

Well, what is necessary next? Why you know the stonemason, when he commenced on the rough ashlar that was in the quarry, he commenced with heavy tools and when he had knocked off some of the rough corners and smoothed down the exterior appearance of the stone, he then used lighter tools and continued to use lighter still until the piece under his hand was prepared and polished and fit for its place.

Well, what will we have to be when we are as smooth as some of the nicely polished pieces of stone that will be in the House of God?

We will have to do a great deal more in 'Mormonism' than to join the Church and make a journey of some ten thousand miles. Men have been journeying all the time, but very few have journeyed so as to be saved in the kingdom of God and what is the reason? Why, in their traveling there has been something that has been neglected. Well, if nothing has been neglected with us and we are to be removed no more, but to become abiding fixtures in the kingdom of God, why, then, we can see that it has been necessary that every evil should be drawn out, and that the Spirit of truth in every part of our organization should become a living pulse that should vibrate and reach every individual action and that should purify every individual thought and that the fountain of life and thought within us might become well purified by its sacred and life-giving influence, that it might purge out from us all that unhallowed leaven within us and round about us and in which we find ourselves involved as we pass through the journey of life.

We get angry, we get out of humor, 'out of sorts,' as the printers term it, hence we do not have that equanimity of thought which it is desirable that we should possess. Our passions rule us and we do not rule them; the passions, the feelings that may be within us overcome us and we say we did not think anything about it. We do not think that we are to control ourselves, that this is our business upon the earth, that we came here to learn our Father and the principles which influence him, to learn how he has put on power and how he has surrounded himself with glory and strength, come off victorious and never become subject to evil.

Well, are we learning it when our passions are running away with us like a wild, untrained team with the carriage that they are attached to? 'Why,' says one, 'we shall do as the Spirit dictates us.' There is a saying that I have read somewhere that says, 'the spirit of the prophet should be subject to the prophet,' hence I infer that I should not always prophesy because the spirit of prophecy is in me, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, which we should have all the time, but although we should have the spirit all the time, we should only use it when it would be prudent and profitable to do so. It is so with all our conduct in life, it is so with all those duties that fill up our time and that occupy our attention in the domestic circle, for there is where we should begin to build up the kingdom of God—first in ourselves, then with our wives, next with our children and then all build up the kingdom of God together.

Well, but we have been told that this was our sectarian traditions to think of building up the kingdom of God in our hearts, but I want to tell you, not because you have not heard it before, but because it is a thing that you have been told again and again, and what is that? To live your religion, and to live your religion is to have every principle pertaining to the building up of the kingdom of God, to its perpetuity and perfection, developed in you, and what will be the result? Why, then, when you are adjusted in the Temple of God and assigned your position, you will not run away, but you will remain and become as a pillar here.

What is a pillar? It is a fixture; you know they are put in a building to remain there while the building stands. If the building is designed to be an eternal place, a dwelling place for God, then they are to remain there for ever.

You want to live so that your minds will be filled with His Spirit, and to do this you need not take a mission to the sun, to the moon nor to the stars to find out their distances or how much they weigh; but are you acquainted with your homes? You answer, 'yes.' Well, then, do right at home, do not do wrong, do not quarrel at home, do not stir up disunion, do not, in a word, do anything to bring about a pandemonium instead of a paradise, but do that which brings peace, that which produces the spirit of peace and of heaven.

But where division of sentiment, diversity of feeling and discord exists, the principles of heaven are not there, the principles of peace are not there. Study these principles and for what purpose? Why, that it may stir up the Spirit of peace within you, that the spirit of peace may be, not a casual visitor, but a constant attendant, that he may take up his abode with you, and when an individual takes up his abode with you, then you do not consider him a transient visitor, but there is his home, there is where he lodges, where he stays, where he imparts blessings, if he is a minister of blessings, where he imparts good, if he has any good to impart. And if you open a door that this Spirit will take up his abode with you, then that fountain which will be opened up will become very plenteous in its supplies; it will become so to you because you welcome the Holy Spirit there and you study to cultivate within you such a feeling that the Spirit will love to tarry with you day by day, and its book of instructions will be opened to you so that each succeeding day will give you an increase of knowledge, and you will find yourselves to comprehend one degree of light and knowledge after another, until your whole soul will be swallowed up in your love for the truth; your affections will be bound up in the truth, for which you will be willing to sacrifice all, and you will throw away all the old foginess that was around you, and if you have acted as if you thought the world was yours, then you will think that it is your Father's and that he only lent it. You will acknowledge his ownership to it and

you will give yourself to him and to his cause continually.

What will this prepare you for? For any contingency that may arise, and you will be contented in the storm and confident of what the result will be. If the storm clouds lower around you, you will be comforted by the sunshine of the Spirit of God, and however dark the clouds that may lower around, you will find that Spirit to be your companion, you will see the sunshine that opens to you the prospect of happiness, of glory and of eternal life when the clouds shall pass away.

Why will this be the case? Because you have prepared yourselves that the Spirit might be in you, having cultivated it all through your lives. Then you have a devotion to the truth and the Spirit of truth will tarry with you and by and bye you will become fully devoted to the truth; your affections will become pure and holy and then when you are purified and made holy, you will not depart from the truth nor go into darkness and apostasy, because the sun light of truth is within you.

This is what I want you to learn, and why? Because the days, the times that are around us require that we should be firm in our purpose, and not only that we should put up our hands, or raise our voices to high heaven to sustain the kingdom, but that we should be prepared with every feeling that is within us to devote ourselves to the truth, knowing that it is all in all and that there is nothing outside of it that is worth possessing.

Knowing this, then, let us be devoted to the truth, not blindly, but because the affections that are within us are chained by a knowledge of its excellency above everything that can be possessed, above every good that can be attained, and then we will be secure.

Brethren and sisters, if we will cultivate this principle and seek to subject ourselves to the truth, all things are right around us. There can be nothing wrong to the man who is swallowed up in the truth, whose whole affections are swallowed up in the beauty and excellency of that truth which he has learned. There is no feeling in him to apostatize, there is no room for such a feeling and consequently he will not apostatize.

Such a man would not apostatize at seeing the little plans our enemies are forming for our destruction. But when we have endured all the sufferings that our enemies can bring upon us, let us so live that we may come from the battle field unscathed, unharmed and be victorious, then we shall find that the least of the foes over which we have triumphed will be the enemies outside.

If we can triumph over our feelings, our affections, so that our whole souls can become subject to the principles of heaven, then we shall easily conquer the other foes. These are the things to be conquered, and when these are conquered, the others are at our feet.

What is continually declared to us through the mouth of the Presidency of the Church? All will be right if we do right. Well, now, how can you neglect these things and do right? You cannot, but if we do right, what does it do? It saves our backs from the rod, it secures to us the protection of our Father, and if we fail to do right, he will do with us as he has been doing. He has led us through all the meanderings of our course; his hand has been over us all the time, and what has been his design? It has been his design to develop a people to do his own work, to move them until they should find the place where his kingdom should be built up in strength and in power.

Well, cannot we see it is idle for us to gather around us hopes that we can be saved and redeemed, or that God will redeem and save us any farther than the principles of truth are developed within us? If we do see it, it leaves hope to us and an inducement to live better, and if there are lesser sins that find place and that still exist in the more narrow circles of our life, let the work of purification go on until there shall not be a fault-finding wife nor a husband that shall exact anything that is not right in the circle of his home.

When this is the case, where will wickedness find a place to be nestled and nourished? Where there is no evil in the heart, there is no evil committed. Let us strive for this with all our energies, and let us take the word with us to our homes, for the way is for us to take this home to ourselves; let this be the case in every home and the work is begun.

Brethren and sisters, may God bless you with wisdom, faith, prudence, humility and every grace that is necessary to strengthen you, that you may take hold of this work and carry it home with you. The most of it is to be done at home, where you wash dishes and attend to the duties of domestic life; this is the sanctuary that is to be made pure and holy.

And that every thing may go on right, that God may help you to purify yourselves and to reach this point, this consummation, is my prayer:—Amen.

REMARKS

By President Daniel Spencer, Tabernacle, Sunday Morning, Oct. 11, 1857.

[REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.]

I arise to bear my testimony to the truth of what Elder Lyman has said this morning. I feel that it has been good to listen to him. The principles of which he has spoken are the foundation of our happiness, and unless we build upon what he has been speaking of, we may seek to all eternity and not obtain happiness.

All truth comes from God, and he makes it known through his servants, and this is almost invariably in advance of our knowledge. In the commencement of our connection with the Church, in our baptism, we were told that we should receive the gifts and blessings of the gospel if faithful, we did not receive positive proof of it, but as we advanced we realized, through

obedience, the truth of what was promised us.

Br. Amasa has instructed us to be faithful, to have confidence in God and that in his own way he will benefit us and establish peace. If we love God, all things will work together for our good.

If we love God we love the truth, for all truth is from God. We have got to have this confidence in the Lord and show that we love all truth, and if our faith is established upon that and upon the principle upon which he reveals it to us, then we know that all things will be overruled for our good, our faith and our happiness, as we have been told to-day.

Now we have knowledge that it is best for us to labor and obtain clothing to keep ourselves warm from the winter. We have been taught this by our parents. We know that it is best to live by industry. The Indians do not know this, at least but very few of them do, and none of them knew it when we first came here; they did not understand that it was best to labor to make themselves comfortable, but now they are learning that; they are beginning to learn that it is best to make some little sacrifice to get clothing and food, and they are improving in this day by day.

Now the gentiles have a knowledge that it is best to labor for clothing, for food, and to make preparation for winter, and so on; but when we speak of the knowledge of God, and that it is best to do this or that because the whisperings of the Spirit say so and so, when it comes to the servants of God and the things of his kingdom, the gentiles do not know as much as the Indians do; hence they act in accordance with their views and knowledge and hence they are deprived of many blessings.

We have derived many blessing from rendering obedience to those things that were taught us when we first came into the church, and those who do not learn these things, do not have our experience.

Well, now, as Elder Lyman has remarked, if we love the truth better than error, and have confidence in the Lord that he has established his kingdom and that he will reveal his will, we are happy and we shall abide in the truth, precisely as he has told us. If we have that love for the truth we will discard all evil from our families, we will discard strife and every malignant feeling that is contrary to truth.

God has not recommended any mode of procedure that will produce discord nor unpleasantness in our homes, hence we had better leave off that which will offend God. A man that harbors a malignant, unruly spirit, does not love the truth; and these are the things which cause men to apostatize. They say, 'I will have a little gratification upon a principle that I know is wrong.' Well, this is the foundation of apostasy, it is the method by which people sacrifice that which would bring continual peace; they apostatize by sacrificing that which they know to be right, not that which they do not know, but that which they do know and that which they know is truth. Then the Spirit of the Lord withdraws from them, and they have no relish for the truth because they have despised and put away his counsel; they have not respected his counsels.

I mention these little things because they come under our observation every day. We have counsel from our Bishops, Teachers and Presidents, this is the method through which we receive counsel, and we must respect the counsel that comes from all these authorities. If we respect God and his servants, he will respect us, but if we do not respect him, he will not respect us, because we have no respect for the truth nor for God. But if we have a respect for God and love his teachings and his servants, then we will love the truth; our minds are open because we are searching for truth; we love it and cherish it; it is visible in our transactions in life. Well, then it is our meat and our drink, it is our food constantly, and we feel to do everything to benefit mankind, to make people happy.

I have been very much interested myself, and I know that the remarks made to-day by Elder Lyman are just what we want. Whatever we have passed through and whatever we may in future pass through, we shall say, if we endure to the end, that we know God has overruled all things for our good. We know now that all will be for our good, and we are made happy in the enjoyment of the knowledge that God will overrule everything for our profit and good, and upon no other principle will it be happiness to us.

It is not to be presumed that we are going to be happy and possess a fullness of knowledge at once, but events will be continually and gradually developed that will show us that God will bring to pass nothing but what will be for our good and for our happiness.

My prayer is that we may have power with God, that we may have confidence that God will do all for our good, and let us know that he accepts of our actions and let us be ready to do whatever is required of us, nothing doubting, and I know that peace will be the result.

I want to make a few observations in relation to the handling of our guns. There have been three individuals killed through carelessness. Almost every day I hear guns fired off, and oftentimes they go off in a direction not intended. Now be cautious, and let not any accident of this kind take place in this city; be careful where you discharge your guns, for our lives are precious. Many have now been called to handle guns that never have been used to it. Let such put on a double guard over themselves and know that they must not use fire-arms carelessly.

The late news from the army is favorable, as it has hitherto been. I presume that it is well understood, therefore I will not repeat it.

Let us live so as to continually secure the favor of God and I know that we will have constant peace and joy. This is my prayer in the name of Jesus:—Amen.

The love of society is natural, but the choice of our company is a matter of virtue and prudence.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.
ENTRANCE, Deseret Store.—GARMENTS Cut and Made to order by N. H. FELT.

WAGONS EXCHANGED.
HEAVY AND LIGHT WAGONS exchanged for Stock on early application to GILBERT & GERRISH.

FURNITURE.
WANTED—In exchange for Furniture—SCRIP, WOOD, LUMBER, PRODUCE, &c. H. W. NAISBITT

ROPE AND TWINE.
W. A. McMASTER, Rope, Twine, Lasso, Girth, Broom and Weavers' Twine Manufacturer, 11th Ward, informs the public that he will break and dress Hemp and Flax, or spin any of the above named to all who wish, on cheap terms, &c. 27th

J. L. HEYWOOD,
HAT, Cap and Muff Manufacturer, 17th Ward. WANTED in exchange—all kinds of Furs, Sheep and Lamb's wool; also all kinds of produce, County and Territorial orders. 21st

SHEEP, CATTLE & HORSES
WILL be taken by us on Bingham Creek south to herd or raise on shares, at the usual rates, length of time immaterial with us. We shall prepare to feed our stock when necessary during the winter. (7th) BLAIR & BROTHER.

Brand Sheets! Brand Sheets!
NOTICE is hereby given that the Brand Sheets, now neatly bound, can be had by calling at the President's Office, price \$1 cash or wheat at cash price taken in payment. Persons having cattle estrayed, or those purchasing, will find it to their advantage to have the Brand Sheets by them for reference. H. B. CLAWSON, Recorder of Brands. 49th

W. BALLAN,
WATCH-MAKER, respectfully informs the inhabitants of Great Salt Lake City and vicinity, that he intends carrying on his business in the house formerly occupied by A. L. Hale, North Temple st., 17th ward, and will warrant all work done by him to give satisfaction, as he understands his business in all its branches. Jewelry neatly repaired; charges very moderate. 43rd

ENGRAVING SHOP.
A. T. J. M. BARLOW'S, 1st door east of the Deseret Store, where all kinds of engraving may be done. Names engraved on guns, watches, rings, spoons, knives, &c. Public Hands and others please take notice. Any kind of available pay taken. Terms moderate. DAVID MACKENZIE, Engraver. 25th

NAILS! NAILS! NAILS!!
D. SABIN has Machinery in operation for making all kinds of Nails to order. He will exchange Nails for Wheat, Corn, Potatoes, and other Produce. Come on with it—now is the accepted time! WANTED!—Tire and Band Iron, for which he will pay in Nails or work in his shop. Encourage Home Manufactures! 45th

NOTICE.
THE Subscriber, having purchased the Woollen Factory at Jordan Mills, formerly owned by Mr. Gaunt, has repaired and fitted it up in good order and has it in successful operation. Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Fulling and Dyeing done to order at short notice, and on reasonable terms. With a new set of cards and good workmen, he flatters himself that he can do as good work as can be done in the Territory. Wool worked up on shares, if desired. 20th A. GARDNER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
H. MINISTRATOR of the Estate of Thomas Tennan deceased, by the Judge of the Probate Court for Great Salt Lake county, the undersigned hereby requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate, to come forward without delay and cancel the same, and those having demands against said estate will please file them with the Judge of the aforesaid Court, properly authenticated, as soon as circumstances will permit and within the time specified by law. DANIEL SPENCER, Administrator. 44th

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE!!
THE undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate for Great Salt Lake county Administrators of the Estate of A. W. Babbitt, deceased, hereby notify all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to come forward without delay for settlement; and all persons having claims against said estate will please file them with the Hon. Elias Smith, Probate Judge, on or before the first day of June, A.D., 1857. JULIA ANN BABBITT, W. H. HOOPER, BENJ. F. JOHNSON, Administrators. Great Salt Lake City, Dec. 20, 1856. 42nd

Cows, Sheep and Herding.
I AM now keeping a herd at Santaquin (or Summit creek) and prepared to take cows and sheep on shares, or any kind of stock to herd, both summer and winter, and to make myself responsible for all losses sustained by neglect or mismanagement. I will give one half the butter, cheese and increase from cows; and one half the wool and two thirds the increase from sheep, and will deliver without expense the butter, cheese and wool as it becomes due. Our range for stock, both for summer and winter, is unsurpassed in the valleys of these mountains. Those in or near G. S. L. City having stock to let or to be herded can inquire of or leave their stock with D. T. Le Baron, Mrs. A. W. Babbitt's residence, G. S. L. City; and any one desiring to trade sheep for good work oxen can by him be accommodated. 6th B. F. JOHNSON.

WHEAT AND CLOTHING.
BRING along your substantial Clothing and Exchange on liberal terms for wheat, corn, cattle, pork and other domestic products, at the Deseret Store. For the purpose of a more equal distribution of clothing throughout the settlements, it has been suggested by the First Presidency that clothing of every description be deposited at the Deseret Store, and those who are in need to bring in their grain, &c., and be prepared to make the exchange for the articles needed. Let everybody look over their wardrobes, turn out their drawers and boxes, and see what can be collected to supply the present wants of a large portion of this community. P.S. In consequence of the Annual State Fair being held at the Deseret Store, the premises will be closed on Friday the 25th inst. and re-opened for business Oct. 6th.