

I feel an interest in your welfare, more than ordinary. I want to live to be worthy of your associations in our immortal state. Were I unsuccessful in the performance of my labors here, I would dishonor my parents and you. My brothers and sisters would have cause to be ashamed of me. I love my brothers and sisters, and therefore want to work in honor to them. I want them to be proud of me, and me of them.

I am busy and must close. My work keeps me busy. I am happy and contented. I know the prayers of loved ones at home are daily offered for me. I hope you, my dear brothers, will grasp the situation and put forth every effort in the direction of righteousness. You are entitled to pleasure, but only engage in innocent pleasure, and do all possible to make our sisters happy and contented. May the Lord ever be with you,
JOSEPH W. MUSSER.

DROWNING AT SEVIER.

Niels Poulsen a resident of Richfield was drowned at Clear Creek canyon on the Sevier on Saturday last, or rather he died of injuries received in a raging flood sent down from the the mountains where a heavy cloud-burst occurred. A special to the Tribune says:

A number of Richfield men are employed on the trench being dug by the Rio Grande Western railroad from a point on Clear creek down to Sevier, the station being built at the mouth of Sevier canyon and the junction of Clear creek and Sevier river, three miles south of Joseph City. At 7 o'clock twelve men and boys crossed the Sevier river on a foot-bridge and then boarded a wagon which was to convey them to their place of work across Clear creek, west of the camp. Altogether the number in the wagon was seventeen and they had started to ford Clear creek when the current overcame the horses and the wagon started down stream. There had been heavy floods up Clear creek canyon last night and none of the occupants of the wagon realized the danger or the depth of the stream which they had forded three daily for over a week. Almost instantly the mad current had broken the vehicle into sections and had loosened the horses in front and a team of mules tied behind. The men were all thrown into the flood and carried down stream with terrific force. Some were hurled against the jagged rocks along the creek's bed and cruelly bruised, while others barely escaped by clinging to saplings and brush along the way. Lars Thorsen, Niels Poulsen and Samuel Bulow were swept into the Sevier, 500 yards from the Clear creek ford, and at first it was thought all three were lost.

James Nielson of Richfield finally succeeded in saving Mr. Thorsen from a watery grave and John Hansen, another Richfield boy, waded into the water and picked up Niels Poulsen for dead. After working with the unconscious man several minutes he was near to mutter something about being drowned. Peter Hansen, Richfield's ex-city marshal, appeared on the scene and offered the dying man some whiskey, but it was refused, and life lingered but two hours longer. On the head of the deceased is an ugly gash and the witnesses believe that death

came from that wound inflicted either by the rocks or the horses, three of which perished in the torrent. When the wagon was overturned Niels Poulsen had a watch and chain in his pocket and when the bodies were uncovered the watch was gone and found upon the unconscious person of Samuel Bulow. How the waves could make the transfer no one can say.

None of the party escaped without injury. Three were thrown through a wire fence across the creek and were badly out thereby, others came near perishing in their efforts to save less fortunate comrades. Niels L. Anderson's shoulder was fractured, and in other places he sustained fearful contusions.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The presiding officer at the Tabernacle services Sunday afternoon was August M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake Stake.

Choir sang the hymn:

Praise ye the Lord, my heart shall join
In work so pleasant, so divine.

Prayer was offered by Elder George A. Smith.

Choir further sang:

How are Thy servants blest, O Lord;
How sure is their defense.

Elder Eugene M. Cannon, who had recently returned from the Society Islands, was the first speaker. He said it was a great pleasure to him to take part with the Saints at home in their worship. His appreciation of meeting with the Saints and listening to the inspiring sacred music was much greater because of his having been absent from home for some time and mingling with a dark-skinned people who had not reached that degree of civilization to which we had attained. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the Elders were given the privilege of taking upon themselves the responsibilities of a mission. If they were faithful unto the calling whereunto they had been called, God would bless them to the extent that they would be able to do a good and noble work. The Saints believed that it was God who called the young men to take His work upon themselves. He had called the brethren from the work-shop, the store-room, the farm and the office. They had gone out willingly, yielding obedience to the call and had been highly blessed in so doing.

The speaker said that the people of the Society Islands were generally looked upon as a barbarous people, and they were such to a certain extent. But as time advanced, they were taking on civilization little by little and today some of them could teach the most civilized a lesson. During Elder Cannon's absence he had labored on the Society group and the Tuamotu or lower Archipelago. Here he found many good-hearted, honest people, some of whom were very sincere in the religion which they had espoused. At present the Church membership in that portion of the Lord's vineyard numbered about one thousand souls and the work was still going on to a very encouraging extent. Years ago the Gospel was first introduced among that people. At that time a good many had embraced the work, but afterwards it was stopped to that land

for a time with the result that those who had taken upon themselves the name of Saints, fell away. It was just recently that the Gospel had been reintroduced there, but God had been with the Elders in their ministrations among the people, and had blessed their labors exceedingly.

At the conclusion of Elder Cannon's remarks he read a few verses from the Scriptures in the Tablitan tongue.

Elder Mathonibah Thomas who had been laboring as a missionary in Virginia, was the next speaker. He said it gave him joy unspeakable to meet with the Saints in the grandest auditorium in the world. The privileges which the Saints were in the enjoyment of often made him think that of all people upon the face of the earth the Saints should be the most happy. The Gospel which had been revealed in the latter days was the same Gospel that Christ Himself instituted when he was upon the earth. He gave unto the people the law and set his instruments upon the earth to administer that law. Such a mode of procedure was natural and necessary. In governmental affairs legislators were chosen to make the law and afterwards officers were elected to see that those laws were carried out. Christ before His crucifixion taught the law so earnestly to His Apostles that when He was called to lay down His life, they had those principles so thoroughly imbedded within them, that they went forth and spoke the law, and further than that, they wrote the law. But it had been taken from the earth because of the wickedness of the people, until in this dispensation it had been again restored with all the gifts and blessings which followed it anciently.

The living oracles of God were here upon the earth now, as they had been in ancient times, but notwithstanding this there were thousands and thousands upon His footstool who declared in emphatic terms that revelation in this dispensation was something which God would not bestow. The Saints, however, had received the light; they had been baptized into His Church and had had hands laid upon them for the reception of His Holy Spirit. The law of God was the grandest law that had ever existed upon the earth. It embraced everything that was good and true, and obedience to it, gave unto those who heeded it, blessings which they would not be able to contain.

There was no excuse for the darkness in which the nations of the earth were now groping. Light had been established upon the earth and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was open for all who felt inclined to embrace it. The Church had its Prophets and Apostles, its Teachers and Deacons, and through these officers God's work was being promulgated in the earth, that all mankind might have a chance and a privilege to become heirs to the blessings which followed its obedience. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was the most complete and beneficial organization, that ever did or ever would exist upon the earth. Its principles were in exact accord with the word of God as contained in the Book of Books, and its doctrine embraced all truth and truth would prevail. Its offering to the peo-