

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1895. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

DISCOURSE

Delivered at the Davis Stake Conference, Farmington, Saturday, September 21h, 1895, by

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOORUFF.

[REPORTED BY ARTHUR WINTER.]

How little we knew when we were boys and girls, and when we arrived to manhood and the Spirit of God led us into His faith in the revelations of God, and we to join the sectarian world, and so little we know what lay before us and the purposes of God concerning us. I can bear testimony to the truth of this discourse we listened to with awe and interest. We live in a very important day and generation. We are in the midst of important events of God, and we little realize it. We are early poor and manhood that were in our childhood had been preserved in the spirit world seven thousand years, to be sent to the flesh in the last days, to be called of God to build His vineyard and to build up His Church. Nevertheless, these are truths. The power of His love is the power of the Father to perform a work unless He has prepared a sinner to carry out this work. That is our condition as Latter-day Saints. In my youth I attended Sabbath school under Dr. Foster a great minister, but the very moment I began to read the scriptures and learn what was in them, that that very moment there was a spirit told me that I was a Latter-day Saint. I was in the New Testament, but not on the earth. I never learned a minister acknowledge the necessity of the works that followed the teachings of the Master and His Apostles. Nothing would make them any quicker than to tell them that these were the works of God and would be again established on the earth. The scriptures would be fully proved up on the ears of any one understanding them. I never heard of anything I frequently did in my early manhood. I felt that I could not join any church unless I could find some that taught those principles which I read of in the New Testament—a church that enjoyed the same gifts and blessings that the Savior and His Apostles possessed. That was not alone my condition, but it was the condition of many who lived in those days. As I have said, God had an element prepared, who were to be called to the Father in the flesh in the commencement of His

Church on the earth in this dispensation, and this element the Lord has gathered together in order to build up Zion, with the world and to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man. When George J. Cannon spoke this morning on the subject of revelation, When we have revelation it was not believed to have revelation; it was not believed in. They had the Bible, and they were waiting any more revelation. They were waiting for the Lord to reveal that there should be a church in any age of this world that he did not give revelation in the first dispensation. He said that he did not live twenty-four hours without revelation. It belongs to the Priesthood as it belongs to the Gospel of Christ.

Brother, I think it should be a temptation of the well-meaning. There was a people on the earth whom the Lord did reveal more anxious to tempt and to be deceived than the people of this dispensation. If anybody suppose that in the First Presidency and the Apostles and the Council of Israel are not kept informed, they are mistaken. They were tempted of the devil for forty days and nights, do you suppose he would not tempt them? He tempted them. We are all of us tempted and tried day by day. There is no people that are exempted. Lucifer, once at the head of the rebellion, is still leading his army dwelling in the valleys of the mountains. We will have to fight against this power of Satan. We will have to be right it is to reign, with the keys of dominion and build Zion and save a remnant here. In my reflections sometimes I think that the Lord has comprehended our position and the danger we are in through being continually deceived. He has seen that we are constantly laboring with us to draw away from our duties and from the commandments of the Lord. The God of Israel has said, I will be a Father to the fatherless. The President of this Church, holding the keys of the Gospel of Christ, wields the keys of the Kingdom of God and revelation. Can my testimony as these Apostles live without revelation? They would not fit it. I think that the Lord has given revelations of God, an answer acquainted with the Lord; I am someone who has seen the Father and the Holy Spirit, and I know that God lives. He Son Jesus Christ, and all the power of the eternal and everlasting Priesthood of God, and the keys of the Kingdom of God have got to be fulfilled.

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shall soon show them. I pray God that He will give us power as His servants and that we may be able to stand up before Him, that we may stand in the kingdom of God, for we have sinned. Amen.

Yacht Races.

YONK, Box Elder County, Utah,
Sept. 23rd, 1902.

To the Editor:

A few lines from our far away home, the home of the people is going, no sickness at this writing.

We have one of our respected officers, Mr. Chas. Rhyth, who goes back to his home, to his family. We wish Mr. Rhyth a pleasant trip.

Mr. John Rhyth and Theo. O. King ship from Kelso, to Chicago about 1000 sheep.

Mr. John Rhyth, accompanied the sheep in Chicago.

The Young Men's association has started to leave, with good prospects for a season.

Things are all well up. We wait the thrilling medicine to have a show, then, and then to the mill.

Patience is very quiet here just now. No more news.

Heavy frosts at night.

THE NEWS IS ALWAYS A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

WM. R.

Secretary Officers.

The meeting of the state officers of the Primary associations will be held at the residence of C. H. Pelt, 155 North First Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, immediately at the close of the afternoon session of Conference.

C. H. PELT, President.
MAY A. PELL, Secy.

Territorial W. S. A. Convention.

The annual Territorial convention of the Western States Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, will be held at the residence of George W. Pelt, in this city, on Monday, October 7, 1902, meetings commencing at 10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

The executive session will be an executive session devoted to business and it is earnestly desired and expected that the attendance of the auxiliary associations in the several counties should be good representation.

A formal invitation is extended to the general public to attend the convention.

E. R. WELLS, President.
NEDLUM LUTIN, Secy.

Notice to Bishops.

In consequence of the lateness will be undergoing repairs, no meeting will be held there on Sunday, the 29th inst.

The Bishops in the city will hold meetings Monday afternoon and evening in their respective wards as they have been directed to do.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR M. CANNON,
JOSEPH E. SMITH,
CHARLES W. FARRIS,
President of said Lake States of Zion.

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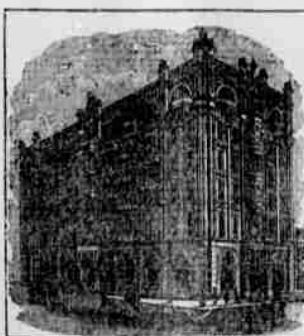
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