

witnesses every word must be established. That was the method that was given by Moses in his law to the children of Israel. They had to have proof, and by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word must be established. Now, then, the Lord went and planted one vine away off in the nethermost part of the vineyard; he planted another in another part of the vineyard, and that was better than the first; and he planted another in another part of the vineyard, that was the worst part of all the vineyard. When the work of the Father commences in all these branches of Israel, that will be such a work, and similar to, this among us, and they will write an account of those things, as we are writing them and keeping a history of God's work, and when they come forth and become united as one people on the land of promise they will bring their records with them; and these three records will be three great testimonies to all the branches of the house of Israel, and the whole human family, concerning His work, and in the mouth of these three witnesses His great eternal purposes of the last days shall be established before the heavens and the earth, and all men that contend against these principles will be placed without excuse.

The whole principle is life and revelation in each of us, life and revelation in the Church in these days, here among us and everywhere, in all the regions where His work is going on. We ought to understand this principle, and cultivate it, and keep the exercise and love of it growing within us. The more we get to know the more we see there is to learn, and the greater is our desire to learn. We come to know more of the things of God, both for time and for eternity. Thus by a faithful, righteous life and godly conversation we can preserve our tabernacles in such condition that the Spirit can dwell with us, and we can have the ministration of the still small voice by day and the voice of dreams by night, and by other means that the Lord is willing to give to His people, that we may grow up into Christ our living head. For my part, in seeing this and looking at the work of the Lord in its progress, I feel that we have great reason to rejoice and be glad and praise His holy name for the work of His doing; to enlarge our hearts and increase our understandings by the comprehension of His will and His designs, so that we may be pliant ministers and laborers in His hands, to do according to His pleasure. He has brought us out unto this land that was a desert, and made it a choice land—a land which he promised unto Joseph, and He told him that the land should be blessed with the dew of heaven, and with the precious things brought forth by the sun, and those brought forth by the moon, and the precious things of the everlasting hills. And we are right here among them. These hills are full of nearly every kind of mineral that can benefit and bless mankind, even to the sulphur.

Well, this Zion that the Lord has has compassion upon us to establish in His work. He has brought us through some little trials, we ought to be benefited, refined and profited by them, and be willing to employ ourselves, our strength, our means, and what talents the Lord may

give unto us, to the advancement and progress of His holy work. This is the way I feel about it, my brethren and sisters, and this is what we want to cultivate and encourage. These works that He has commenced in all the branches of Israel, what are they? Such works as He has begun with us here, in establishing the fulness of the Everlasting Gospel among us. We are preparing Temples. Think of it! A Temple in Kirtland was dedicated. The Saints received endowments therein. A Temple was built in Nauvoo, and the fulness of the endowments was revealed just before then, and many of the Saints received their blessings therein. Then again how the Lord has blessed us to get four Temples here in Utah, the fourth almost ready for dedication, and quite ready for the top-stone to be laid, which you are all filled with interest and anxiety to see accomplished. Now then, if the work of the Father, begun among the ten tribes and among the other branches of the house of Israel is very similar to what is here, and they are receiving knowledge of God, being built up in faith, being established in righteousness, and these men that have never tasted death—the three Nephites and the Apostle John—are busy working to bring to pass righteousness and to carry out the purposes of God; it won't be long till we or our generations after us will see them and have fellowship with them; when wickedness is moved out of the way and violators of righteousness cleansed out of the land, and the Lord's Kingdom established, then it will be glorious. Then holy ones from on high will come and minister among us. We ought to anticipate these times with a pleasure increasing with delight, because now is our salvation nearer than when we believed, and it is growing nearer continually; and if we are diligent and faithful, so will the influence thereof and the power thereof increase, until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The dawning of that day has come, and Israel's sons and daughters are gathering home.

The Lord is refining His people, and has us in the crucible, to deal with us, and refine us, and prepare us that He may get away the dross from us, and that we may become pure and holy, acceptable before Him; for He has said, by the mouth of His prophets, that the day shall come when a man shall be more precious than fine gold. We would think if we had a lump of gold as large as the smallest man among us that it was very precious. If then, when the Lord has tried us and found that we will not sin against Him, but will walk with Him, sanctify ourselves, purge away our dross, and we become more precious than fine gold, how supremely precious a man will be in the eyes of God, and in the estimation of his brethren! We ought to try to add this interesting character to each other, and not to speak diminutively of each other, nor try to diminish and belittle and deprecate the gifts of each other, that we may be lifted up. The Lord does not delight in such things; but they who are given to working righteousness, despising the gain of the oppressors, and withholding their hands from the taking of bribes, they are the class of men that will live and

dwell in the munitions of rocks, dwell in everlasting burnings, and be counted able to stand, as the three Hebrew children did, and as Father Abraham did, and as a great many other faithful ones have done that have gone before us at one time and another. We want to live and get to that standard that we can be able to entertain these things. Why, we want to live so that the time may come of the translation—that change from mortality to immortality. The glorious promise is that children shall grow up to the age of a tree, and then they shall not die to sleep in the earth, but shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. The increasing revelation and the power of godliness is going to bring God's people to a state of union by and by that we will look back upon these days of trial and smile over them; and be thankful for them, and bless God that we have been permitted to go through them.

This is our time, to see how we will use it; to see, whether by the blessings of God we will sanctify ourselves before Him, and be prepared for something more and better in the realms of life, and light, and glory, and go into the Temples and do those things which may enter into the works of futurity and for those that have gone before us, turning the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to their fathers, so that we may rejoice with them when we go to them on the other side of the veil, and we with them come back and inherit the earth, the everlasting possession which is promised unto the faithful and the meek which Christ said "shall inherit the earth."

Brethren and sisters, I feel as though everything around us, everything above us, is inviting and beckoning us on to work righteousness, to depart from the wickedness of the human family and worship God in spirit and in truth, establish His altar in every house and habitation, and so study the laws of the Priesthood and the everlasting Gospel that we can become godly, become the sons and daughters of the living God, and be prepared for all the great eternal purposes that He has to reveal, and that He has to carry out for the regeneration of His people and the earth for them to live upon.

And that we may be possessed of this Spirit, and animated by it, that we may continue in it, and that we may love and do the will of God while we dwell here, and be prepared to come with the righteous when they shall return to live and reign on the earth, is my prayer, my desire, and my constant labor with you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### A GOOD SELECTION.

THE election of S. H. H. Clark to the important position of President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, is equally satisfactory to the people of Utah as that of James Sharp as a Director. Mr. Clark is a thorough railroad official, familiar with all the details of railway work and traffic. He is acquainted with Utah and the great West. He is energetic and wide awake and, knowing the wants of this region as well as the men who can best conduct the business of the road, will no doubt manage affairs so that the public interests as well as those of the company will be subserved.