

ourselves and obtain knowledge from the Book of Mormon, from the Bible, from the Doctrine and Covenants, from the Pearl of Great Price, and from the instruction given us from time to time by the authorities of the Church, and seek to do the will of the Lord, remembering our prayers and our covenants before him, we will not go astray.

I wonder, let me say in conclusion, I wonder if we are indeed a praying people. I know that many of us pray. I doubt if we all do. I rather fear there are some among us who have neglected this important duty. In regard to this there is a statement in Section 68 of the Doctrine and Covenants that I think our attention should be called to. The Lord says here that it is the duty of parents to teach their children the principles of the gospel before they reach the age of accountability, and among other things that they should teach them is to observe their prayers; and further on in this revelation we find the following:

And a commandment I give unto them, that he that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the season thereof, let him be had in remembrance before the judge of my people.

Now, I say this is a very serious thing. We ought to be a praying people, and if there are in Zion those who do not observe their prayers in the season thereof, they are amenable to the law of the Church and may be brought before the judge, or in other words, the bishop, and he can try them for their fellowship, because the Lord himself has declared it in these words which I have read unto you.

Now, let us serve the Lord and

keep his commandments, labor in righteousness, and in all things remember our covenants and look for guidance to the captain of the ship, and not be led astray by what may be purported as having come from him when it is done in a corner and not openly and above board and presented to the Church in the proper manner. The Lord bless you is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

SPURIOUS REVELATION.

Again I feel that it is an opportunity for me to say a few words. This wonderful, mysterious revelation that I have been said to have received a great many years ago, was given in French, and I never knew but two or three words in French in my life; consequently, I could not have been the originator of that revelation. I want you to understand that. I have denied it, I suppose, a hundred times, when I have been inquired of about it. It was gotten up by some mysterious person who undertook to create a sensation and lay the responsibility upon me. I am not guilty. When the Lord reveals something to me, I will consider the matter with my brethren, and when it becomes proper, I will let it be known to the people, and not otherwise.

HOW THE "BLACK," "RED" AND "WHITE HORSE" REVELATION WAS STARTED.

The ridiculous story about the "red horse," and "the black horse," and "the white horse," and a lot of trash that has been circulated about and printed and sent around as a

great revelation given by the Prophet Joseph Smith, is a matter that was gotten up, I understand, some ten years after the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith, by two of our brethren who put together some broken sentences from the Prophet that they may have heard him utter from time to time, and formulated this so called revelation out of it, and it was never spoken by the prophet in the manner in which they have put it forth. It is simply false; that is all there is to it.

HOW THE STRANG REVELATION WAS CONCOCTED.

In 1858, I had the privilege of traveling through California with Charles Wesley Wandell, a former member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and at that time also a member of the Church. He told me himself, in the presence of witnesses, that he wrote the document himself on which the organization of J. J. Strang was founded, and he was never so surprised as when he found that J. J. Strang accepted his vagaries for a revelation from God, and he had only laughed at it and repented of it ever since.

HOW MEN MAY KNOW THE TRUTH.

Now, these stories of revelations that are being circulated around are of no consequence except for rumor and silly talk by persons that have no authority. The fact of the matter is simply here and this. No man can enter into God's rest unless he will absorb the truth in so far that all error, all falsehood, all misunderstandings and mis-statements he will be able to sift thoroughly and dissolve, and know that it is error

and not truth. When you know God's truth, when you enter into God's rest, you will not be hunting after revelations from Tom, Dick and Harry all over the world. You will not be following the will of the wisps of the vagaries of men and women who advance nonsense and their own ideas. When you know the truth you will abide in the truth, and the truth will make you free, and it is only the truth that will free you from the errors of men, and from the falsehood and misrepresentations of the evil one who lays in wait to deceive and to mislead the people of God from the paths of righteousness and truth. God bless you. Amen.

A trio, "Loyalty," voices selected from the choir, was sung.

ELDER JAMES E. TALMAGE.

The comprehensiveness of the gospel
—Things of men and things of God
—The one to be rooted up, the other to endure—The present the predicted time of commotion—A day of shaking—The Church of Jesus Christ not sectarian—A reorganized Church of Jesus Christ impossible—A new and an everlasting covenant.

I believe that no person who has followed the addresses at this conference can fail to have reflected upon the comprehensiveness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The truth has been declared unto us in simplicity and plainness. We have not gathered here to listen to fervid oratory, or impassioned speech, but we have heard again and again the eternal truth delivered with that eloquence that appeals to the heart instead of to the ear. We have had instructions given unto us relating to the affairs of every-day life, go-