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## MY KINGDOM.

A little kingdom I possess,  
Where thoughts and feelings dwell,  
And very hard the task I find  
Of governing it well;  
For passion tempts and troubles me.  
A wayward will misleads,  
And selfishness its shadow casts  
On all my words and deeds.

How can I learn to rule myself,  
To be the child I should,  
Honest and brave, and never tire  
Of trying to be good?  
How can I keep a sunny soul,  
To shine along life's way?  
How can I tune my little heart  
To sweetly sing all day?

Dear Father, hear me with the love  
That casteth out my fear;  
Teach me to lean on Thee and feel  
That Thou art very near;  
That no temptation is unseen,  
No childish grief too small,  
Since Thou, with patience infinite,  
Dost soothe and comfort all.

I do not ask for any crown  
But that which all may win;  
Nor try to conquer any world,  
Except the one within.  
Be Thou my guide, until I find,  
Led by a tender hand,  
Thy happy kingdom in myself,  
And dare to take command.

—Louisa A. Alcott.

## DISCOURSE,

Delivered by Apostle F. M. LYMAN,  
in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City,  
Sunday, January 13, 1889.

IT HAS been something over four years since I had the privilege of meeting and speaking with the Latter-day Saints under this roof, and partaking of the Sacrament. I do not know whether I shall be able to make you hear, as I am suffering from a cold on my lungs, and soreness of the throat; but possibly after speaking a little time, I may be able to talk so that you can hear me. It affords me great pleasure to meet with the Latter-day Saints, and to partake of the bread and water with them, in memory of the body and blood of Jesus Christ,

thereby witnessing that we fellowship one another, that we remember the Lord, and that we are willing to take upon us His name and keep the commandments which He has given. I presume the storm today, and perhaps the funeral that was held this morning, have prevented quite a number from being present here. In so great a city of the Saints as this, there ought to be Latter-day Saints enough come together to fill this house, to partake of the sacrament, on the Sabbath day.

There is no more sacred ordinance in the Gospel, although it is before us each Sabbath day; and no doubt many of the Latter-day Saints may look upon it as common. But it should be looked upon as uncommon and very important; and if you had been deprived of the privilege of meeting with the Saints and of partaking of the sacrament as I and many others have been, you would perhaps prize the privilege.

The Lord has commanded that we should meet often, and that we should partake of the sacrament in memory of His body and blood which was shed for our sins; and we cannot be too careful in preparing ourselves for this ordinance. I was reminded by the prayer that was offered just now, of the importance of thinking of the sacrament that we were about to partake of. The very prayer that was offered by our brother at the opening of this meeting should be the sentiment of every heart in coming to this house.

The mind of every Latter-day Saint, on the Sabbath day, should be turned toward the House of the Lord and the privilege that the Lord hath given us to partake of the sacrament. It should be the labor of our lives during each week so to keep the commandments of the Lord that we may eat and drink

on the Sabbath day worthily; that we may not eat and drink condemnation to our souls. It ought to be a witness among the Latter-day Saints when we eat and drink together, that we love one another, that we fellowship perfectly, that our hearts are free from every species of bitterness and ill-feeling, that we forgive one another, that we forgive all men as we would that God would forgive us. It should be a sure sign that could be relied upon by us, could be relied upon by men, that when the Saints of God eat and drink together they love one another, they remember God; and that they are not only willing to keep His commandments in the future, but it should be a testimony that they have kept His commandments in the past. For if we have not kept them in the past we are not worthy to eat and drink. The sentiment should be in the hearts of all Latter-day Saints that it is important for them upon the Sabbath day to meet together to worship the Lord, to manifest to one another, God and angels, that they remember the Savior, that they love Him, that they have honored Him in their lives and have not forgotten Him; and that they love one another; that they fellowship one another, and that they are true to one another. These are the sentiments that should be in the hearts of the Latter-day Saints; and if they are not there, then the Saints stand upon dangerous ground.

I know of nothing more alarming among the Latter-day Saints today than the fact that a great many of them do not properly prize their privileges of meeting together on the Sabbath day. What will our children think of their parents if they neglect these opportunities? What will children think of their parents who neglect their prayers? What will children think of their