

and the corresponding degradation of the poor—the rich and the poor growing wider and wider apart—these are things which lead to anarchy and destruction. Now, God will save us from this. He has revealed the plan if we will adopt it. We cannot do it all at once; but let us do it by degrees. Let us have our hearts upon the Kingdom of God, and not think about building up ourselves and our families and accumulating great wealth in our hands. But let us distribute this wealth in such ways as shall benefit the people; not to give it away and make paupers of people. That would be wrong. We do not want to pauperize any man or any family, or make them feel that they get means without earning it. Every one should have the opportunity to work and to earn that which he needs for his sustenance.

I did not expect to talk in this strain when I got up. But I want to say before I close, let us pay our tithing. We have been looking at some of the tithing lists, and I confess I am a little ashamed at the tithing paid by some of the Stakes. It is too small. It shows that there is a falling off, and it is not a good indication. When men neglect their tithing, they neglect other things. When you see men liberal in their tithing, they want to tie themselves to the work of God. Where a man's treasure is there will his heart be. When a man neglects to obey this law of the Lord—I do not care who he is or what his standing may be in the Church—his faith is not as it should be in the work of God. And as with an individual, so with a Stake. Let us be liberal in this, and God will increase us in our basket and store. Look throughout the Stakes at the men who pay their tithing and you will see men whom God has prospered and whom He blesses with His Holy Spirit. Besides these Church schools, there are many other ways in which funds are required. You cannot imagine how many calls there are. I have been somewhat familiar with the office of the President of the Church for many years; but I never saw anything like that which is now coming in. Claims are multiplying upon every hand, and proper claims, too. The work is extending, and it requires us, as a people, to keep abreast of the times and to live so that we shall have the satisfaction of doing our part. I met a man on the street one day; he was a wealthy man among us, and I had found accidentally—for it is a thing I pay no attention to, so far as individuals are concerned—that he had paid no tithing for some time, and I felt very much impressed to speak to him on the subject. I said to him: I find that you have not paid any tithing. Now let me say to you, you are not going to be here long, and when you go somebody else will have your wealth, and what will be your feeling when you get to the other side of the veil, to think that you had this property at your control, God having made you a steward of it, and you had not paid your tithing to the Lord? Says he, Brother Geo. Q. Cannon, I

will pay my tithing. But he died without doing it, very shortly afterwards. Now, we are alive today. Let us leave none of these things undone. Let us do our duty today, and when tomorrow comes, let us do it again, or we will have sorrow when we get where we will have no money to pay. But, my brethren, we shall never regret being liberal for the cause of God. We shall never regret spending our time and our talent and using all our energies to establish truth and righteousness in the earth. We can look at our fellows without blushing and feeling condemned, if this is our condition, and if we have been liberal to the extent of our ability in everything connected with the work of God; and we shall sit down with pleasure alongside the faithful of all ages. God bless you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A PLEA FOR THE SABBATH.

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Editor Deseret News:

Morals and religion are so closely allied that I shall not undertake to draw a line of demarcation between them. It is fair to concede, however, that individuals may be found in Christian communities, professors of religion, who are destitute of moral training, and it is a fact that there are moral people who are without religious bias or sentiment. This is the state of society among Christian denominations in countries where the so-called followers of the lowly Jesus are to be found.

Turn from the frailties in other people and let our minds rest upon this favored community—"a city sought out." Here we behold the bloom of prosperity throughout the length and breadth of the land which the Lord God has given unto us. Here in these mountains of Deseret is my home; this is my people.

I have great anxiety in relation to the religious and moral education of our sons and daughters. Never, in the history of this people, have graver responsibilities rested upon the parents and Priesthood in Zion than we behold this day. Every enticement the adversary can use to destroy, is brought to the front and wielded by unscrupulous men for the destruction of our children.

The professions of the Latter-day Saints are very sweeping in their nature, reaching far beyond the pretensions ever made by any other sect or religious denomination, since the ancient Apostles fell asleep. All there is of beauty, grace, loveliness, holiness, religion, morality, charity, purity of character; all that brings together, organizes, builds up, improves, beautifies, enables, acknowledges God, inculcates brotherly love, makes better fathers and mothers, and more dutiful children; all that brings us near to the perfection of the Fountain of Light, the Latter-day Saints claim as their own, and rightly, too, for they have covenanted with God by sacrifice. I am a living witness that He has accepted this offering at their hands, and He

has fulfilled His promises to this people in every particular. God brought us unto these valleys to serve Him with undivided hearts. Not one soul who enjoys the presence of the Holy Spirit will doubt this statement, neither can he or she doubt the commandment of the Great Law-giver—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Sabbath breaking is practiced to an alarming extent in this community, and it is not confined to any particular class or denomination, but is quite general throughout this city. One careless or weak minded counselor can set a whole neighborhood aflame, and counteract the faithful labors of many right minded parents. This is wrong and should not exist, among a people so well organized as the Latter-day Saints are.

Fathers, mothers, teachers and guardians—to you is committed the honor of being saviors unto this and succeeding generations; if you now sow the wind, ye shall reap the whirlwind—an infinite law of just compensation.

Sometimes we see and hear strange things, which occur not far from our own firesides. Perhaps the following conversation may be appropriate to the situation:

"Ma, may I go to the Park, or Farm or to the Lake, with Mr. —; Sal and Net, Peg and Nell are going? I think you might let me go this time. Their parents are willing for them to visit these places of amusement on Sunday. Please, ma, let me go." All this and much more.

Unfortunately the father is absent and he cannot be consulted by the half-distracted mother. Gone to the "pen," or left for parts unknown; or succumbed to the "law," and passed through the purifying flame of the judicial furnace, and now, living alone, comforts his declining years by cultivating a patriotic love for the parent government which has made him a living monument of its stainless character.

I am personally acquainted with the heads of families who labor, to promote in the minds of their children, a proper reverence for the Sabbath, but are handicapped by the injudicious acts of their otherwise pleasant neighbors. In the name of that Being whom we claim to serve, I call upon the Latter-day Saints to arise in the power of union and put down this hydra-headed monster which leads our innocent youth into the broad road of destruction. RESURGAM.

CHELMSFORD, in Essex County, Eng., which includes the urban part of the parish of Springfield, has just introduced electricity for lighting its streets and public places. The three main streets are lighted by 18 arc lights and the other streets by 200 incandescent lights. The town council pays \$112.50 for each of the arc lights per annum, and \$21.70 for each incandescent light, making the total cost for the year \$4381. Previously it paid \$3840 to the gas company for 188 lamps.