

Poetry.

A SLEEP.

Lines in memory of SARAH ELLEN SIRRINE,
who, sleeping, passed through Death unto Life,
October 25th, 1865.

Mar not her slumbers,
They are too blest!
Angelic numbers
Lulled her to rest!
The river of sadness,
In dreams she pass'd o'er,
She has waken'd to gladness,
Upon the "bright shore!"
Oh! what a triumph
Of mercy was this!
To bear the child sleeping
From sorrow to bliss!
Death had no sting;
But his pitiless power,
Pinned from our garden
The loveliest flower!
Alas! for the loving hearts pained with dread,
Striving to waken the slumbering dead;
Alas! for the household thus suddenly left,
While fondly believing "How well the child
Slept!"
They know God has taken
The child from their sight;
But the home thus forsaken
Is robbed of its light.
Tell not the mother to strive with her sorrow,
Eyes that are dim cannot see the bright morrow;
Bid not the father to courage put on,
When the light and the joy of his homestead is gone.
Though the know God has taken
The child from their sight,
The home thus forsaken
Is robbed of its light.
Strong wills may smother the sound of their
Woe,
But when the soul weeps, then the tear-drops
Should flow;
From sorrow out-gushing the heart finds relief,
But there's nothing so crushing as tearless-eyed
Grief.
Then let the tears flow, they but give the heart
Power,
As the earth is refreshed by the storm and the
shower,
And the black clouds of sadness in time shall
roll by,
And the rainbow of hope shall enliven the sky.
Yes, the sweet bow of hope shall encircle their
tears,
And her sunbeams shall crystalize all our sad
tears.
While faith shall look forward towards that far
shore,
Where the loved ones that leave us have land-
ed before.
Our hearts follow after the idols we love,
And thus the Lord lifteth our treasures above;
Though now in affliction we bow to the dust,
We'll find that our Father is loving and just;
If we carry out burthen of sorrow to Him,
Our eyes looking upward no more shall be dim;
And we'll know God has taken
The child from our sight,
That we may behold her
In mansions of light.
EMILY H. WOODMANSEE,
G.S.L. City, Oct. 24, 1865.
[Communicated.]

AN APPEAL TO THE FARMERS
OF UTAH.

BY A "GOSHENITE."

We have just now returned from the great mart
of trade,
Relieved of our products by hard labor made;
Our cattle are hungry and jaded and sore,
From the weight of the burdens they faithfully
bore;
And we are all chilly and weary and worn
From fatigue and exposure the past week we've
borne.
But where are our trinkets, our dry goods and
gold,
For which our hard labors and products were
sold?
Ah! gold! precious metal, we're darned clear of
that
And our goods are all packed in the crown of
our hat;
While the merchants at leisure are drinking
our health,
And by our hard labors amassing great wealth.
How long shall we quietly suffer this drain
By traders so selfish, whose god is their gain?
Arise, honest farmers, in union be strong,
Yours, yours be the labor to put down this
wrong.
October, 1865.

REMARKS.

By PRESIDENT HEBER C. KIMBALL, in
the Bowery, G. S. L. City, Oct. 6, 1865.

REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.

Brethren and sisters, may the very
peace of our God be upon you, upon
all Israel, and upon all those who love
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in
all the world.

The more we grow in the Spirit of the
Lord Jesus, the more are we inclined to
extend the blessings of our God to all
men, women and children who love
him. We are called to a very exceed-

ing high calling, namely, to be messen-
gers of life and salvation, holding the
priesthood of the Son of God for the re-
demption of the world. What manner
of men ought we to be? Of all men
upon the earth our morality should be
the best, and our light should not be
hid under a bushel but should be on
the top of a bushel to be seen of all,
that our good works may be known,
and that by our good example we may
influence others to do good and to trust
in and serve God. Every man can ex-
ercise an influence for good or for evil
in his sphere, and in the circle wherein
he moves.

How often people justify themselves
in doing wrong because Mr. or Mrs. So
and So did so; or in conducting them-
selves like foolish persons in imitation
of somebody's foolish example! Peo-
ple generally are disinclined to acknowl-
edge their faults and forsake them, but
this we ought to do; purely because we
love the right, doing it independently,
and in defiance of the evil customs and
examples with which we are surround-
ed. Every man ought to receive the
truth wherever he finds it. Some
would rather receive the truth only
from the First Presidency and the
Twelve; but we should acknowledge it,
let it come from what source it may.
Every person should learn to govern
himself and live in this world so as to se-
cure life everlasting; and to do this we
must identify ourselves with our Father
and our God, being grafted into Him by
the ordinances of the gospel, and
through faithfulness being conformed
to His image, partaking of His heav-
enly nature, as the graft which is put into
the roots of a tree partakes of the sap
and nature of the tree, bringing forth
the fruits of righteousness, drawing
nourishment, life and strength forever
from the great Source of all life and
good. There is no other way for us to
identify ourselves with God. Being
baptized into Christ we put him on and
become one with Him, as He was bap-
tized into His Father and became one
with His Father; and thus we are all
one in Christ Jesus. We are made one
with the Father and the Son by observ-
ing His word, His law and His ordi-
nances.

If I were to commit an impropriety,
another person would not be justified
in doing the same thing. If I violate
the law of God I shall be condemned,
and will not escape upon the plea that
somebody else did it. Every man must
answer for his own sin. It is true, we
have our weaknesses; how? I am afflicted
with rheumatic pains, or the infirmi-
ties of old age, or I am naturally con-
sumptive, etc. These are weaknesses of
the flesh; but may it be termed a weak-
ness when men wilfully violate a plain,
well-known law of God? The Lord re-
quires nothing of His creatures which
they cannot perform. We are subject
to the weaknesses of human nature, but
they are not crimes, neither should
they stand in the way of our doing all
the good in our power while we live in
the flesh, and as little harm as possible.
It is a sin to break any of the com-
mandments of God. When a person
bears false witness, it is a sin; or when
a person steals, etc., and these sins
must be accounted for either in time or
in eternity, by the person who com-
mits them.

We have come to this Conference
from all parts of the Territory to be re-
minded of our duties, and to obtain
strength in the worship of the Lord,
and we are a good-looking people, and
greatly blessed of the Lord. Our hap-
piness consists not in the possession of
earthly wealth so much as in the pos-
session of that Spirit which it is our
right to obtain and cherish.

The short sentence, "Do right," em-
braces a great deal, and extends over
the period of man's life, embracing all
his daily duties. It is right for us to
build that Tabernacle; it is a work which
all the people of the Saints in these
mountains are engaged in; and the
more faithful we are in paying our
tithing, these public works will pro-
gress the more vigorously. We all
know what the word of the Lord is on
the subject of paying tithing, and the
use to be made of the means thus col-
lected, namely: to build temples and
tabernacles, and to establish the King-
dom of God generally. The Israelites
built a tabernacle in the wilderness
wherein they deposited their holy
things, which were afterwards removed
into the temple at Jerusalem. When
our temple is completed it will be used
for the administering of the holy ordi-
nances of God; it will be for the use of
the Priesthood to give endowments to
the people. It is just as requisite that
that temple should be built as it is that
we build houses for our wives and chil-
dren to dwell in, because the service of
our God is not so acceptable to Him in

a temporary place of worship when His
people can make a permanent one after
the pattern which is pleasing to Him.
Let us pay our tithing faithfully, and
when we do that there will be no trou-
ble in making any public improvement
we desire to make; we can bring out the
rivers and large streams of these val-
leys into canals for the purposes of
transportation and irrigation, and be-
come enriched by the facilities which
these mountain streams offer unto us.

This is the headquarters of Zion, and
the law shall go forth from Zion and
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
The Lord gave the law through Joseph
when he was here, and now he gives it
through President Brigham Young.
The law shall go forth from Zion unto
all nations, and the word of the Lord is
"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all
the ends of the earth; for I am God and
there is none else." All who will not
comply with this call will be damned.
The Elders who have faithfully fulfilled
their missions, warning all men who
came within the sound of their voices,
have identified themselves with the
Savior, and with the Father, and with
the Holy Ghost; and the Holy Ghost
will abide with all such if they continue
faithful; and herein consists the author-
ity and power of every faithful servant
of God in this and in all ages of the
world.

When a man revolts against the
work of God and against the counsels
of His servants, and will not be subject
to the Holy Ghost which dwells in him,
he commits treason against God, and
against His authority on the earth, and
neither the Father, nor the Son, nor the
Holy Ghost will take up their abode
with such a man; and he may bid fare-
well to the guidance of good angels.

We should so live that we can have
the spirit of truth sufficiently to judge
between truth and error, between him
that serveth God and him that serveth
Him not. It is every man's right so to
live, for a people that are informed and
intelligent are much easier led and
directed in the truth than a people that
are untaught and ignorant. It is for
the purpose of instructing the Saints
that we need the Temple and tabernacle
erected; and thanks be to God that He
acknowledges our labors in the small
house we are now using for the purpose
of giving endowments; and those who
keep their covenants made in that house
will reap the blessings promised to them;
while those who look upon their en-
dowments as a light thing, and trifle
with the things of God, will meet with
desolation which they cannot avoid,
but in doing so they are deceiving
themselves and will bring upon them-
selves sorrow and wretchedness and
final destruction.

To be a Saint is an individual work,
and it is out of the power of God, angels
or men to make a Saint of a man who is
determined to be a sinner. If a man
will revolt against God and His author-
ity on the earth he has a right to do so,
as much so as Lucifer had a right to turn
away from his Father and God. Men
are damned or saved by acting upon
their agency, in receiving or rejecting
the revealed truths of heaven. The
majority of the members of this Church
are the very elect of our God. There
are some that are not so good, who
care not for God, for His servant Brig-
ham, for Heber, nor for the Twelve
Apostles. But the day will come when
the Lord will choose a people out of
this people, upon whom he will bestow
His choicest blessings. Think of the
great numbers who were baptized into
this Church when the work first com-
menced in England, and how few there
are who have stood to this day; "many
are called but few are chosen."

Notwithstanding this sifting out of
the unfaithful the Lord has got a chosen
people in these valleys of Utah, and He
desires them to become self-sustaining,
and fully able to control the trade and
traffic of these mountains for their own
profit and advancement. In view of
this we wish our brethren to import
their own merchandize, establish stores
in their towns and cities, and trade with
one another, and thus keep the wealth
which we create among ourselves,
making every effort in our power to
bring about the redemption of Israel,
and the great work of our Father and
God. This may be the means of des-
troying some through the deceitfulness
of riches, but Jesus Christ will save all
whom the Father hath put in his power
to save, and great efforts will be made
by the wicked one to destroy, if it were
possible, the very elect; but as Jesus
Christ hath said, "My sheep hear my
voice, and will follow me, and a stranger
they will not follow."

All who profess to be Latter-day-
Saints will not be saved in the celestial
world, for they cannot abide the celestial
law, but all will attain to the glory

which they can abide. Every righteous
thing that we do in this mortality is a
rudimental lesson in the celestial law
of our God. Let us go to with our
might, mind and strength to abide the
celestial law, as it shall be revealed to
us from time to time, until we can abide
its fullness, that we may ultimately be
introduced into the presence of our
Heavenly Father to dwell with Him
forever more. Whatever the Prophet
and President of the church tells us to
do that we should do, for he is directed
by the unerring Spirit of the Almighty
to counsel this people. We are connect-
ed with him in the Lord, and we talk
and pray together upon all subjects
concerning the progress of this people;
and it is for him to decide, and give the
law to Israel; and all who do not abide
it must suffer the consequence of their
disobedience; and all those who obey it
will obtain the blessings which is prom-
ised to faithfulness and obedience.

I desire to do right and to bring about
that which is good. I have no other
desire in my heart, than to make all
the acts of my life praise God. When
I go into a ball room I can there con-
template upon the things of God and
praise Him in the dance. Virtue
cleaveth to virtue, and light to light;
and if we receive them they will have a
place in us. I shall, the Lord being my
helper, try to be a saint, and live my
religion. I have come to this confer-
ence with a determination to hear the
word of God and be a saint. We are
blessed of the Lord now more than all the
people upon the face of the earth, and
we ought to be faithful to His command-
ments every moment of our lives, for
we owe all we have and are to His
beneficent bounty, and all should be
devoted to His interest, or in other
words, to our own interests by devoting
all to the building up of His kingdom.

No man has a right to commit sin,
nor to intrude upon the rights of his
neighbor. It is our privilege to do
right, to serve God and keep His com-
mandments, and follow faithfully the
counsels of Pres. Brigham Young in all
things. The world is mad at what they
call the one-man-power, but they need
not find fault with the "Mormons" for
this, when the same thing is so faith-
fully upheld almost everywhere. For
instance, the General Government
sends a Governor to the Territory of
Utah; the Territorial legislature can
make laws and this one man can veto
every one of them, making them of
none effect. Brigham Young will al-
ways exercise an influence over this
people for good, and I am going to help
him, and the Twelve Apostles will
help him, and so will all the faithful
saints of God in all the world. We
shall prosper and God will bless all this
people for the righteous' sake that
dwell among them, for there is just as
good a people here as ever did live in
any part of the earth according to their
blessings and privileges. God has His
elect here, and He is gathering them
from the four quarters of the earth, and
like a net that is cast into the sea he
gathers good and bad, that out of the
multitude which he brings over these
ships he may gather His chosen people.

Thirty years ago the whole Church was
under condemnation because they had
neglected the new and everlasting cov-
enant, even the Book of Mormon and
other revelations God had given to them,
and they were driven by their enemies,
for they were under condemnation at
that early day of our history. How is it
with us now? There are scores of this
people who never look at those books.
The Book of Mormon is the ensign
which God has lifted up to the nations
in the last days, and we are not justi-
fied when we in our feelings neglect or
forsake it. I take much comfort in
reading those books which the Lord has
given us through Joseph Smith. The
Book of Mormon was written by the
Spirit and power of God, the man that
will read it faithfully will be filled with
light and with truth. We should hold
every thing in reverence that God has re-
vealed in the latter-day and in former
days, but that which is revealed for us
more nearly concerns us.

This church and kingdom will per-
vail; it is the kingdom of God, and He
will bear it off; and there is no power on
earth nor in hell can stay it in its
progress from this time henceforth and
forever: Amen.

A GREAT discovery of Roman coins is
announced in Cornwall, not far from
Falmouth. On previous occasions,
similar deposits have been met with,
which some local antiquaries account
for by the Roman trade in tin once
carried on in the southwest; while
others say they were the spoils of the
ancient Cornish in their battles with
the Romans, buried in the ground for
safe keeping.