

If we ever excel the world in many branches of education, we can only do so by faithful and diligent study; and by prayer and the possession of the Spirit of the Almighty, we can attain to the extended knowledge of the learned of the age in much less time, and by much less labor than otherwise. He concluded his remarks, in a very interesting manner, by showing to the young men and maidens their duty relating to marriage, exposing the false notions of love that people often get from reading novels, arguing that true love is that which is inspired by the Spirit of God, and which is founded upon true principle.

Elder Lorenzo Snow said, when we first came to this country we did not expect to enjoy the many luxuries which we do to-day. Instead of dwelling in caves, living upon crickets and roots, dressing in buckskin and rabbit-skins, as it was expected we would when we first came to these valleys, we have the privilege of multiplying around us luxuries and elegances of life, for food, for clothing, for dwellings, and for equipages. Do we appreciate our blessings? Every faithful Latter-day Saint has the privilege and power to build up the Kingdom of God within and for themselves. Of obedience and self government he said, we should be as subject to God and His servants as Jesus was to his Father. We should learn to subdue our passions in the field, and in our households, and in the management of our wives and children; then, what a heavenly people will we be when we attain to this perfection. This work is for us to do by the help of the Lord.

Elder John Taylor said, we are united to build up the kingdom of God on the earth, and this we shall do; we are only dependent upon God and upon his servants. The Lord will accomplish his purposes on the earth, and we will help Him do it; for we are the friends of God, and are trying, aided by His grace and strength, to keep all his commandments. We will be kind to one another, and be a blessing and comfort to each other as husbands, as wives and as children. Those who cultivate the Holy Spirit in them are always joyful in the Lord, for their faith is in God, and all things are beautiful and joyful to them. He concluded by giving some excellent advice to husbands and wives.

The President and rest of the company has just come upon the stand. Benediction by Elder W. Woodruff.

After partaking of a sumptuous public dinner, the company drove to Smithfield, arriving there at half-past three.

At 4 o'clock the bowery was crowded, and the meeting commenced, by Elder E. T. Benson calling it to order. Singing; prayer offered by Elder C. C. Rich. Elder G. Q. Cannon said that it is the first time that he had visited this part of Cache valley. He gave his reflections, when but a boy, regarding the first settlement of Utah, what degree of prosperity he would be satisfied with, and how his hopes have been realized beyond his most sanguine expectations. The preservation which has been granted to us since we came to this country is miraculous; to-day we are an organized people; God is our deliverer, and to Him be all the glory, for had He not delivered us from our enemies, we should have fallen a prey to them. There is no country upon earth that excels Utah in good government; this originated in the Holy Priesthood, and he expected to see the day when we shall excel the world in manufactures, in architecture, and in all the useful arts, and this under the instruction of the Holy Priesthood. We will keep on improving as husbands, as wives, as citizens, as Saints of the most High, until we become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect.

Elder Erastus Snow felt gratified to travel with the President and his brethren through the settlements, and witness the progress the Latter-day Saints are making in spiritual and material prosperity. God has abundantly provided us with temporal blessings. He has chosen the poor, proposing to make them rich in the things of this world, and heirs of the Kingdom of God. He has gathered us to a land where there are none to molest and make us afraid. We are surrounded with the good things of the earth, and God has given us teachers after His own heart. With our tithes we are enlarging, strengthening and building up the kingdom of God, gathering the poor from all nations, and sending the gospel to all the world. What is there that the Lord has not given us in the valleys of the mountains to make us happy? If there

is any cause for unhappiness it will be found in ourselves. Has not our President from the first day of our coming into these valleys been self-sacrificing, spending his time and energy for the good of this people, listening to the petitions of the weakest, administering mercy and justice to all, guarding by night and by day the interests of Zion with a jealous care. He urged upon the people the necessity of encouraging institutions of education.

Elder George D. Watt spoke a short time.

Pres. B. Young spoke. Singing "Hard times come again no more." Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

We entered Smithfield through a triumphal arch made of green boughs with the word "welcome" in large letters extending across the arch above. Schools, banners and music were all brought into requisition to make the occasion interesting and pleasing.

RICHMOND, 10th.

We left Smithfield at 9 a. m. On arriving at Richmond we repaired immediately to meeting, which was called to order by Bishop Merrill at half-past ten. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder W. Woodruff. Elder Wm. H. Hooper addressed the congregation. Singing, "Mountain brave."

Elder Geo. A. Smith said it was a great pleasure to visit the settlements, and note the progress of the Saints. Our mission here calls into action every energy of the soul. When the people of God do all in their power to fulfil His commandments, He will be found always ready to help them. Joseph Smith restored unto the world the fullness of the gospel. It required faith in the elders of this Church to go and preach the gospel, and it also required much resolution and faith in the people to keep an elder over night. The labors of the elders have resulted always in gathering the Saints to points appointed by the servants of God. The industry and thrift of the Saints brought on them jealousy and persecution, which ended in their being driven from city to city. The climate of this country has been much modified, since the Saints first entered Utah. This shows that the hand of God is over this country. We are nearly one mile above the level of the sea, which brings us near the line eternal snow; yet, as you all know, we raise as fine peaches and apricots as can be produced in any country. The Lord blesses the elements according to the faith and energy of His people. It has been the policy of nations to possess a northern and southern climate. We have both. The cotton, linen, and silk fabrics, &c., which we ought to manufacture in great abundance, would save a tariff, which we would have to pay for importation, sufficiently great to justify the production of these articles among ourselves. We were counseled to lay up seven years bread stuff; this counsel has not been heeded. He noticed how Joseph saved Egypt anciently; we have to act a similar part. The visit of the grasshoppers this season may tend to make us more obedient in the future. Let us make good bins, and fill them with grain.

Pres. B. Young spoke a short time. Benediction by Elder T. B. H. Stenhouse.

At 4 o'clock we reached Franklin, and met the Saints under a neat bowery. Meeting called to order by Elder O. Hyde. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Erastus Snow. Elder Orson Hyde remarked that he was pleased on arriving at this settlement, and thought it one of the most beautiful locations in the mountains, and observed that there is an excellent quality of building rock for the inhabitants to use. He rejoiced in the manifestations of welcome to the chieftain whom the Saints honor in their songs, and also in the welcome given to his friends. We are required to love one another. We are laying the foundations of our kingdoms, and in them we expect to enjoy peace and prosperity. He showed the importance of kindness and politeness to those with whom we are the most intimately connected; a smile and a kind word to a wife, or to a husband or a child, should be as readily awarded as to stranger's abroad. Some people's actions are such that they say if I can get the confidence and good feelings of the First Presidency I care not for all the rest. While he wished, with all his heart, the good will of his President, it is equally his duty, and equally to his advantage, to secure the confidence and good will of the least of his brethren and sisters. If we respect that which is least we will

respect the greater. The living oracles of God on earth, although they may not bend so low to the ignorance and inexperience of mankind as to offend God, yet, as Paul said, they become all things to all men to save some. If we submit to be trained by the Lord and His servants we shall never go hungry nor athirst.

Elder John Taylor said that the people meet together that they may learn the laws of life, and how to deport themselves towards their families, towards the servants of God, and towards their neighbors. The hearers and speakers should be inspired by the same spirit, the one to impart and the other to receive. Every man and woman should rise in the morning and dedicate themselves to God for that day, that every word they speak and every act they perform might be done under the direction of His Spirit. God has placed in His church Presidents, Apostles, High Priests, etc., to guide the steps of His people into His presence. Who knows how to guard us continually against the snares of the devil? Who knows how to guide the interests of Zion and build up the Kingdom of God in the last days? None but those who are appointed and ordained to this work by the Almighty. We ought to be under the influence of the Spirit of God continually, so that it might emanate from us to all around, which it would do if we lived our religion. Exhorted to take care of our sheep and multiply them, to sow flax, and manufacture it, and thus make our own clothing; to build good bins to store away grain, that the country may be full of wheat. Called upon the young men and maidens to marry and fill these valleys with righteous men and women.

Pres. B. Young spoke a few minutes, and gave notice to the company to be ready to roll out to-morrow morning as soon as it is light enough to drive. Benediction by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Here, as in the other settlements, the President and friends were greeted by the usual manifestations of welcome.

Respectfully,
G. D. WATT.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder George Teasdale spoke upon several principles of the gospel; reasoned upon self and family government; upon marriage; its responsibilities and obligations; and contrasting the actual priest-ridden condition of the various religious sects throughout Christendom, with the alleged mental bondage of the Latter-day Saints, showing that the principles of the gospel received by the Saints secure to them the utmost freedom of thought and action that righteous minded men and women can desire.

AFTERNOON.

Elder E. Williams, returned missionary from Europe, bore his testimony to his having received a knowledge of the truth of the work of God. When he started on his mission his faith was traditional, being received from his parents; but God had been pleased to give him a knowledge for himself. He pointed out that the gospel taught by Jesus and his immediate followers was a gospel of gifts, blessings, healings and manifestations of the power of God. These things he could not find anywhere among any sect of people during his travels through the nations, except among the Latter-day Saints. The gospel taught by them has all the characteristics of the gospel taught by the Savior when upon the earth.

Elder John B. Maiben reasoned upon the superiority of the gospel over the various forms of religion recognized among mankind. He pointed out the happy results flowing from obedience to its principles, and to the will of God, and the counsels of those whom the Lord has appointed to guide and counsel in His Church.

Elder George B. Wallace spoke of the fulfillment of promises made to parents who have received the Priesthood in the person of their children. He reasoned on the obedience by which the Kingdom of God will be built up; and which will characterize it when it is established and exercises sway upon the earth. And spoke of the training which the Saints require, when gathered from the nations, before they understand how to bear off the responsibilities of this life which rest upon them.

Bishop John Sharp said that there were still much to do on the New Tabernacle, and there was work for all the men who are on the building and for more, if more can come forward. The plasterers and men to nail on laths were requested to be at the building on Wednesday morning, that the plastering might be got done and the scaffolding removed, to allow of the floor being laid.

ROSS AND BARRATT.—We direct attention to the notice of this firm, who, as far as we know, have conducted their business upon fair and equitable principles since their opening in this city. They have minded their own business, and justly command large and increasing trade.

THEATRICAL.—On Tuesday night the Hidden Hand was presented. The piece follows the story from which it is dramatized pretty closely, and the story is one full of incongruities and improbabilities. Yet there are ample opportunities for making mirth in it, which were taken advantage of on Tuesday night, and the risibles of the audience were often excited. The introduction of the negro minstrel scene including the walk around was something novel, but was quite successful, being given with considerable spirit. Mrs. Stone, Mr. Stone, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lindsay, having the principal parts committed to them, rendered their roles in a most efficient manner. The piece as a whole, was well played, and excellently put on the stage.

On Thursday evening Plot and Passion, and the Maid with the Milking Pail were performed. Mr. Stone dancing a character dance between. We did not see the playing, so cannot speak of it.

On Saturday, Tom Taylor's Comedy of Our American Cousin was performed to a very good house, the audience appearing to enjoy the playing very much. Mrs. Stone enacted the role of Florence Trenchard charmingly. She was the lively, vivacious lady befitting the character. Mr. Stone made a good Asa, though it is not by any means one of his best parts. Mr. Graham as Dundreary did exceedingly well; and with sufficient time to study the character thoroughly would be very successful in it. Mr. McKenzie's Abel was natural and consistent. Mr. Lindsay's Coyle, though a well embodied villain, was too stacy a ruffian for the smooth and rascally lawyer. Mr. Margetts' Binny was excellent. Miss Adams as Mary Meredith acted with considerable artlessness and ease. Some of the scenes were played a little slow but the comedy, as a whole, was exceedingly well received and created an immense amount of mirth.

The farce of State Secrets, though coming after a most lively comedy, stirred up the risibles of the audience to a very great extent. Mr. Stone's Gregory was one of the best made up and broadly humorous impersonations which we have seen for some time. He was well sustained by the whole of the cast.

OBITUARY.—The following extract from a letter to Major-General Burton by Captain W. L. Binder, relative to the death of br. John Hay, killed by Indians in Sanpete, Sep. 4th, has been courteously placed at our disposal:

Gunnison, Sept. 7th, 1867.

Br. Robert Morris, James Clark and John Hay were on duty at the lime kiln, near Warm Creek, on the night of Sept. 4th, between 10 and 11 o'clock. All three of them had but a short time left the fire, and had st down opposite to it, when the report of a firearm was heard. Upon looking round they immediately discovered that Indians were close by. Br. James Clark saw an object moving rapidly across the ravine. Unconscious that their comrade was shot, they proceeded to give the alarm to the balance of the brethren who were sleeping close by (8 in number.) Upon looking around for their comrade they discovered that he had been shot; his body was immediately removed from the front of the fire, and life was nearly extinct. The lieutenant in command, discovering that they were in extreme danger, ordered a retreat to the settlement, immediately, which they did, carrying with them, the now dead body of br. John Hay. An express was dispatched to Gunnison to me to inform me of the state of affairs at Warm Creek. I directly repaired to Warm Creek in company with a scouting party that Gen. Pace had ordered out, and arrived there about 4 o'clock of the 5th. At daylight we went to the lime kiln, and upon examining the ground in that vicinity, discovered three distinct Indian tracks, two barefoot and one moccasin. Their tracks were traced by the scouting party to the hill. Upon measuring the ground it was ascertained that the Indian was secreted about 25 feet from the boy when he fired.

Warm Creek settlement is one of the many small settlements that has been abandoned since the commencement of Indian hostilities, and is situated about 6 miles north of Fort Gunnison. The lime kiln is situated about one mile from the settlement, and surrounded by a host of small hills and ravines which are covered with scrub cedars.

The following inscription was found in br. Hay's private journal:—"John Hay, born in the parish of Kilpatrick, Kilbowie, Dumbarton-shire, Scotland, on the 5th day of January, 1846." I am informed by br. McFarlane, of Fort Gunnison, who was slightly acquainted with the deceased's family, that br. Hay was raised, from childhood, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He emigrated to Utah in the fall of 1864, in Capt. Wm. Hyde's Co. He has no relative in this country to mourn his loss; was buried in the Gunnison Cemetery on the 6th, with military honors; was carried to his grave by his comrades; and followed by a large concourse of soldiers of Fort Gunnison.

With regard to the character of br. John Hay, as a Saint and soldier I ever saw manifested in him a disposition to do right and live the life of a Saint. Ever on hand to do duty and to cheerfully respond to every call; he was much respected by all who knew him; and his death was the occasion of much grief to his comrades; and no exertion was lacking on their part to render him the last token of respect due their comrade and brother.

The citizens of the Fort spared no trouble to render services and sympathy on the occasion; for which they have the sincere thanks of his friends at camp.

STORM.—A heavy rain storm set in on Saturday night and continued all night, covering the mountains with snow. After keeping dry on Sunday it rained again at night, continuing on Monday up till going to press. Snow covered the high peaks a long way down to the base.

SEE stray notices.