people who have come up to this Temple Block today to worship the Lord, and that so many have to stand during our service. I do believe, though, if we will try and concentrate our minds upon the things of God and His kingdom, having a desire to worship Him in spirit and in truth, that we will be able to stand the fatigue; and, through our faith, receive from the Lord that which will encourage and comfort us, and build us up in our faith.

The large Tabernacle is filled to overflowing; perhaps ten thousand people are assembled there. The Assembly Hall is filled to overflowing; perhaps between two and three