

prophets for the latter times. I have that knowledge. I thank God that in my soul, in my heart and in my mind I have been given to know the truth of the record that we have been singing about, the Book of Mormon, that it is true, that it contains the fulness of the everlasting gospel. I thank God for my membership in the Church of Christ, for the fellowship that I have with my brethren; and I bear solemn witness to the truth of the gospel, the truth of the things that have been taught us this day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER CHARLES H. HART

Of the First Council of Seventy and President of the Canadian Mission

I rejoice with you, my brethren and sisters, in the testimonies which we have received today. It was inquired of old: "If a man die, shall he live again?" That question has been answered well this morning. I rejoice, and I think you do, in the information given us by our prophet, seer and revelator at the opening of this conference, that Cumorah's hill is now in the possession of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In standing upon that sacred ground on the one hundredth anniversary, I wished then, and I expressed the thought at our last semi-annual conference, that this property might belong to the Church; because in connection with the Hill Cumorah and the revelations to the Prophet Joseph Smith, there has been a flood of information answering that question of old: "If a man die, shall he live again?" What joy must have come into the heart of Job when he was able to exclaim: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

A questionnaire was sent out by a bereaved man a score of years ago, to philosophers and scientists, requesting them to state in brief the outstanding reasons which they had for the hope of life after death, and for the resurrection of the body. These arguments and reasons given were merely corroborative of the clear revelations from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith in these last days. Our elders of course have strong testimonies, not only of the existence of the spirit after the death of the body, and of the resurrection, but also that Jesus is the Christ—that Jesus is divine. They have all the evidence that the non-Christian Jew had or has that there shall be a Christ. They have all the evidence that the Christian believer has that there has been a Savior and Redeemer. Many of those matters have been very beautifully presented to us today. In addition to all that, there is the scripture that came from Cumorah's hill, the Book of Mormon, one of the very purposes of which was to testify to Jew and Gentile that Jesus was the Christ. I realize that there isn't time to refer to some passages of the Book of Mormon in support of this doctrine, or at least to read them. The story and testimony of the Christ as given upon this continent when he appeared to his people as recorded in the Eleventh Chapter, Third Book of Nephi,

is a wonderful testimony. I have had the feeling as I read that chapter time and time again, that no man without inspiration ever wrote that story. We have been studying the Book of Mormon in our mission home in Canada during the past year, and after nearly every lesson I could say, and I have said many times: Isn't that beautiful! Isn't that wonderful! No man without inspiration could produce those things. And that is my testimony to you here today, that in addition to the testimony of the Book of Mormon we have the testimony in the revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the 76th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

I thank God for that information, for that revelation, and for the many others along that line contained in the book of modern revelation, the Doctrine and Covenants. I thank the Lord for the testimony that is in the hearts of the missionaries. I remarked last night to our Canadian missionaries: I wonder if the people of the Church realize the very beautiful and splendid growth these missionaries have made during their sojourn in the mission field. I wonder if the bishops of wards and presidents of stakes will so order things that that growth which they have made will continue, that they will continue to grow spiritually and intellectually in a knowledge of the truth and continue in the conviction that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that this is his work, established, never to be thrown down nor to be given to another people. And that is my testimony to you today. I bear it humbly in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem, "Then shall your light."

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Fred A. Caine, president of the Idaho Falls stake of Zion.

The meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The closing meeting of the conference opened in the tabernacle, Sunday, April 8, 1928, at 2 o'clock.

President Heber J. Grant announced that the choir and congregation would sing the hymn, "The spirit of God like a fire is burning."

After the spirited singing of this song by the great audience, the opening prayer was offered by Elder Oliver H. Budge, president of the Logan stake of Zion.

The choir sang the anthem, "The earth is the Lord's". Pearl K. Davis, soloist.