

evidences the fact that God established it, that it is his cause, that it is the means and power of salvation to the peoples of the earth! God help us to love it! Young men and women, I say to you, love the truth that God gave to your fathers, and give that allegiance to this cause that has been given by the fathers and mothers of the past. God help us to be the class of men and women that the fathers and mothers who founded "Mormonism" have prayed for. If we are of that kind, we will bring honor to the cause of God, as well as honor to the names we bear.

I bear record to the truth God has revealed. I know this cause has come from God, and not from man; and, as has been testified in this meeting, it will conquer, not in our might, or wisdom, or power, but in the might of God, who has so decreed. God help us to believe it, I pray, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER DAVID O. MCKAY.

The Power of the Holy Ghost comes through those who have divine authority—Paul and the Sons of Sceva—A missionary incident—Our duty to prove, by our acts, that God acknowledges this Church as his.

The power that has prompted the inspirational remarks of those who have addressed you this morning, was manifest in Ephesus, on one occasion, when Paul found twelve men there who had been following Apollos. He said to them: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They said unto him: "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." "Unto what then were ye

baptized?" And they answered, "Unto John's baptism." Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, Christ Jesus."

There were seven sons of one Sceva, who lived by pretending to the arts of the magician. When they saw that Paul, through the power of God wrought miracles, they tried it. They commanded the evil spirit in a man to come out in the name of "Jesus whom Paul preacheth." But the evil spirit said: "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are ye?" And the man who was possessed of the evil spirit leaped upon the seven sons of Sceva, and they fled from the house, naked and wounded. There are men in this day who perceive this power is manifest in the Church, but they do not know its source, at least they will not acknowledge its source, any more than Simon who received the rebuke of Peter, or any more than the seven sons of Sceva, who tried to use it without the proper authority.

I call to mind now a man who devoted several years of the best part of his life, and concentrated his talents in an effort to disprove the divinity of this work. He was out visiting the members of his diocese, on one occasion, and while there, he met the president of the stake, and in conversation said: "While I speak thus against your Church, there are some things in it which I think most acceptable, and which I shall work to introduce into our Church." "What are they?" asked the president. "Well, there is your tithing system. I believe that that is the proper method of collecting church offerings. I

think it is the right way." "Well," said the president, "why don't you have your people pay their tithing?" He answered honestly, "We would like them to, but they will not pay it." "What other feature is there?" asked the president. "There is your missionary work. I think," said he, "that the opportunity you give your young men to go out and preach what they think is the truth, is the greatest opportunity that can come to any young man." "Why don't you offer your young men this privilege?" "We would, but they will not go," was his answer.

Contrast that with the experience of a young man who left this city about three weeks ago, the first time, practically, that he has ever been away from home. He was reared in the Church, trained in Sunday schools and other auxiliary organizations, with a course in our Church school, and two years in the University, scarcely twenty years old now. When his call came he accepted it without hesitation. When I said "good-bye" to him and his companions, as they boarded the Union Pacific, in Ogden, just three weeks ago, he could scarcely speak, and when I happened to mention his mother, he just broke down in tears and sobbed. But though he was going into an unknown world, to him, among strangers, he was glad in his soul—thankful that he had been considered worthy to represent his Church. He was sent, to the Eastern States mission, received his assignment to some little town near Pittsburg, just out from that large city. When he arrived, there was nobody to meet him. He made some inquiry about the address which had been given him, and from which the elders had

moved. There he was, alone in the city of Pittsburg. He went to a few houses in the neighborhood, inquiring if they knew anything about the "Mormon" elders who recently were there, and he chanced to meet a man who was conducting a mission there. The man looked at him, saw how young and inexperienced he appeared, and said: "Are you engaged in missionary work?" And the young elder answered, "Yes, I hope to be soon." Then followed a conversation of about thirty minutes, and the missionary of the other church said: "I would like you to come and speak at our mission headquarters next Sunday, if you will promise not to tell the people who you are." The young man answered tremblingly, "I will gladly come to your mission, but I must tell the people who I am." The minister evidently was impressed with the young elder's spirit, but could not stand to have it labeled "Mormonism."

The power that is guiding that young man, today, and thousands of others throughout the world, in the mission field, and here at home, is the power of the Holy Ghost, which comes to those who accept the principles and ordinances of the gospel, administered by men divinely appointed in things pertaining to God.

It is our duty, my fellow workers, to prove to the world, by our acts, that God acknowledges this Church as his, and is willing to bestow his Spirit upon those who diligently serve him. I rejoice in this service, in the testimony of those men who know, as you know, that God has poken again from the heavens, and that he lives to bless us, his children. May the peace of this meeting abide in our souls for ever,

I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

After the chorus had sung, "Count your many blessings," the meeting adjourned, benediction being pronounced by Elder George Stewart, of Malad.

SECOND OVERFLOW MEETING.

A second overflow meeting was held in the Assembly Hall, at 2 p. m., Elder Orson F. Whitney, presiding.

The singing was by the Pioneer United Choir, under the direction of Tracy Y. Cannon, chorister, Edward P. Kimball, accompanist.

The choir sang: "Ye simple souls that stray."

Elder William Robinson offered the opening prayer.

The choir sang: "As the hart that pants."

Elder O. F. Whitney presented the names of the General Authorities of the Church, as presented at the session in the Tabernacle. Each and all were sustained by unanimous vote in the positions named.

A soprano solo, "Recessional," was sung by Martha Cottrill.

ELDER JOHN L. HERRICK.

(President of the Western States Mission.)

I am keenly appreciative of the responsibility of this moment; and, to the end that I may be divinely inspired, together with those who shall follow in this meeting, I crave your indulgence and your faith, for

in and of myself I am quite helpless to say anything by way of profit or edification to you.

As I listened to the splendid tribute paid by President Smith to the mission presidents, at the opening session of this conference, I experienced a feeling of humility the like of which has seldom come to me, and when I realized from his remarks the confidence he has in those men, his faith in their integrity and in their loyalty to the work of the Lord and to the presiding authority of the Church, I felt entirely inadequate, even in a slight measure to fulfil the mission designed and the duties and responsibilities devolving upon me as one of those men; and I determined in my heart to continue to do all that I could for the advancement of God's purpose in the earth and to maintain always a prayer for those who stand in responsible positions in Israel.

And when President Smith referred to the responsibility upon the Latter-day Saints, speaking of our obligations to the Church, he said it was a "terrible reality," I thought, where do we lack in appreciating the positions that we should occupy as men and women who have taken upon ourselves such obligations and covenants to serve the Lord? and I wondered if our faith is what it should be. I instinctively thought of the great encouragement that is vouchsafed to all, in the words of James, wherein he says: "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." I then recalled a conversation I had recently at the home of a friend of mine in one of the Eastern cities, where I met a