

a tangible and real individual, so shall all men arise in the resurrection from the dead.

The Lord bless us to keep this faith in our hearts that we may go forth with charity for our brethren and sisters of the world, intrusted with these glorious truths for their blessings, that we may bring to them that which they sadly need, the fulness of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, for their salvation. May they divest themselves of pride and of preconceived notions and prejudices, and not despise the source from whence this message comes, and not be as blind and ignorant as their fathers were before them, who thought no good could come from Nazareth.

And if it should now happen, as it has happened, that from a despised source there has come the light of the Lord for the blessing of the world from a despised "Mormon," Oh, may our father's children divest themselves of blindness and see the glorious truth that has come that we now offer to the east and to the west, to the north and to the south, for their salvation in this life and in the world to come.

The Lord bless us to do our part, and bless them that they may see that we are their friends, that we love them, and we would not harm them, that we hold precious and sacred things in trust for them and for ourselves, that we may honor and respect these glorious privileges that are ours, rise to the emergency with due gratitude, embrace every commandment of our Father, and keep it that we may continue to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mrs. Franzeska Raabe Parkinson sang a soprano solo, "The Lord's Prayer."

ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN

My heart is filled with a desire to say something to this wonderful audience, that will be prompted by the inspiration of our heavenly Father. I regret that, since I was presiding at the overflow meeting this morning, I did not hear what was said at the meeting in this building. I have been thrilled with the testimonies that have been borne this afternoon. The remarks of President Penrose were powerful, although he is nearly ninety years of age. In him we have a living witness of the blessing of our heavenly Father for his servants.

I was touched, too, with the thrilling faith and testimony of Brother Ballard.

WHAT IS THE POWER BEHIND THE CHURCH?

He made some references to an electric lighting system. What is it that makes the light? As he explained, it is not the globe, nor the wires, nor the poles, nor the generators; but it is the water on the wheel that does the work.

One hundred years ago, in the interest of humanity, the heavens were opened. God the Father and Jesus Christ, his Son, came to the earth and revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith this gospel of Jesus Christ. What is it that gives this Church its power? What is it that has brought all these people together on this occasion? Why have you come from afar to attend this conference? Because of the Spirit of our Father in heaven. It is this Spirit that is the water on the wheel.

EXAMPLES OF THIS POWER.

Some six months ago a rather delicate little woman came into my office. She is the wife of one of our missionaries. When her husband came to see me, as he was starting out to preach the gospel, I said to him: "Young man, what is it going to cost you to take this mission?" He replied: "I don't know, I have no idea. But," he continued, "my little wife and I have been saving for a long time. It has been her ambition and mine, as it has been the ambition of my widowed mother, that sometime I would go on a mission. Our savings in the bank amount to \$1,500, and we think probably that will be enough."

"My girl," I said to the little wife, "how are you getting along? Have you spent all that money yet?"

"No, not yet," she replied.

"How much have you spent?" I asked.

"Not any, yet," she replied, "my strawberries and peaches and garden stuff have been so profitable that instead of taking money out of the bank I have sent my husband all he needed and have added two hundred dollars to the account." That is water on the wheel.

Not very long ago I called into my office a young man in whom I am greatly interested. He came with a smile and said: "You have a job for me, have you?"

"Yes, I have a job for you?"

"All right, what is it?"

"I want you to go on a mission."

"On a mission? I should say not, I can't go on a mission. I haven't been very active in Church work. My folks have been sending me to school. I have just been graduated."

He was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree.

"I have been studying all these years," he continued, "preparing myself to make a living. It is my duty now to go to work and help my folks."

A few words to his excellent mother, a few words to his excellent father, a little encouragement to the boy himself, and away he went to preach the gospel—to induce his fellow men to strive to live in accordance with the perfect life and example of Jesus Christ.

We are all familiar with the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. This missionary having gone into the field has been touched by the power and Spirit of God. The water has been working on

the wheel, and, like Lazarus, he has become greatly interested in his friends who are left at home. He wants me to take up a labor with his associates to get them into the mission field. He urges especially that I talk to his brother. "I want him," he says, "to take a mission as soon as mine is completed."

In my pocket I have a letter from him of fourteen pages. He writes that he has, during his college course, been studying philosophy, history, logic, ethics, etc., and he is amazed to find that all the wisdom of the wise men of the ages is contained in the gospel of Jesus Christ. He begins to see that there is water on our wheel.

This young man has gone into the mission field. The Spirit has touched him and he writes giving me the names of his chums. If any of them are here this afternoon they will probably be keeping out of my way. He gives me a long list and asks me to work with them and send them into the mission field. When they are ready to come he says he will give them help, he will give them service, he will send them outlines of the doctrines, he will give them the line of argument that means more than any kind of logic except that which is found in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

HOW MAY WE KNOW THE TRUTH?

My life has been devoted pretty largely to a study of mathematics. The conclusions that I have reached in this work have been based upon some sort of definite and positive hypotheses and in coming to conclusions from these hypotheses, I have moved by logical steps to definite and certain conclusions.

Now, how can we know that the gospel is true? This afternoon you heard the testimony of Brother Ballard, you heard the testimony of President Penrose. If I were to ask all those present who know that the gospel is true to stand, nearly all of this great multitude would probably arise. In the Assembly Hall, this morning, three or four speakers each stood up and said he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet, that Joseph Smith is a prophet, that this is the gospel of Jesus Christ. How can they know it? How can they speak thus positively?

I will tell you how. Jesus himself has said: "This is not my doctrine but his that sent me," and "if any man"—not a few—but "if any man will do the will of my Father which is in heaven, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." Therefore I say to you and to all the world, all a man needs to do is to live in accordance with the gospel teachings and he will know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether the man speaks of himself.

MISSIONARIES LEARN THE TRUTH THROUGH SERVICE.

Brethren and sisters, it is one hundred years ago this spring since the heavens were opened and the gospel was revealed. Those who have gone into the field to give service, without an exception, so far

as I know, have gone not for money, not for honor, not for personal gain, but because they loved the Lord. In the mission field missionaries work for the good of others; they do good to their fellowmen, they live in strict conformity with the Master's teachings and the promise in Holy Writ is fulfilled because into their heart comes that knowledge and each one says: "I know that Jesus is the Christ, that the gospel has been revealed and that those who keep the commandments of our Father in heaven will be saved in his kingdom."

Let us struggle on together, remembering that we all have weaknesses; let us live on, struggle on, and hope on, that our shortcomings may be overcome; that we may be thoroughly worthy of the wonderful blessings promised to the faithful, that the purposes of our Father may be fulfilled and that they may be fulfilled swiftly; I ask it, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS

(President of the Southern States Mission)

It is because of a spirit of obedience to the request of the President of the Church that I stand here at this time. I feel my weakness and utter inability without the aid of the Lord to supplement the splendid discourses that have been delivered at this conference thus far.

It has been impressed upon my mind, by the instructions we have received, that our heavenly Father should be our eternal refuge and our guide through life. God said unto Moses: "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." One of old worshiped the god of ambition, and when earthly joys had grown dim, and earthly hopes been crushed, he said, out of the depths of a broken heart, "Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, he would not in mine old age have left me naked unto my enemies." Another one, who was wealthy, when he was dying, said: "All that I have kept I have lost, and all that I have given away I have." What a splendid example of the lesson and value of sacrifice!

God is our refuge. To him Oliver Cowdery went when he was a school-teacher, boarding with the parents of Joseph Smith, the Prophet. After conversing about the plates, from which the Book of Mormon was translated, Oliver appealed unto the Lord, and it was revealed unto him that of a verity, in truth Joseph did receive these plates from the angel Moroni. He went to help Joseph translate the sacred record, and in a revelation that God gave to the Prophet, he told Oliver that he had heard his prayers on that night; therefore Oliver knew that Joseph was a prophet, and that the work was true, because no one but himself and God knew that he had prayed for divine guidance in this matter.