

Gospel by this one spirit into which they had been baptized. Whatever they were or believed or disbelieved before, they were now the sons and daughters of the Lord, and had all been "baptized by one spirit into one body." By the help of the Lord they expected to go on together, no matter what might come in the way.

All they asked of their friends who disagreed with them was to leave them alone—that they would please let them worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, as the Latter-day Saints were quite willing that others should do. They claimed that liberty which they ought to enjoy under the constitution of their country, "and to be free," added the speaker, "as we should be, so long as we do not break any law of the land. We do not wish to do this, but to be subservient to the laws of our country. We desire to aid in maintaining good government and promoting the welfare of our fellow men."

The Saints believed in divine revelation today. At the head of this Church stood a man who was a Prophet, Seer and Revelator, sustained in that position by the vote of the whole body of its members. When the Lord wished to speak to His Church, as a body, He would do so through that individual, His servant. President Wilford Woodruff was a man of wisdom and experience, and they respected and venerated him; but they did not believe his personal views or utterances were revelations from God;—and when "Thus saith the Lord" came from him, the Saints investigated it; they did not shut their eyes and take it down like a pill. When he brought forth light they wanted to comprehend it. Light, truth, intelligence, wisdom, progress, growth all the time—that was "Mormonism"—to grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth. When the Lord desired to speak to the whole Church He did so through its head, not through half a dozen different channels; because in such an event there would be confusion. The Latter-day Saints were not blindly led by leaders or blindly directed by priests; but every man could receive the Divine testimony in his own heart and be a priest in his own house.

He was glad to have the opportunity of bearing his testimony to these great truths. He knew that God lived and had spoken from heaven in these times; and if the people of the Christian world would become wise and hearken to the voice in their midst they could learn how to put away all their differences, all their false doctrines, all their disputes; for in the revelations which this Church had received from God, and which were placed on record, there was a solution for every one of the points in dispute that now arose in the midst of the Christian world. All difficult problems were solved by the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors. The experience of the Saints was that as the years rolled on, and as the thick veil which hides eternity becomes thinner and thinner, and they approached nearer to God and eternal things, their light and intelligence increased and their joy became greater. May God help us to bear a faithful testimony of these things to

the world, that we may bring others to a knowledge of the truth and be so strengthened as to be able to live our religion and be a standing evidence in our lives that God is with us, and that He has revealed Himself again to men on earth. Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

"The gathered Saints."

Benediction by Elder Joseph D. C. Young.

IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco may appropriately be called a city set upon many hills and appears quite broken and irregular on this account. Some of these hills are quite high, but the summits are easily reached by the excellent cable cars, which are constantly running to all parts of the city, and comfortably seated in these we run up and down the steep inclines and thus obtain a fair view of the city at the Golden Gate. It has a population of about three hundred thousand, and covers an area of forty-six square miles, including the parks, government reservation and public squares. It is estimated that the city has twelve hundred miles of streets, many of which are wide enough to accommodate four tracks for electric cars.

We can readily believe that the climate is unsurpassed in this country. As we pass through the streets in the suburbs we gaze upon the green lawns and beautiful flowers, including roses in full bloom, and semi-tropical plants.

Amongst the many attractions of the city may be named the Golden Gate Park which is said to be the second largest park in the United States, comprising about sixteen hundred acres. Beautiful drives, avenues and walks are laid off in all directions and the grounds are well cultivated and gorgeously beautified with shrubs and flowering plants of all descriptions. The conservatory, built of glass, in the form of a Greek cross, is filled with tropical plants, ferns, water-lilies, palms and birds. Several monuments and statues have been erected there during the past few years and these form an additional attraction.

At the Golden Gate Park we board the train for the Cliff House, which is a very popular resort, built on a rocky point, from which we gaze upon the mighty Pacific which stretches away to the western horizon and is dotted with sails, and here and there may be seen the smoke of steamers bound for distant lands. Opposite the Cliff House we observe what are called the "Seal Rocks" on which crawl hundreds of seals and sea lions, basking in the sun. Our attention was directed to one large seal said to weigh about 1800 pounds, named "Ben Butler." Considerable time was spent watching these strange animals rolling or swimming in the surf or scrambling and climbing the rocks. In the meantime one of the brethren remarked that he had been informed that there was a large seal down on the beach, and we strolled along the sands in that direction.

We were carelessly engaged picking shells and the dead seal was almost forgotten till we were asked by a couple of young men, going in the same

direction, if we knew where it was. Shortly afterwards an innocent-looking youth was met who claimed our attention to a simple trick performed on a piece of cardboard with three large nutshells, under one of which a pea was secreted, and gold coins were produced, while the tourists were challenged to say where the pea was hidden. By this time the young man, before mentioned, joined the crowd, and readily staked five dollars and twenty dollars, and as readily won and lost. One of the brethren at once perceived the "dead seal hoax," and the brethren were advised to return, leaving a crowd of disappointed sharpers behind, lamenting the failure of their well-laid plans. This adventure may serve as a warning to some of the youth of Zion who are not accustomed to travel, as "fakes" and "confidence men" are to be met on every hand.

Chinatown was next selected, and an afternoon was spent traversing the narrow streets near the center of the city, where it is estimated that about 25,000 Chinese are crowded together within a few blocks. Wholesale and retail stores of every description line the streets. The houses are gaily decorated in true Chinese fashion, and immense colored lanterns are hung in front, which present a gay appearance when lighted at night. Theatres and josh houses are also to be found as well as hotels, furnished and conducted in "celestial" style. Passing the theatre we observed a curious crowd of Chinamen watching one of their countrymen posting announcements in Chinese hieroglyphics in front of the theatre.

The blocks are cut through with narrow alleys, some not more than six feet wide, and there are many underground dens where the lower classes were huddled together.

The shipping wharves were visited and special attention was given to the stately "Alameda," in which we are to travel to our fields of labor.

Tomorrow we bid adieu to Columbia's shores and cross the mighty deep in order to reach some of the House of Israel "far away." "PHOENIX."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8, 1892.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council was called to order at 7:45 Feb. 9th by Mayor Scott. The following members were in attendance: Pickard, Anderson, Karrick, Heath, Tuddenham, Folland, Hardy, Hyde, Young, Pendleton, Lynn, Parsons and James. Absent—Smith, Spafford.

PETITIONS.

H. W. Dillingham and others asked to have Ninth South between Second and Fourth West streets opened and repaired. Committee on streets.

H. L. A. Culmer asked that the sidewalk at the intersection of South Temple and C streets be repaired. Committee on streets.

Mrs. P. W. Suell asked for damages on account of falling on an icy pavement. Committee on claims.

The Utah Slaughtering Company asked permission to use sidewalk in front of its premises on which to pile building material. Granted.

The Salt Air Railway Company sent in a communication in which it