

cause, and that too in language and with sentiment that will as far outstrip the sentiments and ideas of this world as the sun in glory outstrips the stars of the firmament.

The doctrine taught in the Book of Mormon, that we have listened to, is plain, simple and yet powerful. While it was being read I asked myself, Is there not a grandeur, a glory and a power that bear the impress of the Almighty?

But I will not detain you with encomium and remarks upon these matters, that speak for themselves, and speak favorably in the ears of them that are ordained to life everlasting. We are called upon to-day, brethren and sisters, to pay our last respects to a man whose voice we have listened to with so much pleasure, who has delineated to us so many glorious truths, whose walk and conversation we have seen and engaged with. We know that he was an exemplary, straightforward, honorable man, and his testimony, as I said before, will live forever. He has left a precious family, a numerous circle of relatives and friends, to whom I feel to tender my warmest sympathies and the finest feelings of my soul. God bless the widows, and enable them to bear up with fortitude, and to bear up the name of the departed with honor while time shall endure. He has left a name on earth that will never perish, a name that is written upon the sacred page of the Lamb's Book of Life, in letters of living light. Peace to his ashes! Comfort to the mourning family and friends! Where shall I look for an enemy of that noble man of God? Nowhere, but among the persecutors, and in the ranks of those who howl against and who would delight to prey upon the spoils, of the Latter-day Saints.

Being reminded that the time is about expired, I will not detain you longer, but I bless the Saints and bear testimony to the truth of what has been enunciated in our hearing to-day. God bless you. Amen.

BISHOP E. D. WOOLLEY.

My beloved friends and brethren. I am sorry that so much of the time that we design spending here has gone, but as it is I will only make a very few remarks. It is under no ordinary circumstances that we have assembled ourselves here to-day. We have come to show respect to the body that lies before us, and the family and friends immediately connected with it. I, for one, do sincerely condole with the family and friends of the deceased in their loss, and I sympathize with you all, for they are not the only losers by the departure of our beloved brother. We are all losers, we are all sympathizers, and we all feel that the hand of God has taken from us one of the main pillars of the church.

I have been acquainted with Brother Smith for a good many years; I have known him from his youth. I heard him preach the gospel in 1832 or '33, when he was only a boy, and I have known him ever since. He has been a member of the Ward over which I preside for the last twenty years, and I know him according to the best knowledge men can have of one another, and I know that he has been a true Latter-day Saint, an honest man, a man of integrity, and an honor to us and to the kingdom of God, and I do not think that he had an enemy upon the earth, and I think he is as free from enemies as any man we could select in the Kingdom of God. He has stood up boldly for the truth, and I have never known him to dissemble or to deceive; and I sincerely condole with my friends in the loss of so great and good a man as Brother George A. Smith. In order for a man to be great he must be good, and viewed from this standpoint I regard Brother George A. as one of the greatest men of the age, and I say that his life has been one that is worthy of imitation.

There are many things upon my mind that I would be glad to rehearse; many ideas have crossed my mind in the last three or four days that I would be glad to have the privilege of mentioning before this large audience, but time will not permit. Brother Smith has left a fine family of wives and children, and I would say, for their comfort, as far as it will go, that it is an honor to be the wives and children of such a man; and if his children will live the life, and imitate the example of their father, they will grow into eminence and prominence among this people like unto him. He has left his testimony, he has made his mark in the earth,

and among this people, and it never can be wiped out.

Brethren and sisters, I am full of sympathy and condolence, and I pray God, the Eternal Father, that his Holy Spirit may rest upon the immediate friends and kindred of our beloved brother whose remains lie before us; and not only upon them, because I feel that, if such dispensations of Providence as this are afflictions, we are all suffering from one of the greatest calamities that has come upon us for a long time.

That I may not transgress the bounds of my time, I will say, may God help us, may we all be prepared to follow him to that bourne of rest above to which we are satisfied he has taken his flight.

ELDER JOHN TAYLOR.

As the time is pretty nearly expired I will not detain the congregation long. I feel that now Brother George A. Smith has left us a great man has fallen in Israel; that we have lost one who was beloved and respected by his brethren and friends and honored by the God of Israel; that in leaving us he has gone back again to his Father, and to unite with intelligences beyond this sphere of action; and so far as these things are concerned all is right. We sympathize with his family, and, as has been expressed, with the church who have suffered this bereavement. We sympathize with all good men in the loss of so good and great a man as Brother George A. But it is the will of God that he should leave and go to another state of existence, and we all of us submit to the fiat of Jehovah, and say, "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good." George A. has lost nothing in the exchange he has made. For sometime he has suffered and endured severe bodily affliction. He is now going to unite with those who have gone before; as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, to associate with apostles who have held the same priesthood and calling that he held; to unite with David Patten, with Parley P. Pratt, with Joseph and Hyrum Smith, with his father, Uncle John Smith, and with a great many of the good, virtuous, holy and pure who have lived and died and gone to a better and more glorious state of existence. He has gone and all is right. We have all got to follow. Let us then follow in his footsteps, let us be influenced by his example, let us honor the Lord our God, and keep the commandments of Jehovah, that when we get through with the affairs of this world, we may be respected as he is—we may be honored by the honorable of the earth, by Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, by God, the Father of all, by patriarchs, prophets and apostles, and take our place with him in that glory which we have heard described to-day.

To his family I say, God bless them! I say to his children, Follow his example, and tread in his steps; so shall you reign with your father in the Kingdom of God. May God help us all to be faithful, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

I can hardly be satisfied to pass over this time without bearing my testimony to the good that has been exhibited in the life and in the character of this my first counselor. In our associations together, which have now been for forty-two years, I have no recollection that President George A. Smith ever taught a false doctrine or a false idea. When I have called upon him for counsel, before he became my first counselor in the First Presidency, and from the time that I called upon him to assist me, I have no recollection of his ever giving counsel on any occasion, or on any subject, though we might be hundreds or thousands of miles apart, but what our counsels perfectly agreed. This is saying a great deal for a man.

Again, I will say to my brethren and sisters, and to the wives and children of our departed brother, if you will live as he has lived, it can be said of you as I say of him—he leaves as good a record on this side of the veil as any man that ever lived, in my opinion. He has as good a record on the other side of the veil as any apostle that ever lived. This is my belief. And you will have the privilege of associating with the highest classes of intelligence hereafter, and expanding and increasing in all the knowledge of God and godliness, and becoming associated with and a com-

panion of the Gods, and dwelling with Jesus and his Father forever. I hope this will be the case with us.

I will still say, Brother George A. Smith has been, from boyhood, a virtuous man, a man who has never intruded beyond the rights and privileges that are given him in the holy priesthood, or upon the rights and privileges of his fellow-beings. This is a very bright testimony. I have known him probably as well as one man can know another. He has been with me, and I have been with him forty-two years that we have associated together, and we have met with a loss, but we part with him cheerfully, and I am thankful that I am able to say this. With regard to myself, feeling as I do, if I were to give way in the least to the sympathy of a mourner, I could not speak a word. But Brother George A. Smith has left us, and I am happy, I rejoice whenever one of the sons or daughters of the Almighty who has, while living upon the earth, honored his being, his God and his religion, passes from time into eternity, for I know then that one more is saved, one more has been prepared to dwell in the presence of God the Father. With regard to Brother George A., I can say that our loss is his gain.

Still further I will say, Brother George A. has been a great support to the weak and feeble, and to those who needed succor or the hand of kindness. But he was not a pillar on which this church rests, by any means. This church rests upon the basis and pillar of eternal truth, that dwells with the Gods in eternity. God is the supporter of this kingdom, and the loss to us of Brother George A. can be made up. The man that is perfectly willing to be like the clay in the hands of the potter the Lord Almighty can make what he pleases of him; the man that is stubborn and wilful, and has opinions for himself, without the Holy Ghost, can never arrive at the state and stature of this our beloved brother who lies before us. Brother George A. has been like the clay in the hands of the potter, to my certain knowledge. When Brother Joseph was living, Brother George was but a boy, but Joseph never asked him to do a thing that he did not try his best to do; he never required any labor of him that he did not use his best ability to perform. Neither have I. I have never made known to him his duty, manifested to me by the Spirit of the Lord, but what he did his best to perform it in the best possible manner. This is saying a great deal, but it is true, and this is the testimony that I bear of this our beloved brother, and I say, peace to his remains! Blessings attend his family. I say, God bless them—his wives, his children, his brethren and sisters, his own father's connections, with the house of Israel.

[I will say, further, it would have been my delight, had I been able and had time, to take up the subject of the resurrection, and speak to this people upon it. But suffice it for me to say at this time, that the very body that lies there in that coffin is the body that will be raised at the first resurrection, and will come forth; yes, Brother George A. Smith; and we will see him in the flesh just as we have seen him while associating with him here; only he will be made pure, holy and immortal. And when we are made pure we shall associate together. The very flesh and the very bones, and the component parts that comprise the body of Brother George A. Smith, now lying before us, will come forth in the resurrection, which this book (the Bible) teaches, this book (the Book of Mormon) teaches, and this book (the Book of Doctrine and Covenants) teaches, from beginning to end, wherever they speak on the subject of the resurrection. So much have I to say to the Latter-day Saints and to the good upon the face of the whole earth, the pure in heart, the honest, the upright, the noble, the virtuous. I say, God bless you. I bless you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and say, blessings attend you, henceforth, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir sang the hymn commencing on page 210—

Farewell, all earthly honors,
I bid you all adieu.

While this hymn was being sung the pent-up feelings of President Young, which he had held under control during the funeral services of his late counselor, companion and long time friend and associate,

gave way and he wept, and also many others were similarly affected.

Elder Orson Pratt pronounced the benediction.

The whole proceedings were of a most solemn and impressive character, and we may say that but few men who have lived have carried the affections and esteem of so many people as President George A. Smith.

The number of persons present at the services would probably be ten to twelve thousand, and it was a grand sight to see the great multitude of people, the occasion lending to it an element of solemnity that but increased its interest.

The cortege that followed the remains to the cemetery was probably unparalleled for proportions by that on any similar occasion in the West, the number of vehicles being between eighty and a hundred besides a very large number of pedestrians who went to the burying place.

By the side of the grave the people joined in singing the hymn commencing on page 335:

Weep, weep not for me, Zion:
Rejoice now and sing ye aloud;
Pray, pray, that Judah's fierce lion
May quickly descend in a cloud.
Haste, haste; oh, quickly descend in a cloud.

After the large crowd of people had dispersed save a few, Elder John L. Smith, brother of the departed, and the others remaining, knelt around the grave while he offered up a heartfelt, soul-moving prayer, dedicating the ground and the remains, that they might rest undisturbed till the morning of the resurrection.

The son of the late President George A. Smith, John Henry, lingered for some time by the resting place of his beloved father and friend, and the manifestations of his great affection for the departed, having been apparently smothered till nearly all the other mourners had departed, gushed forth unreservedly, and no dry eyes witnessed the affecting scene.

Thus has gone to his resting place a man of God, whose memory lives in the affections of a whole people.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, SEPT. 3.

Arrived.—Last evening Elder Brigham Young, Jun., arrived from the north. He has lately been suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever, but is, we are pleased to be able to say, now convalescing.

Elder John L. Smith also arrived in town, from the south, the return here of both brethren being for the purpose of attending the obsequies of President Geo. A. Smith.

Departures.—This morning Superintendent John Sharp left on a business trip to the East. He was accompanied by his son William G. Sharp, and Don Carlos Young, son of President Brigham Young, both of whom are destined for Troy, N. Y., for the purpose of passing through a course of studies in the University at that place.

Cattle Stealing Case.—A young man named William Woolsey has been arrested on a charge of stealing cattle belonging to Mr. Frank Knowlton. The investigation will commence, before Justice Crismon, at four o'clock to-day.

Shooting Affair.—We are informed that a shooting affair occurred in the Spriggs' coal mine, near Coalville, yesterday or day before. We understand that Mr. Spriggs and Mr. C. B. Hawley, both interested in the mine, had had a disagreement, and that the former drew a pistol and fired at the latter, on a bullet taking effect in Mr. Hawley's shoulder. The latter arrived in town last evening. The wound is not considered dangerous.

As Ye Sow.—

SALT LAKE CITY,
Sept. 2d, 1875.

Editor Deseret News:

Should the California and Nevada journals continue to scandalize the "Mormons" most lustily and untiringly, and to urge the General Government to adopt stringent and arbitrary measures against us, will not those two States be entitled to a richer reward and greater blessing than their present financial embarrassments?

INQUIRER.

In a Dangerous Condition.—We learn to-day that Mr. Frank Lowe, the young man who was so terribly injured by a bear at Lake Town

recently, is very low, his tongue continuing to protrude from the mouth, and the swelling not being in the least allayed, rendering it impossible for the crushed bones to be surgically adjusted at present. It is with great difficulty that the unfortunate young man is able to take any nourishment whatever to sustain him. The case appears to be a very dangerous and doubtful one.

A Serious Case.—About three months ago a farmer, of Cedar Fort, named Cook, while engaged in grubbing rabbit brush, had the misfortune to have his left eye scratched by a twig. He suffered considerable pain from the injury, but did not imagine that it would result seriously. It continued to grow worse until the other eye, from sympathy, became somewhat affected also. He came to the city the other day, to consult a physician, and it is probable that the injured eye will have to be taken out, to prevent the unfortunate man losing his sight entirely.

The Uintah Reservation and Other Things.—Mr. M. J. Shelton, of Heber City, is in town, and called upon us to-day. He informs us that he recently returned from a visit to the Uintah Reservation, where he spent about a week. We glean from him that the Indians there are farming more than usual, and have good crops this season. Besides the farming land they cultivate small garden patches. A great evil existing among them is a practice of some parties of them carrying on a whiskey traffic, getting their supplies from the whites and taking it upon the reservation and trading it off to other Indians. It is to be hoped this traffic will be stopped and the persons selling the vile stuff to the Indians discovered, and punished as the law directs.

Mr. Duboy and surveying party are at Uintah for the purpose of laying off the border lines and portioning off the farming land into forty acre lots.

Mrs. Critchlow, wife of the Indian Agent, teaches school, at a salary of \$1,000 a year, from government, and during the week that Mr. Shelton spent there he saw but two papooses make their appearance in the school room, and they only came in to be in time for dinner, the rule being to supply the pupils attending with a meal, so that the educational part of the Uintah institution is conspicuous as a failure, the Indians there taking no interest in the matter, save it be an occasional small boy who happens around at meal time, who desires to educate his digestive apparatus by manipulating a dinner at the government expense.

Mr. Cram, a government inspector of Indian agencies, is also there, being a "chieftain's takin notes."

Mr. Sheldon is somewhat enthusiastic concerning the character of the country at and about Ashley's Fork, south-east of the reservation. Plenty of fine meadow land there, where cattle can stay out and remain fat in summer and winter. On Green River bench thereabout, there is a stretch of probably 10,000 acres of fine, rich land, that could be brought under cultivation; so says Capt. Dodds, ex-Indian agent of Uintah, who has taken up his abode in the locality. The gentleman estimates that there will probably be 15,000 head of cattle there this fall, from Colorado, Montana, and some even from Missouri. About twelve quarter sections have been taken up and eight houses already built.

South of that part, between Green and White Rivers, there is an immense flat, with groves of trees on it as neatly arranged as if they had been artistically set out by the hand of man; a most delightful place.

Mr. Sheldon states that he has been informed to the effect that it is not the intention of the government to cut down the extent of the Uintah Reservation, it being rather the intention to bring to it a large number of other Indians, in all probability the Sioux and Cheyennes.

At the time Mr. Sheldon was in the locality a party of prospectors were crossing Green River, twenty-five miles from Ashley's Fork, at the mouth of Cragged Canyon, when the horse on which one of the men was riding reared and turned over, throwing the prospector into the current. He was a good swimmer and struck out bravely, but soon commenced to shout, his companions thinking he was doing so for fun. He immediately sank, however, and was not seen more.