

away the wickedness and abomination under which it now groans, and when the Latter-day Saints, I mean the *Saints* and not those who profess to be, and are not Saints, will possess the earth, and when they will build temples to the name of the Most High, and will enter those temples and officiate for this one, that one and the other until the work is done for the thousands and millions who have died without the gospel it is all counted vain; but it is nevertheless just as true as though they believed it. They who enter those temples will remain there as pillars in the temple of our God, and they will go no more out. And the labor of the living will be to officiate for those who have passed into the spirit world without obeying the gospel; and the office of the resurrected, when the resurrection commences, will be to teach those who are living in the flesh whom to officiate for, redeem and bring up the children of men clear back to Adam.

Here comes the sealing principle, which to the Christian world is more vain and foolish than anything connected with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They abhor it. They look upon it, I can hardly tell how. It seems to me that they can not hate it, there is so much glory, beauty and excellency about it. They can not hate any principle of the gospel unless they hate justice, truth, love, mercy and righteousness. But we know that men through the fallen nature that is in their flesh, are opposed to every principle that God has introduced for their salvation, and they war against them, nevertheless they are true. By the sealing principle men will be sealed to men, and women to women and children to parents, and the living to the dead, until every link in the chain is connected back to Father Adam; and Jesus will bring in the whole world of mankind that can be saved, and will renovate the earth and present it to the Father. This is how the gospel of the Son of God reaches the condition of every person, and provides salvation for all. Will all receive it? No, they will not. But this point, as to who will not receive the gospel, I wish to pass by; who they are or what their condition may be does not matter. Suffice it to say that every person who is capable of inheriting a kingdom of any degree of glory will have the privilege of doing so.

We may say that our earth is a kingdom of some degree of glory. There is some peace here; but it is a very low state for intelligence to dwell in. It is hardly possible for a person to say, in truth, that there is any solid glory or peace here independent of the gospel. Is there a momentary enjoyment? Yes, but there is a sting. But every son and daughter of Father Adam and Mother Eve that is capable of receiving a kingdom of glory will receive one.

How many times have my Methodist brethren said to me, when urging them to believe the gospel, where is John Wesley? and this one and the other one? "Why," I would reply, "they will enjoy all the glory they know how to possess." And this will be the condition of every man who has lived according to the best light he had on the earth, of every man who has been faithful to his prayers, his God, his friends; faithful to the human family and, faithful to his being here. Can such men go down and wallow in hell? No, never; it is folly to think such a thing; they will receive a glory, and that glory will be far greater than their earthly expectations. Is this a comfort? Yes. No man on earth would turn a deaf ear to the principles of eternal life if he knew the benefits of them. They are beautiful; they are lovely to dwell upon. Even here, in our mortal state, how beautiful they make a neighborhood! What peace and happiness dwell in the neighborhoods of those who possess the spirit of the gospel! I look upon the Latter-day Saints with a great deal of pride, when compared with the world, notwithstanding all their weaknesses and naughtiness. Look at the world with its contentions, animosities, bitter feelings, and envy! How wicked the people will be and how they will try to injure each other! When compared with them, I say the Latter-day Saints are a pretty good people. Do they go to law with one another? No. Do they bite and devour one another? Not much; they are taught better. Still the spirit will rise up once in a while, and they do some things naughty and bad. But take them as a whole, and see their cities, towns and neighborhoods, and how peaceable they are! Yet the Christian world look upon us, I will not say as outlaws or outcasts or as an ignorant race of beings who have no knowledge with regard to humanity; no, they know better than this. But they look

upon us with envy, just as politicians do, in a political point of view. Say they "We would like to ruin the Latter-day Saints, they are clannish; they are of one heart and one mind, and if we should make a State of them there is not a man amongst them but would vote for Brigham Young for Governor." What would they give to have such an influence? How many men are there in our nation, who, if they possessed millions and millions, would give it to have the influence in the nation that Brigham Young has in the midst of this people? Hundreds and thousands of them would. Is it a crime to hold an influence over the minds of the people and to teach them principles of peace, love and union? To exhort them to practice every holy and just principle; to learn all they can from every good book, and to make themselves familiar with all the wisdom and philosophy of the world; until they understand the object for which they were created, the philosophy of the world's organization, its formation; the law by which it exists and by which it swims in its own element, and the law of its revolutions; to know and understand the starry heavens, who inhabit them, their glory and the glory that is prepared for the inhabitants of the earth? Is this lovely. Is there a man in the world, that can, in his heart, despise truth and righteousness? No, there is not. No vile person on the earth can despise them until he has passed the ordeal which shall prepare him to become an angel to the devil; then he can despise and hate them, and fight against them, not knowing what he does. That is the case with the inhabitants of the earth who are contending against the doctrines of the Latter-day Saints;—they are doing that which they understand not.

Now this gospel that we preach, if it is hid, I can say it is hid to them that are lost. It is not hid to the wise and prudent, it is not hid to the virtuous, truthful and good. It is hid to those who are lost to the principles of truth and virtue.

Were it not for the resurrection that we believe in we should not officiate for our friends who are dead. How we do so we have published to our brethren and the Church. We have our font prepared, and there take people and baptize them for their relatives. Is there any harm in this. Is it a crime to try and do good to those who died without the gospel? There is no intimation within the lids of the Bible that man can be saved without observing the law God has laid down for that purpose. There are not two, three or ten ways by which this salvation can be wrought out, but one only. Is there any harm in officiating for those who have died without having the privilege of walking in that path themselves, and thus giving them the opportunity of returning again to the presence of the Father and the Son and of dwelling in the celestial kingdom? I cannot see the least harm or wrong in it, and there is not a man on the face of the earth in his sober senses, who can see and contemplate this principle of the gospel of Christ, but will say that it is a God-blessed doctrine. I thank God for it.

To our beloved friend, the father of this young lady, to whose remains we have met to pay the last tribute of respect, I say mourn not, weep not. I pray that he may be blessed. To this young lady who has died without being baptized there is all the liberty that can be asked to officiate for her here that she may enter into the society of the just. But I will say that there is this advantage enjoyed by those who receive the gospel here in this life, and render obedience to the laws of life as they have been revealed through the gospel,—when they step into the spirit world the power of the enemy has no influence over them whatever. They are perfectly free from it; they reign as kings over all sin and are free from its effects; while those who die without the gospel are liable to be afflicted by evil spirits. The evil and the good dwell together in the spirit world, which is around and close by us,—as we do here. But those who have received the gospel, and have lived according to it, when they enter the spirit world are perfectly free from the power of the enemy; they have all evil under their control, and when they give a command it has to be obeyed. But as quick as a person is officiated for here the door is unlocked and they enter a higher sphere of intelligence, power and glory, and they have power over evil. Is there any harm in all this? Not the least. If it be evil to bless all men, to promote peace and righteousness upon the earth,

and to cause men to seek after it, I pray God we may have more of it.

May God bless the father of this young lady, and the mother and family who are far away from them. I say God bless them in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The following Tribute to the Memory of Miss St. Clair, was written previous to the Funeral Obsequies.

BY ELIZA R. SNOW.

Thou art gone!—thou lovely stranger—
Gone in youth and beauty too!
Gone when life, in bright perspective,
Spread its sunbeams to thy view.

Early trained in her profession,
By artistic impulse moved;
Here she found a land of strangers—
Here, by strangers was beloved.

Cast in nature's mould of beauty,
With a lovely face and form;
God had highly, nobly gifted
Her with intellectual charms.

Dignified and unassuming
In her manner—free and chaste;
Never, never from our memories
Will her image be erased.

Long we battled the destroyer—
Prayed and struggled for her life;
But the jewel has departed—
Death has closed the lingering strife.

Though the bloom of health had faded,
Ere she drew the parting breath—
Though disease her form has wasted,
She is beautiful in death.

Soon they'll bear the precious casket
To the silent tomb, to lay
In the care of guardian angels,
Till the resurrection day.

How she loved her "little sisters"!—
How their tender hearts will mourn,
When they hear the solemn tidings,
"She will never more return!"

Gracious God, to her fond mother,
Thy consoling grace impart;
And in this, his sad bereavement,
Soothe her father's aching heart.

Thou hast taken her, in mercy,
From the evil yet to come;
And in Thy celestial kingdom,
She will find a glorious home.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 24, 1899.

ITEMS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

ECOT CITY.—This interesting locality listens daily to the snort of the locomotive, and is becoming quite a steady going place, thanks to an active Justice of the Peace and vigilant constable. But a little time ago furo was openly played in every saloon, and in some of them two or three tables were being run; now the "fraternity" go it with closed doors and are rather "squeaky" at that. Justice Livingston put his hand down on a few, committed two to the county court, and fined a number in \$25 and \$50. The result is a most pleasing change already; may it continue and grow more so! Echo will become quite a nice place after a little, when its gamblers follow the frail members of the softer sex in their hurried departure for White Pine!

INSANE ASYLUM.—We understand a petition has been presented to the Legislature, praying for an appropriation to be applied to building an Insane Asylum, in connection with aid from the county and city. We hope the petition will receive favorable consideration. J. Sherman has now been in custody for fifteen months; and yesterday the police had again to arrest Warren Frazer for lunacy.

THE DESERET NEWS.—The Seventeenth Volume of the DESERET NEWS WEEKLY, and the third Volume of the SEMI-WEEKLY close next week. Those of our agents who have not yet done so, will oblige by forwarding immediately their complete lists of subscribers, that we may know the number of copies to strike off.

ACCIDENT.—As Brother James Maxfield, of South Cottonwood, was coming to town to-day with a load of wood, an express overtook him with the news that his little boy, between 5 and 6 years of age, had by accident almost cut off the foot of his sister, aged 4 years, with an axe. The messenger came on to town for Dr. Ormsby and Brother Maxfield returned home immediately.

SANTAQUIN.—Bro. David Holladay called to-day and gives a good report from Santaquin. Peace and prosperity prevail. The health of the people is good. The holidays passed with a general time of enjoyment. Considerable plowing has been done, and some Fall wheat sown. The settlement is enlarging, and there is room for still quite a number of families. Water is increasing, and next spring they will fence in another large farm. Such items of continued and tangible prosperity are very gratifying.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

A DOWNWARD BLAST.—We met our genial bachelor friend, W. P. Nebeker,

yesterday evening, who is enthusiastic in every good work, except matrimony, sorry as we are to chronicle the latter fact. He opened up a new vision of thought with regard to railroading, in reporting the progress of the work on the contract of John W. Young, Esq., some four miles south of Ogden. A number of blasts had been put in the hard earth, and huge masses thrown up, under the direction of General W. S. Snow, with whom the Indians around Sanpete have been acquainted in a recent past. Not satisfied with the success of ordinary blasts, one was prepared deeper than any of its fellows, and containing a much larger amount of powder than usual. The blast that was to send an incredible number of tons of earth flying in adjacent space, was duly touched off. A deep rumble was heard, a hollow sound; but the hole had been bored too deep, for the powder never exploded upwards; and it is conceived that it has gone through to China, forming a "header" for an inter-orbal tunnel between Weber County and the Celestial Empire! If so, shall we have a railroad through? An effort was made to associate this blast with the loud report and noise heard on the 8th inst., through Davis, Salt Lake and Utah Counties, but a connection could not be made. Where could the blast go to if it did not go through? What astonishment the almond-eyed celestials must have experienced as this miniature and artificial earthquake opened a passage from their dominions to the land where "Mellican Man" lives!

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

THE ROAD EAST.—From General H. B. Clawson we learn that travel is pleasant and expeditious on the Union Pacific Railroad, from the East to Wasatch. There is very little freight east of that point, and the prospects are good for freight being brought along as it is ordered in eastern markets. There is but little snow at any point east of Bear River. The weather had been very cold at Bryan and in that region, but is now somewhat moderated. When the ascent towards Wasatch is reached there is considerably more snow and increased cold, as a matter of course. From Wasatch to Hardy's the road is passed in sleighs; from that point to the city the distance is made in a coach.

A CRYING EVIL.—A young man with a load of coal made his appearance on the market yesterday, and in answer to an inquiry from a citizen, he said his load weighed 2,300, and he wanted thirty-five dollars for it. The would-be purchaser agreed to give him thirty-five dollars per ton—being more than he demanded—if he would only have it weighed. To this the honest vendor objected, saying he never sold by weight, but by the load only. This practice, on the part of vendors of wood, coal, hay and other produce, is becoming a crying evil, and we think something should be done by the municipal authorities to put a stop to such dishonesty and compel all persons bringing produce to have it weighed or measured when sold.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

THE HERNANDEZ TRIAL.—By the Omaha Herald of the 24th, we learn the result of the trial of Joe Hernandez, for attempting to kill his wife, Fannie Hernandez, sister to Mrs. S. M. Irwin. The evidence was plain and incontrovertible. He put in a plea which argued insanity caused by the intemperate habits and infidelity of his wife, in which no one entertained a particle of belief. He was found guilty and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment. The Herald says of him:

"Now that the prisoner has been tried and found guilty by a jury of his peers, we feel no hesitancy in giving expression to an opinion, which we have hitherto withheld. This man Hernandez is one of the most cold blooded, depraved villains with whose presence any community was ever afflicted, and we heartily concur in the sentence inflicted. Our only regret is that the villain could not have been, under the law, incarcerated for life, instead of for a mere term of years."

He was to be put upon his trial on last Monday for shooting at Harry Rainforth.

EXECUTION OF MILLARD.—We have received the following by Deseret Telegraph line:

Provo 29th.—At 25 minutes to 11 o'clock, a. m., Chauncey W. Millard was taken to the place of execution, on the west side of the court house. He walked with the irons on his hands and feet. A chair was got for him, in which he sat a few minutes, and then rose to his feet, and read in a clear, full, firm voice, the 7th chapter of Matthew. He made no further remarks, but spoke something with the Sheriff and the police, and then sat down. The Sheriff then took the irons off his wrists, he placing himself in position; the Sheriff moved a few paces off and then gave the signal. Two bullets passed through his left breast. He raised his right hand a little, the testament from which he read, falling out of his hand, and all was over with him. He appeared quite firm. Before leaving the prison-room he seemed playful, and would impulsively ask "what next?" and was apparently anxious to pass the ordeal, but gave no sensible sign of sorrow or repentance.

Four hundred persons were present. Good order was observed.

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