HISTORICAL DISCOURSE By President GEORGE A. SMITH

delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt

[JAMES, 1st chap., 5th vs.] He sought proved it. the Lord by day and by night and was enlightened by the vision of an holy angel. When this personage appeared

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magistrate and dismissed. He was swamps and cleaned them out, and conagain arrested and taken to an adjoining county and treated contemptuously, spit upon and insulted in various other ways. His case was investigated and mencement of the settlement in Commencement in C mob resolved to treat him to a cost of the summer of 1839.

tar and feathers, from which, however, June 27, 1844, Joseph and Hyrum he was shielded by the officers in whose Smith, the Prophet and Patriarch of the

He accordingly sent missionaries in tions,—I refer to the outrages committed by the mobs, on the Latter-day ver Cowdery and Parley P. Pratt. On Saints—there never was a single intheir way across the State of Ohio they visited a society known as the Campbellites led by Sidney Pictor. bellites, led by Sidney Rigdon. They the State where the occurrence transpreached to them and baptized Rigdon pired. dren, are citizens of this Territory to-day. After this they continued their journey westward to Independence in the vicinity of Jackson County. Soon journey westward to Independence in quietness and good order, and not the vicinity of Jackson County. Soon rapid manner in which improvements the saints who were scattered had been made. They continued to However they made the necessary prein various parts of Western New York removed, part to Missouri and part to Kirtland in Geauga, now Lake county, Ohio, where they founded a city and built a Temple. In Jackson county, Missouri, they purchased land, built mills, established a printing office, the first conditions of the most beautiful structures in the Western States, and dedicated it unto the Lord.

chap, and 14th verse, it has ever been a practice in the Church of Jeaus Christ accordingly stopped, but there was a condingly stopped, but there was a stop the burning was accordingly stopped, but there was a scordingly stopped, but the fort commenced by were the most successful.

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The Hon. Stephen A. Dougiass, Gen. John J. Hardin and several other gent the made a squaws who were riding on horseback, and took their horses; in revenge for this national railway, which was subsected by the land, for they knew nothing about it previously. They were compelled to retire they knew nothing about it previously. They were compelled to retire they knew nothing about it previously. They were compelled to retire they knew nothing about it previously. They were compelled to retire they knew nothing about it previously. They were compelled to retire they knew nothing about it is and other counties. Similar occurrences took place in the South. The testile in the Hon. Stephen A. Dougiass, Gen. John J. Hardin and several other gentlements and took their house does not out their house and took their house and took their house to their house and took their house on our least the Indians made an attack on our meetings in this and other counties.

We have done all in our power to hurry to result was we were troubled with extinct they had no way to get more until it grew, and it required a great deal of faith on the part of the property. It was also agreed that if a previously. They were compelled to retire heart they had no way to get more until it grew, and it required a great deal of faith on the part of the property and took their house and took their

uel, and sister Sophronia, became members of the Presbyterian Church. Joseph reflected much upon the subject of religion, and was astonished at the illegion, and was astonished at the illegion that seemed to have grown out of the division of the spoils, if we may so the division of the spoils, if we may so Saints would leave. They accordingly use the term, at the close of the reform- hunted out a new county without ination. He spent much time in prayer habitants and almost without timber, and reflection and in seeking the Lord. called Caldwell County, and moved He was led to pray upon the subject in into it, purchasing land and occupying consequence of the declaration of the Apostie James: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth wisdom. They moved wisdom and occupying into the provements of any kind. They moved the counties have suffer mountains myriags of large black crick. Some of the outside counties have suffer with honor is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

May God help us to fill out our days some of the outside counties have suffer with honor is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen. to all men liberally and upbraideth not. occupied land and purchased and im- off, however, into this wilderness coun- ed them. They went through the fields Indians they have acted on the princi-

book now known as the "Book of tion of the United States becomes absoMormon," and on the 6th of April of lutely the supreme law of the land so
that year, having received the authority that all men can be protected in their ties, and hundreds.

mer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David themselves in the State of Illinois. There was a town known as Commerce, he was again dismissed. This time the merce, Hancock County, Ills., was in

custody he had been held. It was Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day a great number of the people resided looked upon, by many in those days, as Saints, were murdered in Carthage jail, a species of fun to treat Joseph Smith or the elders of the Church, wherever they went, in a contemptuous manner. The pulpit and the press almost invariably joined in the outery against the new church, and the predictions were that in a few days it would be annihilated.

After a few months a Conference was After a few months a Conference was trumped up charge of treason upon the organized and missionaries started to- affidavit of a drunken vagabond. They wards the West, Joseph having been were murdered by about 150 persons commanded, by revelation from the with blackened faces, some of them Lord, to establish a gathering place persons of high position in society. I near the western boundary of Missouri. will here say that in all these transac-

and about a hundred members of his The city of Nauvoo and vicinity had church, many of whom, and their chil- probably about 20,000 inhabitants. They

and although they came there with lit- it to the governor of every State in the tle means the heads of familles were Union except the Governor of Missouri, so a section of land, and in a few months by their untiring industry they began to prosper and flourish in a manner almost astonishing.

In about two years, however, they met with opposition; a mob assembled and tore down their printing office, broke open their mercantile house, scattered their goods to the four winds.

They also seized their Bishop and presidence of the United States, asking them for an asylum and to afford them that protection which was extended to other religious bodies. All the States except one treated their purities of the United States, asking them for an asylum and to afford them that protection which was extended to other religious bodies. All the States except one treated their purities of the United States, asking them for an asylum and to afford them that protection which was extended to other religious bodies. All the States except one treated their purities of Arkansas, wrote them a respectful letter in which he advised them to seek a home in Oregon.

Previous to the death of Joseph Smith, he had selected twenty-five men,—most of whom now reside here,—to explore

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thing like a thousand wagons crossed had come up and the fields were green horses, sheep and cattle, that the people nation is, to take its worthless desert over on the ice, moving out west into and there was a good prospect of grain throughout the Territory have raised, the sparsely settled district on the eas-being raised, there came down from the tern borders of Iowa; the settlements mountains myriads of large black crick-Indians is surprisingly small. Yet people. proved it.

From the best of my recollection the Latter-day Saints paid the United States Government some \$318,000 for States Government some \$318,000 for States of Missouri but yet bridged thirty or forty streams among to him one of his first inquiries was, land in the State of Missouri, but yet bridged thirty or forty streams, among "Which of the denominations of Chris- in the winter and early Spring of 1839, which were the Locust and Medicine tians in the vicinity was right?" He they were expelled from that State, rivers, the three forks of the Grand was told they had all gone astray, they with the entire loss of their lands and River, the Little Platte, the One Hundred crickets. They would eat them until our city clothed with verdure and beautiful the control of the contr was told they had all gone astray, they had and safety had vanished and so they continue tified with trees and flowers, with they were perfectly gorged, and would then disgorge, vomiting them up, and sagain go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and sagain go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and sagain go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and the Nishnabatoua. Bridging these again go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and the Nishnabatoua. Bridging these again go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and the Nishnabatoua. Bridging these again go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge, vomiting them up, and the Nishnabatoua. Bridging these again go to and eat and so they continue then disgorge vomiting them up, and the Nishnabatoua. Bridging these again go to and eat the right way to serve the Lord.

These visions continued from time to time, and in 1830, he published to the world the translation of the which they still hold the titles; and to the world the translation of the when the day arrives that the Constitution of the book now to the world the translation of the weather this vicinity to any serious extent this vicinity to any serious extent they did not arrive at Council Bluffs on they did not arrive at Council Bluffs on vidence of the Almighty.

The early settlers did not know how the council by thousands. The camps were spread to irrigate the crops properly and the re-

They could illy be spared in their con-The family of Joseph Smith were in -noted for being unhealthy. The loca- dition, but the number was made up in pointed at them, and very soon after great many graves in the burying men were instrumental in adding this the organization of the Church vexa-tious lawsuits were commenced and Joseph was arrested and taken before a nd purchased property. They drained the formed the battalion, being left thus without protectors, entailed much additional responsibility and labor upon those left behind, and rendered it impossible for the companies to proceed to the Rocky. Mountains that season. They encamped at Winter Quarters, the place now called Florence in the Omaha country, where they built 700 log cabins and 150 caves or dug-outs in which through the winter. Some two thou-

> suffering among the people. They had been deprived of vegetable food; their diet, to a great extent, had consisted of stances the people suffered a great deal from scurvy; the exposure they had undergone also brought on fever and ague, hence their stay in Winter Quar-Spring of 1847—early in April, 143 pioneers, led by Brigham Young, started to explore and make a road to the Great Salt Lake Basin.

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When Joseph Smith was about 15 years all these sail in the western part of the country were expelled from Jackson the result of the State of New York, a considerable excitement upon the subject of religion. The various denominations in that part of the sountry were stirred up with a spirit of revival. They held protracted meetings and many were country were stirred up with a spirit of revival. They held protracted meetings and many were country determined the state of the State of New York, a considerable meetings and many were country determined the state of contest, when just at that time there their relations with them in a manner came over from the Salt Lake large truly astonishing.

by special revelation, organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Contribution of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Composed of Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Composed of Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Composed of Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Composed of Saints, which was composed of six members, namely, Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Peter Whitmer, jun., Samuel H. Smith and David Christian Composed of Saints, while they were fasting and praying that they were fasting and praying while they were fasting and praying that to be pulled up, by the roots; but that all men can be protected in their civil and religious rights, they and their civil and religious rights, they are fasting and praying that the daily on this subject President Young that the people for sating and praying the Missouri, they on the daily on this subject President Young that the people for sating and praying the Missouri, were only experiments at that early sign fell upon that peak, and Joseph This Evening, enrolment of five hundred volunteers, day; and also enabled them to diffuse information on the subject which proved moderate circumstances. They were tion was very beautiful, but the place able position in society; but on this occasion the tongue of slander was been made to settle it, but there were a possible to raise fruit, but some continuof general benefit. This location is so possible to raise fruit, but some continued to plant. In the second year of their arrival here their settlement was increased by nearly a thousand wagons ed to that peak and said he, "I want to The third year the immigration continu- go there." He went up to the point and from the East and a few from the West. ed. In 1849 a handsome sum of money ren organize your exploring parties, so was contributed as a foundation for the Perpetual Emigration Fund, and Bishop Edward Hunter went east to aid those to emigrate who could not do so by their own means. While the Saints were surrounded by their enemies on every hand in Illinois they entered into a solemn covenant within the walls of the Temple at Nauvoo that they would exert themselves to the extent of their influence and property to aid every Latter-day Saint that desired to gather to the mountains. This covenant they did not forget, and the very moment they began to gather a little surplus they commenced to use it to aid their brethren and sisters left behind. At first they purchased, in the East, cattle and wagons necessary to bring the emicorn meal and pork, which they had purchased from the Missourians in exsometimes two hundred and sometimes three hundred and they have sent as many as five hundred teams, for seve-ral successive seasons—a team being four yoke of oxen (or their equivalent in horses and mules), a wagon, a teamster, also the necessary officers and night guard for each company of fifty wagons. cles of every kind. The Latter-day In this way they continued to bring their brethren not only from every part of the United States, but also from Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia. This system of emigration is continued up to the present time, and has resulted in bringing many of the Saints together,

In the early settlement of the Territory, the Latter-day Saints had other

and has materially increased the popu-

lation of Utah.

Twelve, then the presiding Quorum of to irrigate the crops properly and the re-sult was that their wheat, the first year, was most of it very short, so short that said "Build under the point where the colors fall and you will prosper and ever been in the country or knew any. The Wonderful Dime and the Bewitched Candle said "This is Ensign Peak. Now brethback every time and say this is the best place." They accordingly started out exploring companies and visited what we now call Cache, Malad, Tooele and Utah valleys, and other parts of the country in various directions, but all came back and declared that this was the best spot.

I have traveled somewhat extensively in the Territory and I bear my testi mony this day, that this is the spot, and I feel confident that the God of Heaven by His inspiration led our Prophet right here. And it is the blessing of God upon the untiring energy and industry of the people that has made this once barren and sterile spot what it is to-day.

We have struggled with all our power and might to maintain that strict morality and uprightness which pertain to the Kingdom of God, and to place all men and all women in that high pesition which God designs them to occupy, and to prevent them being led astray by the immoral tendencies which are abroad in the world; but while doing so we have had to contend with obsta-

ties and through all the settlements of the Territory. They have done all they could to promote education, but they have received no assistance from any source on earth. Almost every CALDER'S FARM PIC-NIC PARTIES newly settled country has received cer-tain donations in land and money to aid them in support of their schools, ty, Ohio, where they founded a city and built a Temple. In Jackson county, Missaur, they purchased land, built mills, established a printing office, the first one that was established in the western part of the State of Missour, and opened an extensive mercantile buildings, establishing factories and opened an extensive mercantile buildings, establishing factories and opened an extensive mercantile buildings, establishing factories and wheat and many other kinds of grain, for the lightly indian corn. The Saints and obstacles to contend with besides those beautiful structures in the Western David Principal Pri and took the old trappers' trail and their own preservation on the Plains. no such encouragement. But it is my generally able to buy from forty acres to a section of land, and in a few months by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which and Green rivers, and then constructed by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which began to afford them that protection which and Green rivers, and then constructed by their untiring industry they began to afford them that protection which began to afford them that protection which and Green rivers, and then constructed began to afford them that protection which are in every conceivable stage of desand Green rivers, and then constructed a road over the mountains to this place.

During this journey they looked out a route where they were satisfied a railroad could be built, and were just as zealous in their feelings that a railroad would follow their track as we are to day.

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