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The stars and the stripes with radiance glow  
In the light of our mountain homes;  
Here the blessings of union and freedom flow—  
Here the deserts like roses bloom.

All hail to the Fourth—the glorious Fourth;  
All hail to their memories dear,  
Who erected the standard of heavenly worth,  
That lifts its bold beacon here.

And here let it rise in the midst of the brave  
Who've escaped from oppression's rod;  
While our nation is digging fair freedom's grave,  
We are waving its banner abroad.

The goddess of peace and liberty dwells  
On high in the pure mountain skies,  
And waves her bright wand o'er these mountain dells,  
And here her bold eagle flies.

The rich Independence our noble sire  
Bequeathed as a boon from heaven,  
On the lap of their eastern sons expires,  
And its banner is almost riven.

But it lives—yes, it lives in these mountain vales,  
With the statesmen whose hearts are true;  
Where its spirit and power and peace prevail,  
With its justice and honor too.

The stars and the stripes may proudly wave  
As an emblem of LIBERTY dear,  
The patriot's hope—the reward of the brave,  
'Tis NO LIEBEL TO LAUD IT HERE.

Great Salt Lake City.

## REMARKS

By President DANIEL H. WELLS, Tabernacle,  
Sunday, June 17, 1860.

REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.

I rejoice in the privilege of meeting with the brethren and sisters, of meeting, I may say, with Saints, with those who have gathered out from the midst of the nations of the earth for the purpose of building up the kingdom of God upon the earth with persons from almost every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Actuated by a single motive, and that motive and that object the building up of the church and kingdom of God have this people gathered from among the nations, and from the Islands of the sea. Should it not rejoice our hearts to meet such characters? Should it not be a matter of pleasure to be associated with such a community, and to have a part and lot in the establishment of truth and righteousness upon the earth.

I feel to rejoice continually in connection with my brethren in this work in which we are all engaged. No matter what order of occupation we are in, it is all for this sole object—to establish righteousness and peace, and put down every species of wickedness. Our object is to establish a nucleus of power to protect and preserve righteous principles upon the earth, and the kingdom and government of the Almighty that shall never be thrown down.—This is the motive, and it is a great and glorious, and a noble enterprise, and its results will be pleasing, affording joy and peace in the Holy Ghost, and eventually, exaltation and eternal lives.

Our minds have been touched with the light of truth, the law of heaven, the Spirit of the living God; and we have been enabled to see a few things, and we have now come together that we may learn of those principles. This work and cause which we have espoused is no idle tale, but a living, stern and glorious reality. It was said by our Savior to the multitude, "What have ye come out to see, a reed shaken with the wind?"

We can answer that question in the negative. No, we have come for a great, grand and glorious purpose. We have many things in connection with this purpose to perform to unite our lives, resources and powers in the spreading abroad the truths of high heaven, the gathering of Israel, the redemption of Zion and the establishment of the principles of righteousness and peace upon the earth.

We have to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to seek to establish the principles of righteousness among men; to put down iniquity, stop the floods of wickedness and corruption that almost overflow the earth.

It is a strong current we have to stem; it is a warfare; we have to wage war against the powers of darkness, and sometimes it seems as though the floods were so great that it would overwhelm the Saints. It frequently appears as if there were no possibility of rising above it. But our past experience has shown us that the church and kingdom of God has risen above these things, and that it has continually increased and extended abroad, and it is still progressing, and will continue to prosper from this time forth and forever; from its commencement it has known no stopping place, neither will it ever.

We live in the generation of the world in

which the set time to gather Israel has come, to bring about and accomplish the purposes of God which must be brought about in the last days. The Lord has commenced to gather and organize his people that they may be more fully taught in the principles of eternal life. It is now too late for the people of the wicked nations to think that they can overcome it, as did the wicked in days gone by; for this never can be done. The work of God will roll forth in power, in might and strength, sweeping sin and wickedness from the earth, and the Lord will rule King of nations as he does now King of Saints.

This, brethren and sisters, is the work for which we are assembled together, and we have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing that we can travel hundreds of miles here without meeting with scarcely any except those who have embraced the gospel, and gathered to this Territory for the selfsame purpose that we ourselves have. The majority of the people in this extensive Territory have come for this cause, and with a desire to do right, and live the lives of Saints.

Is there wickedness here? Yes, there are those who have been born in this kingdom, that have dishonored themselves, some of them too that bear the names of those who were witnesses to the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, as well as others who bear the name of Prophets who are mentioned in that book. It pains my heart to see it, to hear children profaning the name of the Deity. How will we feel if we train up our children or permit them to live in this way?—in a way that they will become a disgrace to their parents? Is it an honor to be born in Zion? Is it a blessed privilege to be trained up under the genial influences of that spirit that leads to life and to an understanding of the principles thereof?—Is it not a blessing to be enabled to discover and put far from us the false traditions of our forefathers? If so, how much more the disgrace of that person who dishonors his parentage, and the church and kingdom of God, and that will also dishonor himself? Men do this to themselves, to the kingdom of God, the cause of truth and righteousness. But thanks be to our Father that the cause of truth and righteousness cannot suffer at the hands of the wicked, but Zion will rise and shine, and her greatness and glory will be seen, and in her strength, power and might, she will tread down every opposing foe. How should we feel in regard to our children and to training them up that they may not depart from the ways of righteousness and truth? Does it meet with the approbation of the Almighty when we neglect them? The Lord said to Abraham when he blessed him:—"I know that he will command his children after him."

If this was a reason for giving a blessing to Abraham, why should not every man who will live for it, get a similar blessing in this generation. And in this way man can become great and mighty in the kingdom of God, and be useful to the church of Christ.

Then let us pursue this course, that our children may honor us in their day and generation, that they may be an honor and an ornament in the church and kingdom of God, instead of being a disgrace to those they associate with.

Mothers have a great deal to do with this; their duties and responsibilities are great towards their children, and none need be idle in this kingdom for all can make themselves useful, no matter what their calling is.

There is everything needed in the kingdom of God, that is required for the establishment of any other kingdom, save wickedness, and that I suppose must abide until a righteous influence shall be raised broad enough and deep enough to wither and dry it up. Then let us labor to root up wickedness, and let righteousness prevail in the minds of the Saints.

These are my feelings and my desires, and I pray God to bless all with the light of his Holy Spirit to guide us in the path of virtue and rectitude, that we may be enabled to do right, walk humbly and obediently before our God, and continually do those things that shall be pleasing in his sight, that we may at all times have his smiles and approbation in my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

## REMARKS

By Elder ORSON HYDE, Tabernacle, April 22, 1860.

[REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.]

Brethren and sisters, having been called upon by br. Spencer to make a few remarks, I cheerfully comply.

We have been listening to many good and wholesome remarks from Bishop Edwin D. Woolley. He has given much good counsel and timely instruction this afternoon. In the morning we had good advice given to us by br. Woodruff, and I do think that we are a highly favored people.

We have the privilege of assembling here in peace and quietness, without anything to

disturb our happiness, and we can listen to the words of life that are given unto us, store up the truth, and adopt in our lives those principles that we learn from this stand. Considering our privileges, I think we cannot too highly appreciate them.

For my own part, I see nothing in our way, nothing that will prevent our progress in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I see no obstacle that should obstruct us in our career of working righteousness, and building up the kingdom of God.

In his goodness and mercy, our Heavenly Father has graciously moistened the earth with rain from heaven, and prepared it to send forth its fruits, and has admirably adapted it for the use and benefit of man the present season; and if we labor faithfully, we shall reap an abundant harvest.

I feel to acknowledge his hand for temporal as well as for spiritual blessings, for if we were to have the one without the other, we could not get along in this life so well as we do. The body needs to be supported as well as the spirit; in order that we may fill the measure of our creation, and return to our Father with the fruits of well doing, prepared to enter into his kingdom.

I thank the Lord for his goodness unto me, for I know that his general providences are marked with favor to them that fear his name, and live up to the law that he has given, magnifying the high callings whereunto they have been called.

For my own part I never experience any feelings of trouble concerning the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; the arrangement of her officers and the course they pursue; I say I have no feelings other than those that are good. It is all right with me; I have neither secret nor public sentiments only those that are correct, and that are in strict accordance with the sentiments and views of my brethren.

I believe, yes, I am satisfied that many who turn away from the faith, previously become cold and indifferent; they indulge in secret feelings against some of the regulations in the church. The apostasy of many might be traced to them allowing their secret prejudices to be aroused against the heads of the church, and in their feelings they have murmured, but probably did not let out immediately what was in them, simply because it was not popular. Still those feelings are written in the heart; they are encouraged to remain there, and what do they do? They corrode and canker the finest feelings of that heart that was once unsullied; they weaken the strength of the resolution that was once possessed, and they so far corrupt the mind that all such persons are obliged to speak out, and to act out those very feelings that have been suffered to corrode the mind and to dwell in the heart for many months. The safer plan is to throw off that influence when it first presents itself to our minds.

If we should be tempted then let us go to work in faith, nothing doubting, and ask God our Heavenly Father to pour the spirit of wisdom, soundness of judgment, integrity and righteousness upon us.

When we take this course, what shall we care who else may murmur? We can do our duty; we can give good advice to others, and that too without contaminating or affecting our own hearts; we can do that and be justified before God, and prevail with the heavens. Then when the answer comes to our petitions, it is a balm to our own souls, it is a blessing to all for whom it is intended.

These are safe grounds to tread upon, and are well calculated to lead us from the snares of the adversary, and to preserve us in the way of life. Perhaps I should not say wrong if I were to say that there are many who will meet the authorities of the church with a friendly and a brotherly smile, while they are indulging in feelings which they are ashamed to make manifest. If we carry about with us such views and feelings relative to our brethren we subject ourselves to become the devil's packhorses, and our backs will become sore, and we shall faint and fall under the load that he will place upon our shoulders. It is for us to trust in the living God, that his blessings may be upon our Elders, upon the people, and upon all they take in hand, that they may have wherewithal to sustain themselves.

What do we live for? To get dollars and cents? Those are very useful; the comforts of life are very agreeable; it is very convenient to have money to purchase what we need, and even if we sacrifice the comforts of this life to secure the blessings of that which is to come, we have then gained our point; we have gained everything. And remember that he and she, and all who do the will of our Father who is in heaven will reap the reward of the faithful, for Jesus says, "Whosoever doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my mother, my sister, my brother."

Again, there is another scripture which says something like this: "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." Hence all that

the Father hath promised unto the obedient shall be given unto him. Now, if all that the Father hath promised shall be given unto him that is faithful, to him that receives the kingdom as a little child, do you not see that by our unwavering steadfastness we gain the victory, we win the prize, we lay hold on eternal life, and enter into the celestial mansions of our Father?

This is the great object we have in view, and what, I ask, is left for those that do not receive the testimony of Jesus, if all is given to them that receive and obey it? Brethren, there is too much at stake for us to allow ourselves to have one unjust feeling, one uncharitable thought, or to indulge in that which might prevent us from becoming substantial heirs to the promised kingdom. If there were only dimes at stake, it would not matter so much, but as it is we have everything to lose or gain.

Now, brethren and sisters, I always take the liberty of testifying to the truth when I feel the most of the Spirit of the Lord in my heart, for it is then that I feel the best towards my brethren who preside over me, and if every one in this house were to speak their sentiments, they would speak the same thing. When we have the Spirit of the Lord, and give utterance to the convictions of our minds, and manifest that which we feel in our hearts, we all say the same thing.

If the Spirit of the Lord justifies, who is he that can condemn? We have nothing to fear. Let us all work to the line that is marked out for us, keep ourselves free from a murmuring and complaining spirit, be like little children that have no guile, no animosity, no hatred, and pray the Lord to give us all that we need to aid us in building up his kingdom, that we may fulfill our missions here, and be received into the bosom of our Father, which may God grant through Jesus Christ: Amen.

## TABERNACLE.

On Sunday morning, July 1st, President Brigham Young spoke on the subject of public worship, and of prayer in particular. Said that the tenacity with which mortals cling to life was not diminished by the fall of Adam. Reasoned on the great diversity of the minds of men, and the peculiarities of the Saints of God. In the Church of Christ there is but one faith, one repentance, one baptism, one method of laying on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and one method of building up the kingdom of God, and therefore our interests should be one in all things, for we are one family. Advised the brethren to use their faculties and powers of mind which God has endowed them with, for the spread of truth and the salvation of men.

At 2 o'clock p.m., President Heber C. Kimball preached on the practical duties of the Saints, the necessity of being subject to the law of God. Counseled the Elders to go to work and adorn their habitations, that they may be prepared to assist in building the city of Zion, and beautifying the earth to make it suitable for the righteous to dwell upon.

## The Richmond Convention.

Pursuant to adjournment and previous arrangements, the seceders met in convention at Richmond, on the 11th of June. Hon. John Irwin, of Alabama was chosen permanent president on report of the usual committee, with a vice-president and secretary from each State, New York excepted.

After the eloquent speeches by the temporary and permanent presidents, the adoption of a few resolutions, the convention adjourned till the 21st of June, for the purpose of enabling the delegates to attend the convention at Baltimore and take part in the proceedings there; the delegates from South Carolina being the only ones in favor of proceeding at once to nominate a candidate for the presidency without waiting to ascertain the result of the doings of the other convention, a measure that the more considerate thought best to adopt.

—The Ohio papers contain accounts of additional loss of life by the recent tornado. The whole number will not probably be less than one hundred and fifty, and the loss of property will amount to at least two millions of dollars.

—Fifteen hundred acres of watermelons have been planted in Driftwood Township, Jackson county, Indiana. It is calculated that these fifteen hundred acres will produce \$30,000 worth.