CHARITY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS. Discourse delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, February 12, 1899, by

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Missionary Experiences-Inspiration in Acquiring Languages -Purpose of the Gift of Tongues-Discerning of Spirits-The Glorious Gift of Charity.

turning Elders, for I know how I felt upon my return from my first mission, and being asked to speak to a congregation of Saints in the old Tabernacle. I had been absent five years, preaching in a foreign language. I had had a great deal of experience on that mission in preaching, baptizing, organizing branches and conferences, and laboring in every direction. But when I came back and was called to the stand, it seemed as though the bottom of my memory dropped out, I was so frightened at facing so many people. I could scarcely recollect anything, and, having been speaking in a foreign language, it was difficult to speak in my mother tongue. I had translated the Book of Mormon into that language and had become thoroughly familiar with it-so familiar that all my thoughts and my secret prayers were in that language, instead of my mother tongue. I suppose that has been the case with these Elders who have come from Germany. No doubt, they have done their thinking as well as have done their thinking as wen as their taiking in German; and therefore they probably have had to translate their thoughts into English, as I had to do. I sympathize very deeply with El-ders, whether they have been preaching in the English language or in a foreign language, when they come back and have to face a congregation like this. It is terrifying to some men, though some can face it better than others. I feel that these brethren deserve, our sympathy. We cannot form as good an idea of their labors as we could if we were better acquainted with them or they with us. I remember just after my return there was a meeting being held in the Seventies' Hail, and held in the Seventies' Hall, and a great number of Elders were present. President Young, President Kimball, President Wells and several of the Twelve were there. It was a general testimony meeting, and the Elders were called on to speak. I arose and at-tempted to speak in English. I said, in the course of my remarks, that I could not express myself with the fluency not express myself with the intends that I desired, having been accustomed to speak in a foreign language for a good while. President Young spoke up and said, "Brother George, speak in the language you are used to." I com-menced to speak in that language, and it was like holsting a floodgate-the words actime on the storent. I have no words came out in a torrent. I have no doubt that these brethren, if we called upon them to speak in German, would speak with a good deal of fluency and much more case. SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO BE SOUGHT AFTER.

I have felt this afternoon that I would like to call the attention of the Saints some points of doctrine, if time per-itted. I will read a portion of the

I have great sympathy for these re-urning Elders, for I know how I felt pen my return from my first mission. past I have been led, in speaking to the Saints at various places, to dwell upon this subject. We cannot be the people that God designs we should be, unless we seek after and obtain these spiritual gifts. It should be the constant prayer of all the Latter-day. Saints for the of all the Latter-day. Saints for the Lord to give us those gifts that are suited to our condition, and that will make us perfect, because the bestowal of these gifts is for the express purpose of making those who are entitled to them perfect before the Lord. Through the Fall we have inherited very many weaknesses and infirmities. We are weaknesses and infirmities. We are all more or less conscious of them, especially if we come unto the Lord in humility. He shows us our imperfechumility. He shows us our imperfec-tions and points out to us our defects of character, by His Spirit. We see some very glaring defects in ourselves. This being the case, it should be our aim to seek unto the Lord for gifts that will remedy these defects. If I am an unwise man (and all are-some more than others), what gift should I seek for? I should plead constantly with the Lord to give me the gift of wisdom. I may be deficient in dis-cernment, and easily led astray. False spirits arise and make this manifest constantly. We are surrounded by invisible agencies, many of them very bad, and if we yield to them they have influence over us. Influenced by these wrong spirits, men and women will talk to us and strive to bring us under the same influence. Is it not, therefore, a good thing to have the gift of discerning of spirits? Is it not a blessed thing that God has placed in His Church and promised unto the members thereof this preclous gift, by which they can discern false spirits when brought in contact with them? Assuredly it is. It is a gift that should be sought for by all of us. There are none so perfect but they can derive benefit from the possession of this gift.

FASTING FOR A PURPOSE.

I have often been struck at our fast etings with the thought that the Latter-day Saints ought to have a purpose when they come together fasting and praying. One day a month is set apart by the Church as a day of fasting, of prayer, of humiliation before the Lord. When manifested, humiliation before the Lord. When we get together there should be in all our hearts a desire that our prayers may ascend to the Lord unitedly for certain definite objects. Of course, we are all interested in Z in and in the great cause of God. We desire righ-teousness to prevail, the will of God to be done. We can all pray unitedly for this great object, and we should do so when we come together in this capacity. But I may have secret desires, secret wants; I may have thoughts that none but God knows. Therefore, I should pe-tition Him in secret that He will grant unto me that secret desire of my heart. And at such times, it seems to me that our prayers, offered in humility and acour prayers, offered in humility and ac-companied by faith, are likely to be companied by faith, are likely to be heard and answered; in fact, I know they will be heard. This also is a good time for us to seek for these gifts of the Spirit. Do we not all need them? Is there any one among us that does not need these gifts? I need phophecy. How can I magnify my office, how can I stand in my calling, how can I do my duty to the Latter-day Saints in the of-fice to which God has called me, unless houses be habitations of peace and Would not the angels delight to joy? with us? I am sure they would, why should we not possess it? What is there to prevent it? God has given to us the promise that we can have this gift of charity if we will seek for it. That promise never faileth, no more than charity falleth. We can obtain it, and it will beautify and adorn all our characters. If our children possess it, fice to which God has called me, unless I have the gift of prophecy? That gift I should seek to have it increase upon me. The gift of revelation should inhow beautiful they will be in every moral attribute! Let us seek for it, let us cultivate it everywhere. Let us read crease within me. I should seek for the gift of wisdom, to have it increase withabout this occasionally, and not be quarrelsome, not be fault-finding, not be gift of wisdom, to have it increase with-in me; the gift of know-ledge also. Should we not all do so?. I need these gifts; you need them. You need to have patience, long-suffering, forbearance. A presiding officer in the Church needs the gift of instruction, the gift of counsel, and, when heeded, the gift of reproof and warning. He needs to under-stand the plan of salvation, and what constitutes godilness; he needs to have the gift of heal-ing, and the gift of discernment of spirits. We all need to have the gift of a broken heart and a contrite spirit; quarrensome, not be hauft-building, not be slandering, not be back-biling, not be saying evil of each other. That is not of Christ; but charity is the pure love of Christ. God, we are told, is love. One of the last injunctions of the Apos-tie John was, "Little children, love one another." If men do wrong to me, what must I do? Must I resent it and hebt another. If men do wrong to me, what must I do? Must I resent it and fight back? No; I must bear it patiently. I must suffer long, and be kind. I must not lose my temper, and think that I must get even with them. That is not the spirit of the Gospel. Christ has taught us very differently. As Latter-der State we should exacting those spirits. We all need to have the gift of a broken heart and a contrite spirit;

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The Lord said to Joseph in the begin-The Lord said to Joseph in the begin-ning, "Be patient in thine afflictions; for thou shalt have many." So it is with all of us, We have great afflic-tions from time to time. It seems to be necessary that we should be tried and proved to see whether we are full of integrity or not. In this way we get to know ourselves and our own weak-nesses and the Lord income us and our to know ourselves and our own weak-nesses; and the Lord knows us, and our brothren and sisters know us. There-fore, it is a precious gift to have the gift of patience, to be good-tempered, to be cheerful, to not be depressed, to not give way to wrong feelings and become impatient and irritable. It is a blessed gift for all to possess. The gift of integrity also is a spiendid gift. Men may do many wicked things, and report of them, and the Lord will forgive them, if they have integrity. I value that gift exceedingly. I have seen men that in many respects were anything that in many respects were anything but what they ought to be as Latter-day Saints but they were full of in-

tegrity. They would not do anything to betray the work of God. Under all circumstances they were full of integ-rity. I have met, as you have, such characters; and I have felt that such men, notwithstanding their weaknesses, will be blossed of the Lord. The Lord will be blessed of the Lord. The Lord will forgive their sins, and He will bless them because of their integrity. There-fore, the gift of integrity is a good thing. It is good also to have stead-fastness, valor and courage in the hour of trial and danger-in the hour when men's lives are in danger.

BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF CHARITY.

Before I close I will call your atten-tion to what is said about charity. Let a Avell on this glorious gift. What us dwell on this glorious gift. What beautiful characters we would have if we possessed this precious gift of char-ity. Let us read and see what the Apostle says about it. The same things can be found also in the Book of Mor-mon, in almost identically the same language

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind." Is not that a lovely trait of human character?

"Charity envieth not." There is no envy in a man or a woman who pos-sesses charity. They do not envy their fellow beings anything that they may DOFFER

"Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Charity never boasteth. I often think of that. If I feel inclined to boast a little, I am checked imme diately by the reflection that that it not charity. When we are filled with charity we are not vaunting ourselves, we are not boasting of our good deeds. we are not puffed up, we are not tell-ing people what mighty men we are, or how much good we have done. Charity does not indulge in this. "Doth not behave itself unseemly."

It is modest." "Seeketh not her own." That is the spirit of the Savior. He said, "If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away they coat, let him have thy cloak also;" if they wanted us to go with them a mile, to go with them two mfles. It is not always quarreling and con-tending for "rights." Persons who have the gift of charity are not always afraid that they are going to lose something. and that they must look after their "rights." You see that spirit frequently

"Is not easily provoked." Always good tempered; does not lose patience. "Thinketh no evil." It does not in-dulge in evil thoughts concerning others. It looks upon their conduct in the best light possible.

"Rejoiceth not in iniquity." Takes no pleasure in iniquity, but rejoices in that which is good—"rejoiceth," as the Apostle says, "in the truth." "Beareth all things, believeth all

things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." These are blessed qualities.

My brethren and sisters, what a prec-ious and a glorious gift is this gift of charity! Would not we be perfect Saints if we had it? Would not this be heaven if we exercised it? Would not

in England by cities of 10,200,009 inhabitants, and by a total population in the world of 21,400,000. Mechanical filters are employed by an aggregate popula-tion of nearly 1,600,000 in the United States and Canada, although practically unused in other countries.

The commercial use of the elec-The commercial use of the elec-tric arc in the culture of Easter lilies is shown by Mr. M. G. Kains to be quite practicable, but he finds that this light should not be used until the lily buds are an inch long and that it should then be passed through glass to screen out the ultra-violet rays. In the eventure the concidered a dark brown experiments considered, a dark brown burn appeared on the plants under the naked light. The light was continued nightly for four months, giving plants that were taller and earlier in blossom-ing, but less robust and with shorter-

into a chimney, it takes a course opposite to that of the hot gases, and its exyger reaches the center of the fire in heated condition favorable for completely uniting with the fuel.

Clinker from the refuse destructors f Bradford, England, which lately caused considerable expense, is now prelitably used for mortar and concrete, proving serviceable for reservoirs, etc. when mixed with cement.

Acetylene has failed thus far to realize all that was expected from it on account of the lack of a really practi-cal small generator, and its delivery under compression in cylinders is still less practicable on account of the great risk of explosion. It is believed in France that the system of Claude and Hesse will give more satisfactory re-suits. These experimenters have found that acetone will dissolve 24 times its volume of gas at ordinary temperature and pressure, and that this could be in-creased to more than 2,000 volumes if a temperature of 84 degrees C halow gars

ordinary temperatures under a presare of 10 atmospheres. Storage in one solution under pressure is therefor the plan under trial. Still greater safety is ensured by a porous brick fil-ter, which is so placed in the reser-voir as to effectually check the gas in it from being ighited from the burn-

There are now 70 crematories in Europe and America, of which 27 are in Italy, 20 in the United States, 6 in Germany, and 4 in England. Paris had 4,513 incinerations last year.

Astronomers are bringing forward numerous theories to explain the Ge-genschein, the bright patch that some-times glows mysteriously in the sky at midnight. The light occurs near the cellptic, but usually two or three degrees removed from event measures. Ing, but less robust and with shorter-lived flowers, than those grown in the dark. More perfect combustion in furnaces is secured by Mr. Paul Schlicht by on properly introducing an air current

long. Another suggestion is that it is a comet-like tail of hydrogen and bolium streaming away from the earth in streaming away from the earth in a direction opposite to the sub-while many astronomers are inclined to con-nect the phenomenon with the meteorie ring producing the zodiaca? Hght

The curious behavior of a falcon has The curious behavior of a falcon has been noticed by travelers on a railway passing through a wheat-growing sec-tion of Italy. The bird always ac-companied the fast train of the line, anying no attantion to other trains, and kept close to the cars, constantly dashing to the ground on each side. It was found that the air eddy set up by the rushing cars drew in the smal-ler birds, which were thus made easy victims of the cunning hawk. victims of the cunning hawk.

The lessening of accidents among working electricians is sought by the Society of Agricultural Industry as Commerce of Milan, which offers a sold medal to the person of any nation who makes known the best method of pro-

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12th chapter of I Corinthians:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit,

And there are differences of adminis-trations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of opera-tions, but it is the same God which

worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is

given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; same Spirit:

To another the working of miracles: to another prophecy; to another dis-cerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular,

members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, govern-ments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of mira-cles?

Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more ex-cellent way.

ings and speak in tongues and some-body interpret it. That is very comfort-ing and a very desirable gift, when it is governed properly. It appeals to many people: they think it is a wonder-fully great gift, But in my experience it is a gift that is apt to lead people astray, unless it is properly controlled Under its influence people sometimes give way to a wrong spirit. We have known to our experience many instances I will read a portion of the next chap-ter (15th), for the subject is continued

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophe-y, and understand all mysteries, and cy, and understand an myster have all all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mounand have not charity, I am nothing

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not char-

give way to a wrong spirit. We have known in our experience many instances where branches of the Chutyh, especial-ly newly-organized branches, have got into difficulty through this spirit taking possession of them and there not being wisdom enough in the presiding officer to control it. This gift, as I have said, is a desirable gift; but it is especially desirable for our Elders who go to for-eign lands. They should seek for it with all earnestness and faith. I testify to you that there is such a gift, and there is such a gift as the gift of interpreta-tion of tongues. So in relation to all ity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charlty envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily pro-

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there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall there be cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophesy

in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

These last words declare that prophe cles shall fail, tongues shall cease, and knowledge shall vanish away, because 'we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." We shall then not peed tongues, we shall not need prophecy, because we shall have a fulness of knowledge. But charity, Paul says, nev-er faileth.

day Saints, we should exercise those qualities and gifts that He has comthat is the offering that is acceptable to the Lord. When we come Him with broken hearts and contrite spirits, He hears us, and He accepts the offering. It is the offering that He asks at our hands.

PURPOSE OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES.

them to us according to our needs, each one in his or her place, there is power

GIFT OF GOVERNMENT.

The sisters have as much right to hese gifts as the brethren. They have

in our religion

quantities and gifts that He has com-imanded us to seek for. Brethren and sister, God bless you and fill you with His Holy Spirit. Let us contend earnestly for the gifts of the Spirit of God. When we notice a de-fect in our characters, let us ask God with all the faith we can to give us the effet that will correct that that we So I might go on and enumerate gifts that we need. If I were called on a mission to a people speaking a foreign language, I should pray constantly for the gift of tongues, and for the gift of the interpretation of tongues. I obtained that gift a few days after I reached the land where I was sent; I understood all that was said to me Laks received help in the gift that will correct that, that we may be perfect; for Jesus says, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect," showing that it is possible for us, even in our fallen and low con-dition, to become perfect in our sphere. That God may grant unto us this, and fill our hearts with this desire and this great faith, is my prayer, in the name was said to me. I also received help in acquiring the language. I know that such a gift is within the reach of those who seek for it. It is not alone given to us to get up in our testimony meet-ings and speak in tongues and someof Jesus. Amen. **RESOURCES OF**



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leum in the Cagayan valley. The Negritos and Igorrotes frequently show specimens of lead, antimony and other minerals, but it is impossible to get them to say where they find them. The lead usually carries gold and sliver with

it. The copper of north Luzon was worked, it is said, by the Igorrotes long before the Spaniards came. They soft-ened the rocks by building fires upon them. This enabled them to break out the ore and they then roasted it again and again before smelting. Their smelting was done in little clay fur-naces not much bigger than a four-gal-ion crock, bamboo blowers being used to make the requisite draught. The to make the requisite draught. The Spaniards later on tried to work these tion of tongues. So in relation to all these proclous gifts. Why, what is our religion if we divest it of these gifts and we do not possess them? It is a powerless thing. But with the bestowal of these gifts, with the Lord giving same mines with machinery and failed The editor of the Manila Times, who has traveled considerably over Lazon, and who is the author of a number of guide books and maps relating to that island, tells me there is an iron moun-tain within less than fifty miles of Ma-. It is near mineral springs and far from the best settled part of nila. the islands. Some of the ores are very rich, those of Angat. In the Bulacan province, not far from Manila, containing from 75 to 85 per cent of pure iron the right to go unto God and ask Him in the name of Jesus to bestow upon them such gifts as they need. How None of the mines are worked and the incentive under the iniquitous Spanish gzvernment has been to let them lie undeveloped and untouched.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The water supply plants of the United States are stated by Mr. Allen Hazer. to have reached 3.200 in 1897, about three fourths of them being operated by pumping. Only about one-tenth of the cities and towns have filtered water knowledge, But charity, Paul says, hev-er faileth. PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS. I feel and have felt for some time that as Latter-day Saints our attention should be called more than I think it supplies, although the importance of filtration in lessening typhoid fover is generally recognized. Mr. Hazen favors

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good a gift it would be for a mother to have the gift of governing her children, the gift of wisdom to train them and to point out to them the path that they should pursue. The mother who seeks for these gifts and everylase them her for these gifts and exercises them be-fore the Lord, she will have great joy in her children, and will get amply re-warded for all the faith that she has exercised and the prayers she has of-fered in their behalf. For what is there



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