

parents to teach their children correct principles, and then our skirts are clear. But are our skirts clear if we never demonstrate unto them anything concerning the principles of the kingdom of God? If a man is never seen on his knees praying with his family, and having them take part in prayer; if he does not teach them the value of the fellowship of the Spirit of God, can he expect his children to grow up with a love for these things? What is there like unto the fellowship of the Spirit of God? I do not think there is anything. Not the wealth of this little world? I would sooner have the fellowship of the Spirit of God than I would have the wealth of this world and all its scholastic attainments. Why? Because then I would be taught of my Heavenly Father. Then I would enjoy light and truth. I would have faith, hope and charity, and be filled with the divine love of God. I would be a blessing to myself and to my fellows, making an everlasting record for righteousness. Let me entreat you, as your friend, be ye reconciled to God, and seek wisdom at His hands. The condemnation of the world is that they have no faith in God but they prefer darkness to light. They have faith in priests, in ordinances, and in dogmas; but they have no faith in the living and true God. They have no faith to go and ask Him, in the name of Jesus Christ, for revelation. He is a God of revelation. I know that He reveals His mind and will unto His children who seek it, and He satisfies the mind. To have a living testimony and to know that God lives is a thousand times better than the visit of angels, than gifts and signs and wonders. To have the fellowship of the Spirit of the Lord; to know that you are right when you lie down in bed; to know when you arise from your bed that you are in the straight and narrow path that leads to eternal life—this is far better than dogmas, miracles or outward manifestations. Every man that has the fellowship of the Spirit of God mourns over his fallen condition and his bad disposition; he sees himself and strives to improve his disposition, and to make his individuality more Christlike, be more gentle, more loving, more humble, more meek, and strive to crucify the flesh. When a man has his eyes opened that he can see, his ears opened that he can hear, and his heart that he can understand; when he is redeemed from false impressions and the Holy Spirit brings light and truth into his soul, then he has liberty indeed. That is the glorious liberty of the Gospel. I cannot see how it is that it does not fill the hearts of men with thanksgiving and praise, as well as fear lest they should do anything by which they might lose these bright hopes and aspirations. What is there outside? There is nothing. I know what I am talking about. I know that we can only be sanctified by the truth. The Saints have been fed by the revelations of the Almighty, and they are philosophical and as firm as the everlasting hills. We may reject them, but they remain the same, and always will. God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and His course is one eternal round. We cannot prescribe conditions to Him; we must subscribe to His conditions. We have to obey the principles of the Gospel and to be humble and meek if we ever expect to attain to the exaltations. One of my

beloved brethren mentioned to me the other day at the funeral of Brother Jesse W. Fox that there was not a man present but would like to speak a word concerning him. What was the matter with Brother Fox that everybody should love him so? Why, he was one of the meek of the earth, and every meek man is loved. Meekness is a natural principle, which we all admire. It is said that Moses was a meek man. Every servant of God has to be a meek man, or else he will never be able to stand in his lot and calling. He has to say, as the Savior said, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." "Teach me to see as my brethren see. Let no false impression be upon my mind; but let me be sanctified by the truth." That is the prayer of every man who desires to be established in the everlasting righteousness of God.

My beloved brethren and sisters, let us strive to do the will of our Heavenly Father. Let us be true and faithful and exemplary. Let us pay our just debts and be honorable. Let us glorify God in our good works, and you will see the establishment of His righteousness upon the earth. Look at our glorious Temple. It seems to me that anyone who sees that Temple would have a holy inspiration, and would understand that administrations were being done by divine authority for the living and the dead. Do we understand it? Do you not fear lest you should become a castaway? Do you not fear lest that light that is within you should become darkness? I do. I have seen great and strong men fall and go the way of the sinner, and I have feared lest I, after preaching to others, should become a castaway. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;" and all our scholastic attainments do not amount to anything if we have not the fear of the Lord; we are like sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. But if we have the fear of the Lord and the knowledge that comes from Him, we grasp everything, and all things are subject to us, whether it be principles or theories of men or the perishable riches of the earth. They are our servants, and we stand at the head. We know that all good comes from our Heavenly Father, who has given us the brain power to comprehend intricate principles and difficult problems, and we glorify Him because we love Him. I am thankful beyond expression that I have the privilege of being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—of being adopted into the royal family of our Heavenly Father; and I earnestly desire to be true and faithful unto the saying and the doing of His will and the keeping of His commandments, that when I pass behind the veil I may have the privilege of the association of those who have gone before us in the Church of the Firstborn, and be able to continue in this redemption of the earth and the human family until every soul shall be saved in some degree of glory. I pray that the blessings of our Heavenly Father may be upon us. I know that the Spirit of the Lord is here, and I rejoice in its influence and power. I pray that it may always be our companion, to guide and direct us, and to make us faithful for the testimony of Jesus, that we may be true and valiant unto the doing of His will and the accomplishment of His purposes. I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Written for this Paper.

SOUTHERN STATES MISSION.

Following is the report of the Southern States mission, made to President Willford Woodruff, by Elder Kimball:

Having finished my labors in the Southern States, I desire to make a written report, trusting that it will be satisfactory and meet with your approval.

The mission is in excellent condition, and in no other time since 1877 has there been as good an opportunity for proselyting. There are 126 efficient Elders laboring in the South, and they are the best qualified laborers the mission has ever had at any one time. There is not a sick Elder at present writing.

We find that about twelve per cent of the Elders are honorably released on account of sickness. Brethren over forty years old, in almost every instance are released on account of ill health before the two years expire, and we can only remember of one man of that age remaining that long.

The 126 Elders are laboring in 68 counties. During the three years that I have presided 98 counties have been systematically canvassed, from house to house, village to village, and city to city. Said counties are closed, for the present at least.

There are 1,150 counties in the twelve Southern States, with a population of between sixteen and seventeen million people. By a great deal of hard work we have ascertained that 371 counties have been labored in to some extent since 1877, and during that time 877 Elders have labored in the South. By this we conclude that not one-third of the people ever heard the Gospel.

The last quarterly report shows that we have a total of 1,859 members, twelve branches and six Sunday schools.

The following report will give an idea of the labors of the mission from Jan. 1st, 1894, to April 30th, 1894:

Pairs of Elders walked 42,194 miles. Meetings held, 897. Families visited, 16,576. Refused entertainment (one out of every five families), 3,211. Baptisms (will increase to 300 or 350 during the year), 71. Tracts distributed, 22,359. This will complete my report, and in conclusion I will state that I am one hundred fold rewarded for my labors, and thank you very much for the good counsel and many acts of kindness extended to me, all of which I appreciate.

Elder Elias S. Kimball, my successor, is now familiar with his duties. The mission's finance is all right and the debts all paid. At Chattanooga we have many influential friends, and find a most remarkable change in our favor.

Ever praying for your welfare and that of our brethren of the authorities, I remain,

Your brother in the Gospel, etc.,
J. G. KIMBALL.

MARCHING IN ARIZONA.

ST. GEORGE, Utah, June 16, 1894.—In our march through Arizona on the 3rd of December, 1846, the Mormon Battalion laid by. The guides said there were any amount of wild cattle