

lieve in the words of it, should carry it back again to the remnant of those people—and they are the Mexicans, the Central Americans, the South Americans, and the Indian remnants, that cover our own dear land here. God is no respecter of persons, but of whatever nation, he that will serve Him and work righteousness is accepted of Him. What we want is to teach the Gospel in simplicity unto that people, as unto every other people, that they may find in the Gospel, in very deed, the power of God, that will lift them out of their degraded condition, that it may be unto them the power of God unto their salvation.

We are opening up work among the Mexican people in the United States, and it may be a revelation to some of you to know that down in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, California, and Texas, there are hundreds of thousands of people of Mexican blood, that are citizens of the United States, and they are only waiting for someone to open the doors of the Gospel to them. And the crying need today is for elders who are willing to sacrifice their own desires, and to humble themselves before the Lord and carry in humility the word of the Lord back to that people.

I am thankful for the integrity of our missionary boys that go out, but I am sorry that there is a feeling among some few, when they enter the field, of disappointment, and they feel that there is nothing coming back to them, and they ask the question, "What good will this all be to me?" Brethren and sisters, that is a false conception of the spirit of missionary work: the spirit of our missionary work should be, What good can I be to my fellowmen, what good can I be

to God's children, and to sacrifice our own desires, our own ambitions and wishes to the betterment of those who sit in darkness.

May the Lord help us to perform well our missions in the world, and extend the light of the Gospel unto all men, for God Himself is no respecter of persons, and we should not be. I maintain that this Gospel of ours is destined sometime to wipe out racial feelings and to bring to us a universal brotherhood of man.

God bless us to appreciate our blessings, I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER GEO. ALBERT SMITH.

Similarity of missions of Parley P. Pratt and his grandson, Rey L. Pratt—Prayer for success of missionary work.

I am sure, my brethren and sisters, that the eyes of many of this congregation have been moistened while listening to the pathetic discourse of President Rey L. Pratt with reference to our Lamanite brethren and sisters. He comes naturally by his love for the Indian. His father and grandfather both were missionaries to the dark-skinned natives of America. He is a grandson of Parley P. Pratt, who was called by revelation, and his was the first name called by the Lord in our day to take the Gospel to the Lamanites, as I will read to you from the 23rd Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And now concerning my servant, Parley P. Pratt, behold, I say unto him, that as I live I will that he shall declare my gospel and learn of me, and be meek and lowly of heart;

"And that which I have appointed unto him is that he shall go with my servants Oliver Cowdery and

Peter Whitmer, jun., into the wilderness among the Lamanites."

I think it is a beautiful thing that today his grandson is permitted to stand in our midst and testify of the hope that he has of the fulfilment of the promise of our Father to our Indian brethren and sisters who are dear to him, who live in this and the adjacent nation. I am sure you have been glad to hear from Brother Pratt and that the mission still goes on notwithstanding the difficulty they are having in that unhappy land.

Let us each pray to the Lord that His promises may be fulfilled in the interests of these our brethren and sisters, let each of us live so that if we should be called, that the Lord may be able to work through us for the amelioration of the condition of millions of His children who know not the Gospel of our Lord as we have received it. Let us go to our homes each with the determination that, the Lord helping us, we will serve Him and keep His commandments and fulfil the obligations resulting from receiving His word.

May you, my brethren and sisters, carry the spirit of this great gathering to your homes. May you have the desire to disseminate the truth taught among your associates, that your experience here may thereby be more profitable. May this conference be treasured in your memories as a time of refreshing from the Lord. And that each of us may magnify our opportunities and be worthy of the blessings of our Father in heaven, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

Elder Benjamin Goddard offered the closing prayer.

CLOSING SESSION.

In the Tabernacle, at 2 p. m.

President Joseph F. Smith called the meeting to order.

The choir sang Evan Stephens' hymn, "Loyal to the True and the Right."

The invocation was offered by Elder Brigham F. Grant.

A chorus, entitled "The Snow," was rendered by the choir.

ELDER JAMES E. TALMAGE.

A marvelous work and a wonder—
The "Mormon Church"—Characteristic teachings of the Church concerning Jesus the Christ—The Lord's second advent—Near at hand—Today and tomorrow—The Church and the Kingdom.

The presence of these multitudes at each recurring conference of the Church, and particularly the spirit of earnestness and devotion which the people manifest, appeal to me as striking evidences of the marvelous work and the wonder which the God of Israel has accomplished and is accomplishing in these, the last days. That great work, of which the prophets in the ages past have predicted to be characteristic of the day toward which they looked with anxious and eager anticipation, is the establishment of the Church and the development and growth thereof in the dispensation of fulness.

The kingdom of God has been set up upon the earth. In ancient writ, scriptural and otherwise, the expressions "Kingdom of God" and "Kingdom of Heaven" were often used interchangeably; or at least our modern translation of those writings present to us interchangeable usages of these names and titles of the great institutions; but