

longer needed for the people have become so intelligent that they can get along without the assistance of the Lord.

They say that the Gospel has never been taken from the earth; but then if it has always been on the earth why does John say in Rev. 16, 6, and I saw "another angel fly in the midst of Heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Now when we quote this they say that the angel John saw has not flown yet and that there is no need of his message in these days, and if they read the Bible and believe in Jesus Christ they will be saved. Now when we tell the people that the Gospel has been restored to the earth in these the last days, and the angel that John saw has already appeared and that he has spoken to a young man whose name is Joseph Smith and revealed the Gospel of Christ to him, there are a few who have a desire to investigate the principles of the Gospel.

A number has joined the Church during the last six months, and we have a few that are almost ready for baptism. So I can say that the worship of the Lord is progressing here as well as it is in other lands, and I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for granting me the privilege of preaching His Gospel to a land that will listen to me. The young men of Zion should study the first principles of the Gospel and prepare for missions for there is a great work to be done in the nations of the earth. Our fathers are getting old and we will have to take the work of the Lord upon our shoulders.

There is one more subject I wish to write about. I have learned from the Saints that some of the Elders who have been here have made promises that they would write to them when they got home. Some have promised to help them out to Utah, but in many cases these promises have been unfulfilled. Now I hope that the Elders will fulfill any promise that they have made to the Saints in these lands, and those who are coming on missions should not make too many promises.

Well, I will bring my letter to a close. Ever praying for the welfare of Zion and that the blessings of our Heavenly Father will be with all of His people, I remain your brother in the Gospel.

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AT FOUNTAIN GREEN.

ZION'S HILL, Sanpete County, Utah, July 30th, 1895.

Soon after arriving at Fountain Green, Sanpete County, via the Nephi and Sanpete railroad, Elder Lars Neilson conveyed me in his carriage over the town, and up to a beautiful eminence, overlooking Fountain Green, and Marion seven miles down the Sanpete valley. A beautiful landscape surrounded by snow-capped mountains, presenting itself to our view. This hill is named Zion's Hill because of its beauty. About one and a-half miles still higher up in a green cove is where about twenty small springs burst forth out of the N. W. chain of mountains. These springs combined make a beautiful fountain, without which Fountain Green would soon become as I first saw it in 1852,

when President Brigham Young and our party passed over this, then sage brush barrens, on our way to Iron mountains. Iron county, exploring the country. Mantu then had a few houses and huts, twenty five miles southeast of this point. It was the water that made this spot look more precious and conspicuous. What an appropriate name was given this little berg after this green fountain, only reversing it—Fountain Green.

Some other springs, small ones, have burst forth of late years, and south of these more conspicuous ones. Every drop of water is utilized and the lovely fields here and there are a striking contrast to the gray sage brush. It is a charming picture as compared with that forty three years ago.

Thirty years ago I had the pleasure of giving a lecture on bees and silk culture in the then little town. There was then room for an extended city, but the springs at that time did yield only scanty water to support the few settlers and little town, and this is the experience of nearly all of the settlements of our entire Territory. The Latter-day Saints are a peculiar people, remarkable for their faith and confidence in God, the giver of every good blessing. It is unto Him we give praises for opening up the fountains, increasing and enlarging the streams, and giving unto us to make Utah what it now is.

Fountain Green now has a population of 1,000 souls, with the fields and flocks and barns well filled.

I call to mind the word of the Lord, given to Joseph Smith fifty-seven years ago: "For have I not the fowls of heaven, and also the fish of the sea, and the beasts of the mountains? Have I not made the earth? Do I not hold the destinies of all the armies of the nations of the earth? Therefore will I not make solitary places to bud and to blossom, and to bring forth in abundance? saith the Lord. Therefore come up hither unto the land of my people, even Zion." Revelation given through Joseph, the Seer, July 8th, 1838.

The prophet Isaiah also saw this day, and in the thirty fifth chapter, says: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

Also: "I will open rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of waters, and the dry land springs of water."

In another place: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

And further: "For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

After reviewing this lovely landscape and the various changes during my three visits there, and all within the years 1852 and 1895; we returned with reflections of the past, present and that yet to come.

Cheering and feasting the outer man with the abundance of the good things of the fat valleys of Zion, we visited some of the Seventies and old friends, among whom was Sister Harriet Collard, who reminded me of some remin-

iscences of the past. She said, do you remember baptizing me three times in the Piatt river for my health? I had been sick with no appetite. The Lord healed me, and I began to eat and enjoy my food, and now you could not carry me over the Piatt river as you did when you was my captain in 1859; for now I weigh nearly 200 pounds. The circumstances were the teams had crossed the river and several were left over on the opposite side, and we kept them from wading the stream.

Elder Collard, who died twenty-five years ago, was one of the most efficient helpers in our company, as a wheelwright, and was unuring always, ready to repair the wrecked wagons.

After a very interesting visit, and meeting with the Seventies and a large audience, we returned to Nephi, where on the previous Sunday, we had spent the day with the Seventies and attended the Sunday tabernacle services and the funeral of Sister Cater Golden Coleman, aged about thirty years.

At Nephi the crops are fairly good, and the fruit prospects good, but the frost destroyed the fruit of Fountain Green. Other crops are good.

I cannot pass by the little spinning wheel, cords and loom of Grandma Nettie Neilsen, who is seventy-nine years of age, and has just taken a piece out of the loom. With pride she exhibits her dresses spun and woven by her own hands.

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BANNOCK STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES.

The second annual Sunday school conference of the Bannock Stake of Zion convened in the Music Hall, Rexburg, July 20th and 21st. There were present on the stand of Deseret Sunday School Union board, Elders George Goddard and George Reynolds; of the Stake superintendency W. J. Young Sr., J. T. B. Mason, and F. S. Bramwell; the Stake presidency and a large number of Sunday school home missionaries and superintendents of ward Sunday schools.

20th, 10 a. m. — After the usual opening exercises Parker and North Salem Sunday schools were reported to be in a very good condition by their respective superintendents. After which the Salem Sunday schools sang a chorus in a very creditable manner, followed by reports from the Wilford, Rexburg first ward and Salem Sunday schools by their superintendents, all of which were reported to be in a good flourishing condition.

Elder F. S. Bramwell of the Stake superintendency next addressed the conference; he stated that in his travels among the schools he had found them in good running order, a lively interest taken in Sunday school work by the officers and teachers, and as a rule the schools were in a very good flourishing condition.

Elder George Goddard stated that he was pleased to hear the good reports that had been given by the superintendents; spoke a short time upon the necessity of punctuality; urged upon the teachers to make their lessons to the little ones interesting; encouraged the teachers to faithfulness, and impressed upon all Sunday school workers the necessity of observing the Word of Wisdom; closed by singing a song.