prophecy found in the last of the old scriptures, uttered by Malachi, that "I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." The hearts of the children are evidently turned towards their fathers and they are seeking all the names and history that they can gather pertaining to their ancestry. The Latter-day Saints recognize this as a special providence of God, because by this means the names of those who are dead are being gathered, so that the work can be done in these temples; so that their kindred or friends can be baptized for them, that their records can be found complete in the Lamb's Book of Life.

These means are being used by the Latter-day Saints to not only trace their own ancestry, but also to do the work for those who have no representative in the Church of Christ upon the earth. Great sums of money are being expended in these directions, and this work will go on, and while we do not expect to complete it before the dawn of the Millennium, which is; nearer than many of us anticipate, we do expect that in the thousand years of rest this work will constantly grow, and that buildings such as this Temple, and still greater, will be erected on the face of this land.

They will be filled with loving pos-terity, with children whose hearts are yearning for the salvation of their kindred dead. But what knowledge we have today we should utilize. We should not neglect the opportunities which we now have of laboring in these Temples. I know of many people among us who have received some information concerning their kindred; but they think the work is so slight that they are posponing it day after day, and some of us will die without having done this work which our kindred are expecting us to perform for them. Then. let mej ask yon, how will we appear before our dead ones? Shall we say to them we were so engrossed in business and in the things of life that we could not find time to do something for their re-demption and exaltation? I imagine we will feel then something at least of the tortures of hell; for the hell which I expect to inherit, if I sin, is the hell of duty neglected, of opportunities post-poned, and of failing to do things which niy concience tells me I ought to do.

Now I want to say in passing, to the Latter-day Saints, if you have only succeeded in obtaining the name of one of your loved ones who is dead, do not allow a day to pass, when the opportunity is given you, without doing this work for that one. I have no hesitation in saying that those who will seize upon the opportunities that are given them and will do the work for those whose names and genealogies they have, will find the way open before them and names will be given to them, either by human agencies or by the revelations of God to them directly. I know of numbers of instances that go to prove this I can only mention perhaps one. A man who had the names of seven of his dead, and who thought it of too small moment to make the trip to Manii to work for them in the Temple, (this Temple in Salt Lake was not completed then) was encouraged to go, and was these blessings which are held out to promised that if he went he would soon them, it pains me; indeed it pains me

find the way to obtain other names. Before he had completed the work for the seven he learned of a society in the east to whom he wrote and received immediately a book containing the names and the direct ancestry of more than three thousand of his kindred. Thus a work was opened up before him which he has not yet been able to accomplish. is the experience of many Latter-day Saints who have worked in the Temples. I fear that we are drawing away too much from these sacred ordinances and forgetting the dtties which we owe to the dead.

Another thing, which is of more serious consequence perhaps to us who are living, is the fact that we are fergetting the duties which we owe to oursel receiving our partners in life. We do not appreciate, it seems to me, the privilege of being sealed for time and eternity. What! family organizations in the other world? I imagine the startled feeling which takes possession of some people at the thought of family government behind the veil, and their minds will revert to the saying of the Savior, that in the resurrection there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage. But remember the people to whom speaking then; they did not believe in the resurrection. There is verily neither marrying nor giving in marriage in eternity, because such things must be done here. The power which Jesus bestowed upon Peter, that whatsoever he bound on earth should be bound in heaven, and whatsoever he loosed on earth should be loosed in heaven-that same power exists in the Church of Christ today, and men and women can be sealed here in the flesh and know that they are sealed for eternity as well as time. And there is no power that can separate them excepting their own unfaithful-ness. Women who think to escape their husbands, who are faithful men, and get away from them, are deceiving them-selves. They are sealed to their husbands for time and eternity; and while the courts of the land may separate them for time, the power is not conferred upon any human court to separate men and women in eternity. That power is held by God alone, or the man to whom He has delegated that authority. And the children will be bound to their fathers and mothers in eternity. The family organization will exist there. It exists here today. You know that God in heaven is our Father. He stands at the head of this human family. We are His offspring, and here we see exemplified the very experience through which we will pass We will some if we are faithful. be gods—gods of our own posterity, if we perform the duties required of us here and adopt the principles which will make us worthy to be united in eternity. But otherwise we will be as the angels of heaven, if we are worthy of such a blessing as being the angels of heaven. And who are they? They are ministering servants, exalted and pure though they are, to those who have received the greater and more sternal residents. eternal weight of glory
When I hear of young men and

women raised in this Church, who should have inherited the faith of the Gospel, who should have nursed it at their mothers' breasts, who should have it instilled into them from their earliest years-when I hear of them neglecting

sorely. I know this is the work of God. I know that He has established it nevermore to be overcome. Individuals may fall; our knees may tremble and falter; our faith may become dim; we may lose the testimony which we now possess; but this work of God cannot be overcome by any acts of ours, by our apos-tasy, by our failure to sustain it, or withdrawal of our membership in the Church. This work is destined to stand on the earth, and it will gather within it the good, the noble, the righteous and the holy of all people. There will and the noty of all people. There will be many who will not become members who will yet acknowledge the glory of Zion. This is not said in a boastful spirit, because I say to you this is not the work of man; and while weak, feeble men are used as the instruments for accomplishing God's purposes, the man who takes any glory to himself for the doing of any good stands upon dangerous ground and will certainly lose the taith, unless he puts from him that spirit of pride and self-exaltation. This work is destined to grow and increase in power, in majesty and in glory, until every soul upon the face of the earth who is honest has received the truth; and those who will not receive the truth will yet bow the knee to Him who shall be the King and the Lord, even Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the earth.

I say to every soul present today, if we cannot do as God has commanded us, let us at least encourage within our-selves the spirit to do some little good for ourselves and others, to be filled with charity and love for our families, and to be kind to the creatures that God has placed upon this, His earth. I hold that we have not the light to unnecessarily take life, even the life of the bumblest insect that crawls upon the ground. is illustrated in the lesson which Joseph Smith taught to one of the members of Zion's camp. There were rattlesnakes Zion's camp. There were fattlesnakes in the camp, and one of the brethren was about to kill them. Joseph withheld him. He said, "How do you expect enmity to cease between man and beast if men continually seek to kill the He said that if we would animals?" banish from our hearts this spirit to destroy and murder, the day would soon come when the lion and the lamb would come when the non and the lamb would lie down together, and the little child should play with the most venomous reptiles without harm. As if to verify his words, two or three days later, one of the brethern laid down to sleep upon the ground and when he awoke there laid between his arm and head a large rattlesnake coiled up, and though it was aroused it made no effort to strike, and they drove it quietly out of the camp.

You can see the power of kindness even among dumb brutes. We have no right to take that which we cannot give -life, except in cases where it is necessary for food. But I say to you, my brethren and sisters, and to myself, let us be diligent in the work of God. Let us be faithful in keeping the covenants which we have made with God. If we are, though we are weak and humble in life, the Lord will exalt us in eternity. And be sure of this, that if we tremble, if our faces blanch, if our knees shake, if our lips quiver, still the word of God is established upon the rock which can-not be shaken. God is its author, and it will stand. And if we cannot receive the full faith of the Gospel, let us still not put forth our hands to harm the work, but stand still and see the salva-tion of God. Amen.