

faith undoubtedly we will possess, the more God will hear us, the nearer the heavens will draw to us, the more the heavens will be opened to us to hear our cries and to answer our petitions. And, as I have said, the day will come, if we obey the laws that God has given, that Zion will be redeemed and the adversary will not have power over us to tempt us and to try us and to afflict us as he does at the present time.

It may be thought I am enthusiastic in thus speaking, but I think I am not; I do not think I am the least enthusiastic on this point—that is more than I am warranted in being from that which God has said unto us as a people. I do not expect any salvation or redemption for Zion upon any other principle than this I speak of. I do not expect that Satan will be bound in any other way. Of course God will bring his power to bear; He will do it. God will have the glory of it, because it cannot be done by man. Man's power is insufficient to accomplish it. It must be done by man's obedience, by man's submission to God's law, by man's continually doing that which God commands him and requires of him, and in this way alone can it be brought about.

It may be said, as has been said, that the seed of the righteous shall multiply and increase in the land and possess the land. But supposing we do not marry, supposing we remain single, can that blessing be brought about? In our case, certainly not. It requires obedience to law on our part to bring about the fulfillment of that promise. We must marry as a people. Men must take wives. The daughters of Eve must marry the sons of Adam in order to bring about the fulfillment of that promise. But supposing this people were to refuse to marry, neither this prophecy nor promise could be fulfilled through them; it would have to be fulfilled through some other people. Obedience is necessary on the part of the people to bring about the fulfillment of this prediction, and so also respecting the binding of Satan. God bestows the gifts and graces of the Gospel according to their obedience, and it should be the aim of every man in this Church not to rest satisfied with his own condition until he has bowed in obedience to the laws of God. If a man had but one wife, and the Spirit of God moved upon him to take more than one, should he refuse to obey the promptings of God in that respect? Not to gratify lust, not to gratify any improper passion, but to obey the law of God, because if he did not obey that he could not receive the blessing. So with all the laws in this book which are yet unfulfilled. If there be a law that we have not fulfilled, it should be the aim of every individual in this Church to prepare himself to fulfill that law as fast as he can. I look upon this as an obligation devolving upon every man, woman and child in Zion; not upon the First Presidency alone, not upon the Twelve alone, not upon the Presidents of Stakes alone, not upon the High Councilors alone, but upon every man and every woman in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; going on from the first principles to perfection, carrying out in our lives all the laws that God has revealed to us, until Zion shall be fully redeemed, and the way be prepared for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is very wonderful to me what God has done and is doing with us as a people. When I look at this work; when I contemplate how the Prophet Joseph commenced it and how it has grown; when I see this immense congregation assembled here this morning, I cannot help thinking that if the Prophet had lived to behold such a scene, his heart would have been filled with gladness. There has been no word, no promise given unto us by the servants of God from the beginning that has not been thus far fulfilled, and the remainder will be fulfilled. God is carrying forward this work with an irresistible power, and those who will not obey the law of God will be left behind. This is an awful thought to me, there is something awful in the reflection. When I read the history of the Church and see the names of many men who have been prominent in it, I ask myself, where are those men to-day? Where is their posterity to-day? Men who in their day and generation were mighty in this work, who helped to establish it, who helped to spread it. And they have disappeared. Their names are lost from

among the Saints of God. Their families have disappeared—gone in to oblivion. When I think of it the thought is almost too awful to contemplate—the idea of being lost in connection with this work, this work in which all our hopes are centered, and which is dearer to us than life. Who is there among us to-day who has the Spirit of God who would not rather be taken out and shot on this public square than lose the spirit of this work, than be separated from the church and lost to all hope, all the promises, and all the glorious prospects of our salvation and redemption? Why, it is the most awful thought I can contemplate. The thought of it fills the soul with horror. But there is only one way in which we can remain connected with this Church, and that is by keeping step with it, by marching onward, obeying the counsel that God gives through His servants, and by being pure in all our thoughts, in all our words, and in all our actions. In no other way can any human being—however great his attainments, however great the blessings he may have received, however great the promises which have been given unto him—ever remain connected with this work.

Therefore, let us be obedient. Let us correct our lives if we are in fault. Let us repent of our sins and put them far from us. If we have sinned let us humble ourselves before God and in the very depths of humility ask forgiveness of our transgressions, and let us lay ourselves and all we have, everything that God has given to us, every faculty of our mind, every power of our body, everything that God has placed within our control, all the property and everything that he has placed in our stewardship—let us hold all subject to His will and to His counsel, willing to go, willing to come, willing to give, willing to withhold, willing to do everything that God requires of us with glad hearts, for in doing so we secure unto ourselves our salvation and exaltation.

My brethren and sisters, you who have tasted of this precious word of God; you whose souls have been filled with the Holy Ghost; you who have felt its joy, its peace, and the glorious feelings that it produces in the human heart—would you forego this for anything else upon the face of the earth? Would you exchange it for anything else? No, you would not? You have seen the time—every one of you who have had the Holy Ghost resting down upon you—when you have felt as though you would rather part with your lives than you would part with that spirit.

Well, now, be entreated of me, a humble servant of God, this morning, to repent of your sins and put them away from you; repent truly and sincerely of your follies, hardness of heart, rebellion, stubbornness—repent, I say, in the name of Jesus, and bow yourselves before Him and entreat Him for the outpourings of His Holy Spirit until your hearts are filled therewith and you have received a forgiveness of your sins. And then when you have done that, go forward, seeking diligently to comply with all the requirements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as it has been revealed unto us, until we shall be brought back into the presence of our God and be crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives, which I ask in behalf of all, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

### GENERAL ELECTION.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED AUGUST 6.

#### UINTAH COUNTY.

Furnished by Isaac Burton, Probate Judge:

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Probate Judge, two Selectmen, County Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Surveyor, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor and Collector, County Superintendent of District Schools, Justice of the Peace and Constable for Ashley Precinct.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

One Selectman, Justice of the Peace and Constable for Ashley and Brown's Park Precincts.

#### SEVIER COUNTY.

Furnished by John A. Helstrom, Esq., County Clerk:

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERM.

Probate Judge, one Selectman, Sheriff, Coroner, Assessor and Collector, County Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer, Surveyor, Prosecuting Attorney, Justice of the Peace and Constables for the Precincts of Richfield, Gooseberry, Annabona, Burville, Redfoot, Glenwood, Joseph, Salina and Vermilion.

##### FOR FULL TERM.

One Selectman, Justice of the Peace, and

Constables for Central, Monroe, Redmond and Willow Bend precincts.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Joseph C. Bertley, Esq., county clerk of Washington County, furnishes the following list of officers to be elected, omitted from his previous list:

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERM.

Assessor and Collector, Sheriff.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

County Superintendent of District Schools.

#### BOX ELDER COUNTY.

P. F. Madsen, Esq., County Clerk of Box Elder County, furnishes the following list of offices to be filled:

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Probate Judge, County Clerk, Recorder, Two Selectmen, Assessor and Collector, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Coroner, Justice of the Peace for Box Elder precinct.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

Treasurer, Surveyor, County Superintendent of District Schools, Justice of the Peace and Constable for Box Elder, Bear River, Carlew, Cal's Fort, Park Valley, Keltou, Malad, Mantua, Grouse Creek, Terrace, Promontory, Plymouth, Willard, Portage and Deweyville Precincts.

#### SANPETE COUNTY.

Furnished by Wm. K. Reid, Esq., County Clerk:

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Probate Judge, County Clerk, One Selectman, Assessor and Collector, Recorder, Prosecuting Attorney, Justices of the Peace and Constables for the following precincts: Pettit, Manti, Ephraim, Mount Pleasant, Wales, Fountain Green, Fayette, Gunnison, Moroni, Thistle, Mayfield and Fairview. Constable for Spring Precinct and Justice of the Peace for Chester precinct.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

One Selectman, Sheriff, Surveyor, County Superintendent of District Schools, Justices of the Peace and Constables for Winter Quarters Precinct, Justice of the Peace for Spring precinct.

#### IRON COUNTY.

Furnished by E. M. Anderson, County Registration Officer.

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Two Selectmen, Assessor and Collector, Coroner, Prosecuting Attorney, Surveyor, County Clerk, Justices of the Peace, Constables and two Justice Viewers for each of the following precincts: Parowan, Paragonah, Summit, Cedar City and Kanarra precincts.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

One Selectman, County Superintendent of District Schools.

#### PIUTE COUNTY.

Furnished by John Morrell, Deputy County Clerk.

##### FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Probate Judge, County Clerk, Assessor and Collector, Sheriff, Coroner, Prosecuting Attorney, One Selectman, Justices of the Peace and Constables for Circle Valley precincts.

##### FOR FULL TERMS.

One Selectman, County Superintendent of District Schools, Surveyor, Justices of the Peace and Constables for Wilmont, Fremont, Thurber and Green-wich precincts. For Bullion Precinct two Justices and one Constable.

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 1883.

#### ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

That for the purpose of holding Municipal Elections in the cities of Mendon, Cache County; Fairview, San Pete County; Springville, Utah County; Tootle and Grantville, Tootle County, for full terms; and the cities of Morgan, Morgan County; Richfield, Sevier County; Cedar City, Iron County; for unexpired terms; the Judges of Election appointed for each of the several precincts in which said cities are situated are authorized and directed to act as Judges of the municipal election, and are hereby constituted a board of canvassers of said election, and shall make returns thereof to the Secretary of the Territory, who is hereby authorized to issue certificates of election to the persons who appear by said returns to have been elected. The deputy Registrars for said precincts are hereby directed to post at the time provided by law, in three public places in said municipalities, a written or printed notice which shall designate the office or offices to be filled, and stating that the election will commence at—(designating the place for holding the polls) one hour after sunrise and continue until sunset on the 6th day of August, A.D. 1883. Dated—on this—day of—, A.D. 1883.

Registration Officer.

It is further ordered that the registry list as revised during the week commencing the first Monday

in June, 1883, and furnished to the Judges of elections for use at the general election shall be the basis of the said municipal election.

By order of the Commission.

ARTHUR L. THOMAS,  
Secretary of Utah Territory.

### THE EFFECTS OF CALUMNY.

Editor Desert News:

The recent editorial criticisms, on the outrage perpetrated upon the people of Utah, by parties who reside here, yet who never lose an opportunity to defame the character and intentions, of their neighbors; meets with the hearty approval of every well wisher of our prosperous Territory.

People from Utah, travelling, are often surprised at the character of the queries propounded to them; but should it be a matter of surprise, when we realize the fact that their exists in our midst a class who make it a daily practice to vilify and misrepresent the great majority of our citizens? who button hole the visitor, and pour into his ear, a stream of falsehood, the equal of which cannot be found elsewhere? who through a venal press, scatter to the four winds, statements that are simply horrible in the extreme.

It certainly speaks well for the law-abiding proclivities and forbearance of the people, that these men go unwhipped of justice, and unpunished for the perpetration of the vilest of crimes. But do we not go a little too far in the way of forbearance? and is it not too much that we be asked to kiss the hand that spurns us, or respect the individual who so maligns us?

These interviews and statements, written and verbal, are the medium through which the world at large obtain very much of their information relative to Utah, and their effects are far-reaching. To illustrate, this point, a few years ago a young man in every way worthy and honorable, born and reared in our midst, was cruelly murdered while on a mission in the State of Georgia. But is it generally known and understood that a series of articles written by a Presbyterian school teacher, then and now a resident of this city, to a Boston educational journal, were among the chief incentives to the perpetration of that terrible deed? That the misstatements contained therein, relative to our condition socially and otherwise, nerved the arm that fired the fatal shot, and formed the basis of argument in the plea of counsel, in extenuation of the murder? Not only is it true of this particular case, but the persons and lives of many of our very best citizens, abroad, engaged in a labor of love, are continually jeopardized, by these infamous statements.

Having had some little experience in visiting portions of the world outside of Utah, I am prepared to assert, from a personal knowledge, that the principal opposition to be met, and animosity overcome, have their incentives here in our own midst, it is fed and kept alive by falsehood, furnished by those who know better, and by those who ask business and social recognition at our hands, men that we meet, and pass the compliments of the day with, continually upon our streets. They may not number many, but what of the great number who stand idly by, and by silence give consent to the wholesale slander of the people? Is there a man of them, who dares to say aught in defense of the traduced character of the fair daughters of our community, than whom, in all this broad land, there are none, nobler, purer or more virtuous, in thought or deed?

Has there not almost come a time when forbearance ceases to be a virtue? When these curs that snarl and yelp at their betters, should be kicked off the side walk, or shall we have to wait until the refuge of lies is swept away? CITIZEN.

### PAROWAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of this Stake was held in Parowan, June 23d and 24th, 1883.

Present on the stand: Presidents John Taylor, George Q. Cannon, Apostles Erastus Snow, F. M. Lyman; Stake Presidents Thomas J. Jones, J. D. T. McAllister, John R. Murdock and J. W. Crosby; High Councilors and a full representation of the Bishops of the Parowan Stake and visiting brethren from St. George, Panguitch, Beaver and the neighboring settlements,

including Patriarchs, Presidents of Seventies, reporters, etc. Opening exercises.

President John Taylor referred to the magnitude of the work of the Lord, building of Temples, and the general feeling in the midst of the Saints, to serve the Lord and keep His commandments.

The Wards were reported by the Bishops.

Elder F. M. Lyman spoke upon the performance of duties, paying of tithes, attending to prayers, providing for the poor, and putting away the spirit of fault finding and grumbling; to be honest, virtuous, contented and happy, striving at all times to serve the Lord and keep His commandments.

President John R. Murdock spoke of the restoration of the Gospel, and the objects God had in placing us upon the earth.

2 p. m.

The speakers were Wm. H. Dame, George Reynolds, Jacob Gates, J. D. T. McAllister and President John Taylor; and the subjects spoken on were the power of the Priesthood, value of the Scriptures, gathering of Israel; restoration of the Gospel, and Constitutional rights.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

By request of President Taylor, Christ's sermon on the Mount was read by Brother Geo. Reynolds.

President Taylor then made some remarks in regard to God's house being a house of order. Referred to many points of doctrine in the sermon just read, and spoke of the anointing of oil, administering to the sick, duties of Presidents of Stakes, Bishops of Wards and leading men of Israel in regard to purifying the Church of Christ. Referring to evils that exist in the midst of the Saints, admonishing all to purify themselves, and serve the Lord and all would be well with them.

2 p. m.

The General and Local Authorities were presented and sustained.

Owing to ill health, Bishop W. W. Roundy, of Kanarra Ward, was honorably released, and Wm. P. Willis appointed Bishop of said Ward.

President Geo. Q. Cannon spoke of the great necessity of the Priesthood of God upon the earth. Benefits from reading the Scriptures. The natural inclinations of mankind to be rebellious, and the necessity of humility and obedience and purity of life.

Elder Erastus Snow spoke on self-government, celestial marriage, etc., the power of God that accompanies His servants upon the earth.

Home missionaries were presented and sustained.

President Theo. J. Lewis felt thankful for the visit of the brethren to our Conference, and trusted the Saints would remember the instructions they had received and apply them to practice.

The singing and music during the Conference by Brother Thomas Durham and choir added greatly to the enjoyment of the Saints assembled.

WM. H. HOLYOAK,  
Stake Clerk.

### A Louisville Reporter at a Wedding.

Miss A. needs not the candor of a friendly pen to sing her praise. The beauty of her face but glasses the beauty of her character. Her winning personality, the graces of her Christian training, the individuality of her presence, and her intellectual worth, combine the many virtues that have made her womanhood characteristic and her friends a great multitude that no man can number. With none of the frivolity of girlhood, and with all its winsome arguments, she has strung her heart as golden coins upon an amulet, making them only more precious in the environment. Those who came as witnesses to her troth were but videttes—honest and hearty in their welcome withal—of the army of friends who fling after her the metaphorical slipper and its attendant shower of frank good wishes.—*Courier Journal.*

### It Seems to Satisfy.

A family want, and I wonder how we ever got along without Parker's Ginger Tonic. It cured me of nervous prostration, and I have used it since for all sorts of complaints in our family. Mrs. Jince, Albany.

Nerves, brain, and muscles gain strength and the power of endurance by using Brown's Iron Bitters.