

## Correspondence.

## CONTINUATION OF PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

EDITOR NEWS:

BEAVER.

Elder Geo. A. Smith.—You who live in Beaver and have not the privilege of hearing from the First Presidency and Twelve, may, by listening to the whisperings of the Spirit of God, make as great progress as those who are more highly favored. The faithful people of G. S. L. City have to associate with a people not so faithful, which has an influence upon them more or less. The gifts and blessings of the gospel are not confined to any particular class; but the humblest can receive revelation for his or her benefit and guidance, not for the guidance of the church, but for their own direction and those under their care. The prevalent idea in the world is that spiritual and temporal things are divorced; hence it is a common cause of complaint that we use holy days to speak to the people on temporalities, whereas we look upon it as eminently right and proper. The speaker reasoned on the connection that exists between things temporal and things spiritual, and that the revelations of God are for our direction both temporally and spiritually. The gospel includes all sciences and comprehends everything that relates to man's being or existence. The mind which is enlightened by the Spirit of God, is prepared to receive all truth, divested of forms and technicalities. We see this in our leaders. Joseph Smith showed us that he could grasp the principles of statesmanship superior to any other man. His mind was not clogged by technicalities; and so it is with President Young; not because he has studied particularly, but he has drunk in truth. Travel where you may in these mountains you see a prosperous and peaceful people, and this is the result of the wisdom which God has given to His servant Brigham. We have no need to narrow our minds down to the study of any special science; the wide field of truth is before us, and we can go on grasping one truth after another until we are redeemed and become like God. We can see a wisdom manifested in the organization of this people,—a wisdom that is beyond the power of mortals; and yet there are wiseacres who would condemn the wisdom of God. Contrast our condition to-day with our condition many years ago and the people with whom we were formerly acquainted, and ask if obedience to the constituted authority of God has not brought about the great prosperity we enjoy. If we still follow the counsels of the Priesthood, we shall progress from knowledge to knowledge until we are exalted in the presence of God. All that we have received, all that Joseph the prophet, Brigham the prophet, and the prophets and wise men of old received they obtained through obedience to the Priesthood of God.

Elder Woodruff dismissed the meeting until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon.  
Meeting opened by Elder Franklin D. Richards.

Elder Lorenzo Snow.—There are some who feel narrowed up and think that their sphere of action is not sufficiently extended. They want a wide range, and then they think they would feel more like magnifying their calling. Looking upon the subject in this light, we do not view it properly. The employments of the people of Beaver will be materially changed in years to come from what they are to-day, and every individual will in the future be placed in positions to suit their strongest desires and righteous ambition. If they are faithful, our business is to perform certain duties; and we are under the guidance of the servants of God in the performance of those duties; and while we are building houses, making farms, planting orchards, or doing any thing else, we are entitled to receive counsel through the Spirit and power of God. Zion will be thus built up and our salvation completed. We should do nothing that we cannot ask the blessing of God upon. No man would think of asking the Lord to preserve him in stealing his brother's goods, nor seek the blessing of God to be upon his wagon and team while he is hauling away his neighbors' wood. There are persons here who do not know whether their religion is true or not. They wonder what the priesthood of God has to do in dictating in temporal matters. We are building up a temporal kingdom, and that is the work assigned unto us. We are doing pretty well for children. The Lord is pleased with us as a

people, and this is a happy consideration. We are here to do the will of God. Do we know that God has redeemed us and gathered us to do His work? Do we live in the spirit of this work while we are trying to accomplish it? What we possess is of the Lord, because we have been blessed of Him in the obtaining what we have, and every thing around us should have written on it "holiness to the Lord," for he has given unto us all we possess. Mothers, train up your children in the faith of the gospel, and be true and good patterns to them; and let your character as true Saints be a sufficient recommendation to your daughters, that if it is said they are like their mothers it is all an Elder in Israel would want. Let us not by unfaithfulness lose all we have labored and toiled for. The word of the Lord to the people of the Saints is, "O my people, let the gold and silver alone." This is obeyed by the Saints, and is soul-cheering to reflect upon. What we get in the shape of riches, let us get in the name of the Lord, and be humble.

Elder F. D. Richards.—The great sound that called us out of the world was the word of the Lord calling us out of Babylon, lest we should partake of her sins and receive of her plagues. There is a possibility of becoming partakers of sin in Zion if we are not careful. When people are guilty of sin, and others sympathize with their iniquity, holding it in fellowship contrary to the manifest feelings of the priesthood, they partake of that sin to a greater or less extent. I have traveled in different parts of the earth, and among other places through the different little pocket kingdoms of Germany, some of them not much larger or hardly as large as the county of Beaver. Now, Prince John, of Beaver, by a little management, and by importing from abroad, could much improve the condition of this county of Beaver; and by importing machinery and raising and supplying the raw material, this place could soon reach that state of independence and self-sustenance that would raise them in the scale of greatness.

Elder Geo. A. Smith.—I wish to make a suggestion in relation to the sacrament. The prayer contained in the revelation given by the Lord on the subject, has the words "bless this wine;" and on the 200th page of the book of Doc. & Coy. He says, "that it mattereth not what ye shall drink, when ye partake of the Sacrament, if it so be that ye do it with an eye single to my glory." In the same section the Lord gives a commandment that His people shall not purchase wine, neither strong drink, of their enemies; therefore in blessing the Sacrament the Elders need not hesitate to ask the Lord simply to bless the water which we now use, until we can use wine of our own make.

I will take this opportunity of answering, once for all, many questions which have been asked me as to why the book entitled "Joseph the Prophet" is called in; it is called in simply because it contains many things that are not true, and this is considered sufficient reason for calling it in.

The speaker referred to the convention prices and the great good which had accrued to the citizens of the Territory from the action taken by that body; and pronounced blessings on the people of Beaver and other places that have not been particular to exact the convention prices of the poor brethren who have come up from "Dixie" to trade for bread, but have, when they have sold them a hundred weight of flour for \$12, given them another hundred; and promised adversity and chastisement to all those who had taken advantage of the necessities of their poor, struggling brethren in the South, and in their trades have exacted, under a plea of faithfulness to their covenants, the uttermost farthing, returning nothing.

Pres. B. Young spoke.

Song by Robert Parker, after which Pres. Young blessed the people and dismissed them.

TO FILLMORE.

Sep. 25th.

At an early hour this morning the company was on the road for Corn Creek, and arrived there about 4 p. m. Elders Benson and Snow continued their journey to Fillmore. After feeding our animals and refreshing ourselves Pres. Young determined to make Fillmore this evening, which we did about eight o'clock. Elders Woodruff, C. C. Rich, E. Snow, and Geo. A. Smith remained at Corn Creek and held meeting in a private house.

Fillmore, Sep. 26.

Meeting assembled at 10 a. m., and was opened by Elder L. Snow. Elder L. Snow.—We have received

the Holy Priesthood empowering us to preach the gospel to the children of men. The Priesthood holds the right of government; and every blessing that can be enjoyed is obtainable through obedience to it. Do we realize this? The people of Fillmore have done much in building up this country. We left our homes and the bloody hand of persecution, and we have followed, to a great extent, the counsel of our leaders. We have let the gold alone when we might have gone off and sought after the precious metals. This is a good thing, and I praise God every day for those who have done so. Let the sisters feel that they are above the fashions and follies of those women whose acts are an abomination to the Lord; you are the aristocracy of the world, and it is righteousness and the calling of God which gives us the power. I want to see the day when all of our sisters will scorn the idea of uniting themselves with men whose principles lead to death and hell, and when our brethren can hire men to work for them without the danger of bringing evil upon their families. As soon as the Saints reach that power and wisdom and independence of mind which will enable them to keep untarnished the golden principles they possess, the nations will come to us for guidance and instruction; but we will not lower ourselves by being contaminated with their low principles.

Elder F. D. Richards.—The day will come when the most bitter branches will be removed from the vine of the earth; and as the kingdom of God grows so will they be removed until those who work righteousness will exercise authority over the whole earth. They are the true aristocracy who keep their covenants with the Lord, and obey His commandments. Those who take the opposite course are the ones who will serve the Lord's appointed. "Ephraim is my first born," saith the Lord; and the wicked and the rebellious are not of Ephraim. Israel will be gathered together in the last days, and come to Zion to receive their crowns from Ephraim. We have every reason to rejoice that we are called upon to receive the gospel. It is an obligation resting upon us to live the requirements of the gospel, that we may become ennobled in the eyes of God and of all good men. They who turn from the ways of the Lord become objects of contempt and pity in the eyes of those who keep His commandments; and they will be disinherited and cut off from our Father's house. We are washed in the water of baptism that we may be made clean before the Lord and walk before Him as His sons and daughters. Let us set before our children an example that will implant in their minds the precepts and counsels of God, that they may be filled with the Holy Ghost and the power of God from their infancy. If we only keep a portion of the commandments of God, and suffer ourselves to find fault with His servants, and with many of the good laws and regulations of the kingdom of God, our children, before we know it, will take the liberty to turn away from the Lord and His commandments and be ultimately lost to us in the wickedness of the world. Let us, as the noble men and noble women of the Lord, maintain our position before the heavens by faithful lives, and a constant adherence to God, to His servants and to the institutions of His house.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.—It is very difficult for us to forget that we are not of the world. Yet there is a great distinction between those who have obeyed the truth and those who have not, though of the same race and nation. It is hard, it seems, to see that there is a wide gulf between us and the rest of mankind, and hence some make alliances with the gentile world. The servants of God are laboring continually to impress upon our minds that God has called us to be the noble men of the earth, and that we should maintain ourselves in this dignity which the Holy Priesthood gives us. There is no instance in the history of this church that any plot or scheme has prospered against this people. In every instance, signal failure has attended all the efforts of the enemies of truth. This ought to be an evidence to us that there is a great destiny before us, designed for us by the God of heaven. We cannot form the first conception of the glory and power and greatness which will be ours if we will continue in faithfulness before the Lord. The position occupied by our President now, if it had been shown to him when he embraced the gospel, would perhaps have been more than his mind could have grasped. His influence is greater than that seemingly enjoyed by any potentate on the earth. He is only a speci-

men of what we shall all enjoy through our faithfulness. We should so live that the light of the spirit of God will be with us continually.

Elder C. C. Rich.—I have seen the time I would have traveled far over the earth to see a prophet of God. When I heard of a prophet I made it my business to go where he was to be taught of the Lord. Here we have prophets and apostles traveling among us, and we should be diligent in treasuring up the principles of truth which they teach unto us. We are favored with the holy Priesthood, and we are called by it to administer righteousness upon the earth. If we do so we shall be satisfied with ourselves; if we take the opposite course we shall not have that satisfaction. Let us sanctify ourselves by adopting principles which the gospel offers to us, and be blessed by them; that which will bless us in this world will bless us in the world to come.

Elder E. T. Benson.—Could we but realize who we are, what a happy people we should be! But we have our weaknesses and dark moments, in consequence of the powers of darkness around us. If we could keep the gospel before us and be on our guard all the time, we would always be ready to say "Thy will be done, O Lord." There is no lack of power to bless us in the gospel, when we live as we should do. When we do right, we feel right; when we do wrong, we are dissatisfied with our brethren, and with ourselves. We have come here to be blessed and prospered through our diligence and economy and obeying the word of God. We should constantly reflect on what we are here for, and keep before our minds the great duties which our holy calling require of us, that the blessings of God may increase upon us.

Pres. Brigham Young spoke a short time, blessed the people in the name of the Lord and dismissed the meeting.

We parted with br. A. M. Lyman here.

The company started immediately for Round Valley, which place we reached about 6 p. m.

MEETING IN ROUND VALLEY.

At early candle light meeting assembled, which was opened by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Pres. B. Young gave an interesting discourse upon domestic economy.

Elder W. Woodruff.—The question may be asked, "What object has our President in visiting this people every year?" It is to prepare the Saints for the Lord to rule over them; and the devil is preparing the wicked for destruction. Look abroad and see the great events that have taken place since Joseph Smith was sent with the fullness of the gospel to the world. See the great change that has taken place in our nation. It is painful for us to reflect on the increase of crime. It seems that all civilization is departing from the world; but the Lord has said "I will rule over my Saints," and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. We can all see the necessity of the instructions which we receive from His servants, day by day. They are given to prepare us that the devil may not have dominion over us. A Latter-day Saint who lives his religion sees the kingdom of God going forth; he can understand the signs of the times, and will live by the principles that are taught unto us, and he will see the advantage of building up this kingdom. The wicked do not see this. They are not quickened by the same spirit which quickens you. The Spirit of God is withdrawn from them, and they are groping in darkness and are being prepared for the damnation of hell. They permit the devil to govern them, and they are given over to his power; but the Lord will take care of His Saints. We all expect to have an inheritance on this earth; then why not begin to improve the earth and make it beautiful, and sanctify ourselves and the earth? The Spirit of God is with us; the same Spirit that was in Abraham and in all the ancient fathers, to whom promises were made and from whom a royal seed has descended; we have the same Spirit in us, and a like work to perform. The speaker gave an account of Abraham's destroying the gods of his fathers, reasoning that as the Lord had sustained him in his righteousness, so would He sustain us in the performance of like works.

Elder E. T. Benson bore testimony to the truth of the principles that had been advanced, and exhorted the Saints to practice righteousness.

Moved by President Young, and unanimously carried, that this settlement be called "Scipio," instead of Round Valley.

The President dismissed the meeting