

persons, in their own language, where they were going, they would have told you they were going to Zion; they were going to the House of God that was being reared in the tops of the mountains. If you had asked them what they were going there for, they would have replied, each in his own language: "I am going to be taught in the ways of God, and walk in his paths"—just as the Prophet declared thousands of years ago. And this has been going on in sight of all Christendom. Here is this great people in the tops of these mountains—different from any other people that are now on the face of the earth. And who has not heard, among the various nations, concerning our persecutions and the strangeness of our union? Is there any educated man in Christendom that has not read about this? And if he has had the Spirit of God at all—and all men do have a portion of it—and has been honest, he must have felt in his heart that there was something more about this than usual. The persecutions that we have endured for the last five or six years have been published throughout the entire civilized world. There is scarcely an ear that has not heard something concerning us and the attacks that have been made upon us. We have been advertised as no other people have been, and every reading man in the country has known something about us. In this way I believe the civilized nations of the earth have been warned, and they will be judged according to the knowledge that they have had concerning these events which have been of so striking a character.

But in addition to this, there is this remarkable union to which I have referred. How wonderfully God has manifested this spirit among the Latter-day Saints. As soon as men and women have been baptized in water and had hands laid upon them for the reception of the Holy Ghost a new spirit has descended upon them. They left their parents, their brothers and sisters; they left their children; they left their friends with whom they had associated; they left those whom they loved with an intense love; and I have known men and women who, before joining this Church, would as soon have thought of committing suicide as of leaving their homes and gathering with the Saints of God, the very thought being exceedingly repugnant to them, especially to go to a distant land and among strange people; but no sooner have they been baptized and had hands laid upon them for the reception of the Holy Ghost than a change has taken place. A new spirit has taken possession of them. Instead of that overpowering love for kindred which they formerly possessed, another love took its place—a love for those who were formerly strangers to them. Men and women who had entered into covenant with God then became to them the dearest friends on earth. And if their fathers and their mothers, and their brothers and sisters would not receive the Gospel, instead of that having the effect

to wean them from the Gospel and destroy their love for it, it only had the effect to intensify their affection for the truth and for those who had entered into covenant with God. When men receive the everlasting Gospel and the Priesthood, there is a love begotten in their hearts for their fellowmen such as they never have felt before. Like the love of Jonathan for David, it is "passing the love of women." It is stronger than the love of women. It overpowers it. Not that it quenches the love of women or makes it improper; but it is a greater love, it surpasses it. This is the love that enters into the hearts of women who embrace the Gospel, and causes them to love the Elders of this Church as they never loved any one before. And it is a pure love. They love them as they would angels from heaven. It is not an unvirtuous love. It is a love that comes from God. It is the love of the Holy Ghost, the love of purity, the love of truth, the love that we would have for holy beings—a part of the love that we have for God Himself, and for our Lord and Savior Jesus. This love unites them together with a bond and strength of affection that was never known before. The restoration of this Gospel to the earth has begotten a new love among mankind. It is a love that comes from God Himself, and it is poured out upon His children, and it makes us one, when we cherish it as we should do. It makes us love one another as no other beings upon the face of the earth can love, because, as I say, it is the love of God.

This is one of the evidences that the world has of the divinity of this work, because go where you will throughout the world, you will find nothing equal to it, nothing like it. It is only to be found among the Latter-day Saints; and it has come into existence through obedience to the Gospel of the Son of God, and through the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon us. President Woodruff said this morning that when away from the body of the Saints he felt as though he would have been glad to have seen a dog that had been in Utah. I suppose we have all felt more or less of this feeling. There is no Elder that has gone forth that has not felt as though he could travel hundreds of miles to see a Latter-day Saint, or an Elder, or a man that had been in Zion, and he might be at the same time among his own kindred.

Brethren and sisters, God has given unto us this precious gift. Let us cherish it; and let us bury everything that is contrary to it so deep that it will never have a resurrection. If we have got any feelings against our brethren, let us confess our feelings to them. If we have done wrong to any of our brethren, let us go and humble ourselves before them. If we have wronged our God, let us go and confess our sins to our God and obtain forgiveness. Let us dwell together in love. Do not be afraid, in doing so, that we are humiliating ourselves; for when I ask the forgiveness of my brother, I ask the forgiveness of a man who

is a sinner as well as I am. I therefore do not humiliate myself by asking forgiveness of my fellowmen. They are all sinners, as I am; and if I say that I have sinned, if they tell the truth, they have sinned also in their turn. Therefore, it is no humiliation for us to confess our sins one to another, and to do everything in our power to retain this precious heavenly gift that God has so liberally bestowed upon us. Let us have no feelings in our heart against our brethren or our sisters. And when we have committed sin or done wrong, go to our God in secret, and pour out our souls before Him in humility, and confess our wrongdoings and our sins in His sight, that He may cleanse us by His power, and sanctify us and purify us by the power of the Holy Ghost that He will pour out upon us. If we do this, and live in this manner day by day, God will be with us, and no power can prevail against us. It should be our aim to thus live day by day, so that we shall be at peace with God and with each other, that we can meet our brethren and sisters and have no feeling, except one of love, toward them. Before we leave our bedrooms in the morning, we should take time to commune with God, and go forth from our chambers refreshed and cleansed, and baptized, as it were, in the power and Spirit of God, and begin the day with this feeling, and carry it with us through the day in all our associations; if we are husbands, in our associations with our wives and children; if we are wives, in our associations with our husbands and children; if we are children, in our associations with our parents and with our brothers and sisters and friends. This is the privilege of Latter-day Saints. Oh! brethren and sisters, I would to God that we could all feel after our religion, and dive to its depths and ascertain its powers, and realize the blessings that God has in store for us. I pray God that we may do so, and that we may be assisted by Him in contending earnestly for these blessings, that we may be kept free from sin until the end, and be received into His celestial kingdom. Amen.

TO SELL OR FEED THE GRAIN.

That cereals of all kinds are appreciably higher than a year ago, and live stock as well is showing an increased value, it is a serious question with very many farmers whether to feed their grain to stock or to sell it direct in the market. It is not always easy to tell at this season of the year just what is best in arranging one's plans for the future, but in the average season where one is in doubt which of the two courses indicated to pursue, feeding will be found to be the better. This is true for obvious reasons which we need not discuss here; but the advantages of selling direct on the market must be very great to counterbalance the loss of fertility which the constant practice of selling in this way entails upon the farm.—*Ex.*