

is this right? There is not, perhaps, anybody in the Church who feels and thinks exactly as I do. Must I therefore conclude they are all wrong? Among the people you are going to try and save are those who are honest and those who are dishonest—those who are pure and those who are impure. Cultivate, therefore, charity and wisdom to deal with all as their circumstances may demand, and ever remember your business is to do them good. Persons sometimes say that they have enjoyed the spirit of the work as much since they were cut off as while they were in the Church. Have they enjoyed the Spirit? Yes. Why? Simply because they were wrongfully cut off. They were cut off in such a way that it did not take the Spirit of God from them. And the reason why they were cut off was because they did not come up to the particular standard of perfection of those who dealt with them, or they did not come up to their feelings. I have heard of a man who was cut off because he would not believe that Adam was our Father and God. "Well, but was it not so?" Its being so does not change the fact that we are sinners and need salvation, and such preaching does not help men and women to repent of their sins. I call all that preaching senseless which cannot be applied. When we get where such things are needed, we shall be better able to understand them. We want men to be sober, temperate, just, honest, virtuous, and pure, always doing right, rising in progressive intelligence, and helping their fellows to rise also; and to accomplish this we must teach them to be so—teach them principles which they can comprehend and apply. When men know so much that they cannot preach from things on the earth, but have to go to heaven for them, I would as soon they would stop preaching and go home. Men have tried to preach how the resurrection was going to be brought about, and all those great things, a knowledge of which is so much sought after by some individuals. Such preaching will not redeem mankind, nor make them wiser and happier. As for believing that Adam was our God, I do not know but that we are gods; only, if it is so, we are very young yet. But could we ever

feel that we are the children of a God who watches over us with more care and solicitude than we can bestow upon the little ones who call us fathers here on the earth, would not our desires and object be to win the continued love of such a Parent by leaving off everything wrong, while we would seek to fill up the whole aggregate of our judgments with knowledge that is pure and holy, that we might become like that Father and be prepared to dwell with him. Then it is well to think that God is our Father; and whether it be Adam or anyone else, ever struggle upwards, upwards; always keep your hearts and faces upwards, and let every struggle you make be to carry you to the harbour of rest, the haven of peace, where you may enjoy the felicity awaiting the faithful children of our God. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

Elders KAY and McALLISTER sang—"O my Father, thou that dwellest." Benediction by President CANNON.

Friday, 3rd, 11 a.m.

Singing—"Once more we come before our God." Prayer by Elder J. M. KAY. Singing—"Redeemer of Israel."

President CANNON said—In standing before you this morning, brethren, I desire to be filled with that feeling of freedom which the Spirit of the Lord produces; and though I do not know particularly what subjects I may treat upon, my desire is to address you as I would like you to address me, were our positions reversed. I feel that the work of God is growing dearer to me every day of my life; and it is my increasing delight to do everything I can for the rolling of it forth. The remarks which have been made respecting self-improvement are such as I like to take to myself; and as they are more particularly applicable to the younger brethren, I feel the more to apply them personally, for I may truthfully consider myself as but a boy; my desire is to so improve in the knowledge of God and the things of the kingdom of God—in everything good and holy and exalting, that I may have power to labour for the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom upon the earth. I have an equally-anxious