

promulgator of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, than were the two men who were with us six months ago—James E. Talmage, and Brigham H. Roberts—who have since passed away. They will go on progressing beyond the grave and using that marvelous store of knowledge and information that they had gained. We miss them, the whole Church will miss them.

#### BLESSINGS PROMISED

“There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven, before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated.”

Spiritual and temporal salvation, with the destroying angel passing us by will come from observing the Word of Wisdom. It would solve all the problems of the Latter-day Saints, and of the nation, and of the world, if it were obeyed. Notwithstanding the fact that this anonymous Latter-day Saint asked me not to say anything about the Word of Wisdom, as I said before, you can read nearly an hour's sermon about it if you will read my sermon preached in this tabernacle six months ago.

May the Lord bless and inspire all who shall speak during the conference. May we grow in the light and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May each and every one of us who has a testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged so live it in honesty in the daily affairs of life, so live it in energy and not in idleness, and so live it that those seeing our good deeds may be led to investigate the Gospel and receive that sweet and wonderful testimony that gives us a knowledge of the divinity of the mission and the Godliness of the mission of Jesus Christ our Savior and our Redeemer, is my humble prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sister Mirl Lindsay rendered a solo, “The eternity of love.”

#### ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS

##### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

Brethren and sisters, I stand before you in the depths of humility. I did not receive an inkling that my name would be presented this morning, and I feel one of the weakest of God's creatures.

The first miraculous manifestation I received when I was a youth was through President Heber J. Grant when he delivered a sermon in Coalville in the Summit Stake of Zion. The President, whom I dearly love, has always made a profound impression upon me in my life. I love all of the General Authorities of the Church. I know that they are men of God. I know, too, as sure as I stand here that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. I know by the same power that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. I am in absolute harmony with all that the General Authorities of the Church have done.

Brethren and sisters, I desire to spend my time in your service.

God help me to always be faithful and humble, and to always love his people and his work, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ELDER DAVID O. McKAY

### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

My brethren and sisters, I wish first to express my delight in the choice that has been made to fill the vacancies in the Council of the Twelve and in the First Council of the Seventy, as presented here this morning by President Grant. I have known President Callis and President John H. Taylor for many years. I have labored with Brother Callis in the mission field, have had his confidence, and know him to be a man of God, one who will give his life if necessary for the truth.

I have been closely associated with Brother Taylor in the Missionary Home. I know his integrity to the truth. I know his reliability and soundness. I know he comprehends as few men comprehend the needs of missionaries. It is highly fitting for him to be called into the First Council of the Seventy, the special mission of which is to direct the missionary work of the Church and to instruct the Seventies of the Church as missionaries. I congratulate the Church upon these appointments. I know Sister Callis and Sister Taylor, and know them to be wise women, worthy to share the great honor that has come to their husbands. They are faithful and true and capable. God bless these brethren and sisters in the great responsibility that has come to them.

#### THE WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL

"Remember the worth of souls." This divine admonition suggests the topic about which I desire to speak; namely, *The Worth of the Individual*.

If, as it has been said, the babe "is the center of the universe," then man is the center of all social activity. "Man is the jewel of God, who has created this material world to keep His treasure in." This is just another way of saying that the earth was created for man and not man for the earth.

*I am one of those who believe that all institutions and organizations exist primarily for the purpose of securing to the individual his rights, his happiness and proper development of his character. As soon as organizations fail to accomplish this purpose their usefulness ceases.* "So act," says Kant, "as to treat humanity, whether in your own person or that of another, in every case as an end, never as a means only."

In all ages of the world men have been prone to ignore the personality of others, to disregard men's rights by closing against them the opportunity to develop. The worth of man is a good measuring rod by which we may judge of the rightfulness or wrongfulness of a policy or principle whether in government, in business or social affairs.

#### THE ARISTOCRACY OF BRUTE FORCE

Taking a long glance at the world's history with its confused mass