

every other system; we are not afraid of it being tested alongside of any other. In like manner we must excel in agriculture, mechanics and every science and art. We have all the qualities in our possession which ensure success; they only need to be properly directed to place it in our hands. But we must not be laggards. Our farmers must realize that agriculture is rapidly progressing. The improvements which are made in it, and in the application of farm machinery, are wonderful. To keep pace with them they must be wide awake. It is certainly necessary that we should be able, in order to prosper in this country, to board and clothe ourselves without having to depend upon other communities for the materials with which to do this.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES.

At a council of the First Presidency and Twelve Apostles, the Elders, whose names are herewith given, were called to go on missions:

Howard O. Spencer, of Salt Lake City.

Lars Berg, " "

Jacob Jensen, " "

Thomas Rogers, of Farmington.

Lot Smith, " "

Nymphus C. Murdock, of Provo Valley.

Stephen Taylor, of Weber River.

Israel Evans, of Lehi.

REMARKS

By President BRIGHAM YOUNG, delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, April 7th, 1869.

[REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.]

I think I shall not be under the necessity of talking long, as there has been a great deal said to the people this afternoon. I will commence by saying to the Latter-day Saints and to all the inhabitants of the earth that I am responsible for the doctrine I teach; but I am not responsible for the obedience of the people to that doctrine. My position in the presence of God, before the Angels and upon the face of the earth, is that it is easier and more delightful to serve God than to serve ourselves and the devil.

There has been considerable said this afternoon with regard to redeeming and building up Zion, the Order of Enoch, etc. I see men and women in this congregation,—only a few of them,—who were driven from the central stake of Zion. Ask them if they had any sorrow or trouble; then let them look at the beautiful land that the Lord would have given them if all had been faithful in keeping His Commandments, and had walked before Him as they should; and then ask them with regard to the blessings they would have received. If they tell you the sentiments of their minds, they will tell you that the yoke of Jesus would have been easy and His burden would have been light, and that it would have been a delightful task to have walked in obedience to His commands and to have been of one heart and of one mind; but through the selfishness of some, which is idolatry, through their covetousness, which is the same, and the lustful desire of their minds, they were cast out and driven from their homes. We have been driven many times; but each time, if they who professed to be the servants of God had served Him with an undivided heart, they would have had the privilege of living in their houses, possessing their lands, attending to their meetings and spreading abroad on the right and the left, strengthening the cords of Zion, and strengthening her stakes until the land had been dedicated to the gospel of the Son of God. Well, I have been with the rest and I expect I have been covetous like them, and probably I am now; but if I am, I wish somebody would tell me wherein.

Brother Pratt, in his discourse, had considerable to say with regard to the property of the Saints. I would like very much if the time was now when the Lord would say, "Lay down your substance at the feet of the bishops," and find out who in this Church would be willing to give up all. This co-operative movement is only a stepping stone to what is called the Order of Enoch, but which is in reality the order of Heaven. It was revealed to Enoch when he built up his city and gathered the people together and sanctified them, so that they became so holy and pure that they could not live among the rest

of the people and the Lord took them away.

Ask any Christian in the world if he thinks the Lord rules and reigns supreme in heaven, and he will tell you, yes. Is it right for the Lord to reign? "Certainly it is." Ask him if he would delight to live in a place, where one character rules and reigns supreme, and he will answer "Yes, if I could go to heaven." Why? "Why, the Lord reigns there." Just ask the Christian if he knows the Lord, and he will tell you, "No." "Did you ever see him?" "No." Can you tell me anything of His character? "No; only He is something without body, parts and passions." One of the Apostles says that "God is love, and they who dwell in God dwell in love." Ask the Christian world if they know anything about God, and they will tell you they do not. Ask if He has eyes, and they will say, "No,—yes, He is all eyes." Has He a head? "Yes, He is all head." Has He ears? "Yes, He is all ears, He is all mouth, He is all body, and all limbs," and still without body, parts, or passions. Why what do they make of Him? A monster, if He is anything; that is what they make of Him. Would you like to go to heaven? "O, yes," says the Christian, "the Lord reigns there." How do you know you would like the place and the order when you get there? Do you think you will have your farm and your substance by yourself, and live in the gratification of your selfish propensities as you now do? "O, no, we expect to be made pure and holy." Where will you begin to be pure and holy? If you do not begin here, I do not know where you will begin. "O," says the Christian, "if we are going to heaven, where God and angels dwell, and live where one-man power prevails we should all be satisfied I expect." We, Latter-day Saints say so, too. We like to see that power manifested by those whom God calls to lead the people in righteousness, purity and holiness. This opens up a subject that I am not going to talk about.

Brother Orson has spoken on the Word of Wisdom. The people have done pretty well in keeping it for the last year or two. But are they going to continue, or will they return to their old habits like the dog to his vomit, or like the sow that is washed, to her wallowing in the mire? The sale of tobacco, tea and coffee is increasing in the midst of this people at the present time. What does this prove? It proves that, stealthily or openly, the people are eating and drinking that which is not good for them. Hot drinks, tobacco and spirits are not good for them. Will the people continue to keep the Word of Wisdom or will they become like the brutes in the parable, or like fools, return to that which will injure and destroy them? The elders of Israel have talked a great deal to the people upon the principles of life and about the course they should pursue to lay a foundation for health. Let a mother stimulate her system with tobacco, tea, coffee or liquor, or suffer herself to hanker after such things at certain times and she lays the foundation for the destruction of her offspring. Do they realize this? No, and in very many instances they care nothing about it. With all the teachings given to this people I think they are very much like the rest of the world, or like the dumb brute beasts that are made to be taken and destroyed. And it almost seems that the last comparison is the most appropriate, for intelligence is given us to preserve ourselves, to preserve our health and prolong our natural lives, preserve our posterity, preserve and beautify the earth and make it like the Garden of Eden. But what is the disposition of the people? It is true we are in advance of the world, but we are only just commencing to learn the things of God. I know that some say the revelations upon these points are not given by way of commandment. Very well, but we are commanded to observe every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

I cannot say that my family is clear in this respect. They want a little of this and a little of that that it is not wise to use, and I suppose it is the same in other families. Every man, I expect, indulges his wife and children and allows them to take this or that when he knows it is not the best for them. But we, in and of ourselves, ought to be independent; every son and daughter in Israel should say we will keep the "Word of Wisdom" independent of father, mother or any elder in the church; we know what is right and we will do it. By so doing this people will increase health in their systems, and the destroying angel, when he comes along, will pass them by. Will

you take this course? I, as the leader and dictator of this people, feel disgraced when I think they are becoming slothful and negligent and are returning to their former foolish and useless habits; and, refusing to hearken to the least counsel, are turning away to the counsel of the Evil One and doing that which leads to death.

I want to say a few words still further to the people with regard to their faith in temporal things. If the people called Latter-day Saints do not become one in temporal things as they are in spiritual things, they will not redeem and build up the Zion of God upon the earth. This Co-operative movement is a stepping stone. We say to the people, take advantage of it, it is your privilege. Instead of giving it into the hands of a few individuals to make their hundreds and thousands, let the people, generally, enjoy the benefit arising from the sale of merchandise. I have already told you that this will stop the operations of many little traders, but it will make them producers as well as consumers. You will find that if the people unitedly hearken to the counsel that is given them, it will not be long before the hats, caps, bonnets, boots and shoes, pants, coats, vests and underclothing of this entire community will all be made in our midst. What next? Shall we have to run to London, Paris or New York for the fashions? When I see the disposition among the Latter-day Saints to follow the fashions and customs of the world, I think why do you stay here? you had better go back again. I am tired of this everlasting ding dong about fashions. If I happen to have a coat on that is not what is called fashionable, some of my wives will be sure to say "husband, or Mr. President, may I give this away," or "I wish it was out of sight, it is not fashionable." If I were to tell the truth I should say, who cares for the fashions of the world? I do not; if I get anything that is comfortable and sits well, and suits my system, it is all I ask, I do not care who wears a bonnet that is six feet above the head behind, twelve feet in front, or that fits close to the crown of her head, or whether it is three straws thrown over the head with ribbons to them. But to see a people who say "we are the teachers of life and salvation," and yet are anxious to follow the nasty, pernicious fashions of the day, I say it is too insipid to talk or think about. It is beneath the character of the Latter-day Saints that they should have no more independence of mind or feeling than to follow after the grovelling customs and fashions of a poor, miserable, wicked world. All who do not want to sustain co-operation and fall into the ranks of improvement, and endeavor to improve themselves by every good book and then by every principle that has been received from heaven, had better go back to England, Ireland, France, Scandinavia or the Eastern States; we do not care where you go, if you will only go.

I will take up my text again—I am responsible for the doctrine I teach. I will say to this people, as I have said ever since I commenced to lift up my voice to the inhabitants of the earth, I will read to them out of the Book of Life. If they will hear it, well; if they will not, I am clear of their blood. I read to the Latter-day Saints out of the Book of Life, and I can give them lessons that will lead them back to the presence of God in the celestial kingdom. But oh the slothfulness, negligence and the low, grovelling feelings in the midst of this people are a disgrace to them. Will we improve? Yes, let us try and redeem the time and commence anew.

Yesterday we explained a little with regard to co-operation; we can explain just as far as the people wish to hear and know. Those who rise up against this or any other measure do it because darkness and the spirit of the Evil One reign within them. There is not a man and woman in this Church and Kingdom, who is in possession of the Holy Ghost, but what will lift up their hands to Heaven and say, "Blessed be God there is somebody to lead and improve the people," when they contemplate this movement and the results it will work out; and they who fight against it and feel to murmur are actuated by a spirit from beneath.

I frequently think of the difference between the power of God and the power of the devil. To illustrate, here is a structure in which we can be seated comfortably, protected from the heat of summer or the cold of winter. Now it required labor, mechanical skill and ingenuity and faithfulness and diligence to erect this building, but any poor, miserable fool or devil can set fire

to it and destroy it. That is just what the devil can do, but he never can build anything. The difference between God and the devil is that God creates and organizes, while the whole study of the devil is to destroy. Every one that follows the evil inclinations of his own natural evil heart is going to destruction, and sooner or later he will be no more. I pray you Latter-day Saints to live your religion. Amen.

HOME ITEMS

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

POLICE.—Ira Johnson, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$15.

POSTAL CHANGES.—A. W. Street, Esq., Postmaster, requests us to notify the public that on and after tomorrow, 29th inst., the mails for the East and West will be closed at 1:30 p.m., and for the north at 2 p.m. Stages will leave the Post Office at 2:30 p.m.

GRASSHOPPERS IN IRON COUNTY.—Bishop Lunt, writing from Cedar city, on the 19th instant, says "Grasshoppers are doing considerable damage to the crops all through this section of county. Many fields are now as bare as before sown, and but a short time ago they looked green and promising. My feelings are that the Lord will overrule all for the good of his people."

DISTRICT COURT.—The evidence having been concluded in the case of the people of the Territory of Utah, V. Thomas Brannigan, Charles Howard and Jack Lavelle, on indictment for the murder of Calvin Russell, at Wasatch, in April last. The arguments in the case were being presented to the jury by counsel for plaintiff and defendant as we were going to press.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—A report was sent, yesterday afternoon, by Deseret Telegraph Line, that a train of cars had run off the track at Ogden; no particulars were given. Upon learning the facts of the case it was found that nothing serious happened,—a car broke loose from Taylor's switch and ran into a train from the West, damaging a locomotive and a loose car.

MOUNT PLEASANT.—Bro. Farnsworth, of Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete Co., called in Tuesday. He reports very satisfactorily of things generally in that region. Co-operation is flourishing; the crops all over the country are in a promising condition. Grasshoppers had made their appearance in some localities, but the people were working in companies for their destruction, and with every prospect of getting the upper hand of the pests.

GARROTTING AT CORINNE.—A few evenings since at Corinne, a man named John Richison, was knocked down by a party of ruffians, and then struck with a club about the face and head, his right eye being gouged completely out of the socket. His cries brought assistance, or it is more than probable that he would have been killed.

LEATHER SHOE LACES.—"Little Charley," an enterprising young gentleman, and one of the juvenile typos in this office, having an eye to business and the wants of the public, has commenced the manufacture of leather shoe laces, of the best kip or calf, and rounded in regular machine style. He will supply them at reasonable rates, either in single pairs, by the dozen or gross, and of any desired length. Here's a branch of home manufacture that "Charley" is desirous of having sustained and encouraged!

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

DISTRICT COURT.—Yesterday Evening at half past seven o'clock, the jury, in the case of the People vs. Thomas Brannigan, Charles Howard, and Jack Lavelle, for the murder of Calvin Russell, at Wasatch, rendered the following verdict. "We, the jury, find the prisoners guilty of murder in the first degree, as charged in the indictment.—Manly Barrows, Foreman."

On the rendition of the verdict, defendant's Counsel gave notice that they would file a motion for a new trial. Said motion is to be presented and argued on Monday at 10 o'clock a.m. It gives us pleasure, as journalists, to record, upon reliable authority, the manifest change for the better in the general features of the Court. More business, we are assured, has been disposed of, both civil and criminal, during the past four weeks than at any one term before in this district, and the facilities afforded by the Court for the admission of Aliens to citizenship are all that can be desired. The good feeling and respect which are displayed between the Court and members of the bar are highly commendable.

INFORMATION WANTED.—The person who found a pocket book a little north of the hot springs, and who divided its contents with another person, will be rewarded if he will return the amount he retained, to this office, so that the owner can obtain it. The portion of currency handed to the person who was in company with the finder has been given up. Information that will lead to the recovery of the money will be thankfully received. The pocket book, &c., were advertised for by George Cole, of Logan, Cache Valley.