

Poetry.

"HOW IS GOLD TO-DAY?"

There was a time when if we met
A friend upon the street,
He talked on common themes—the war,
The cold, or else the heat,
And took an interest in one's health;
That time has passed away;
Now, no one asks us how we do,
But, "How is gold to-day?"

These words pervade the atmosphere;
At weddings, funerals, balls,
No matter where; upon your ear
The anxious question falls.
You go to see the girl you love,
To drive your cares away;
You kiss, and then she sweetly says:
"Oh! How is gold to-day?"

If gold is up, or gold is down,
What good for me to know?
There is no jingle in my purse,
My funds are *statu quo*;
And so I hate the endless cry,
And long to soar away
To lands of peace where no one asks,
"Well, How is gold to-day?"
—N. Y. Post.

CHILDHOOD.

How pure the unsuspecting mind
In childhood's brief and sinless hour,
Our hopes and wishes—unconfined,
Our hearts beguiled with pleasure's power,
Our dreams of sweet unceasing bliss—
Ah! how delusive; fatal dreams;
Why mock ye such a world as this,
With luring hope's entrancing beams.

Childhood! what thoughts thy memories start;
At thy pure name! affection springs
From out the chamber of the heart—
And 'round remembrance of thee clings,
Thy bosom spotless as the snow!
That crowns the mountain summit—high,
Fair, on thy cheek—the roses glow—
How can such beauty fade and die?

Dream'd not we then thy hour so brief,
Nor e'er that life had ills and woes;
A parent's frown awoke our grief,
And childhood's anguish knew no throes.
Each morn the future open'd bright,
And pleasure smil'd with laughing eye,
Deeply we drank with fond delight
And whil'd the mirthful moments by.

Manhood to thee—oft turns to view
Again the scenes to memory dear,
And ah! how vain would he renew
The records of thy happy year,
Yes, when thy tongue mov'd but with truth,
Disdaining falsehoods subtle part,
With all the purity of youth—
And sincere fervor of thy heart.

Childhood—thou transient morn of life
The immortal taste of heaven—on earth
Unmix'd with care, unknown to strife,
Sweet cup of infant joys and mirth.
Oh! may our hearts—spotless like thine
Be found when God shall call this breath,
And worthy counted there to dine,
Where childhood never tastes of death.

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REMARKS.

By Pres. HENRY C. KIMBALL, April 31, 1865.

[REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.]

It is sometime since I have occupied much time in this stand. I want you brethren, sisters and friends, and all that live to understand, that the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the kingdom of God is the same to-day as it was thirty years ago.

I think it is twenty-seven or twenty-eight years since I came into this church. My friends and relatives said it would come to naught probably in about a year. I told them it was a church and kingdom which God had set up, and it never would come to naught. And I say to-day, it never will be overcome worlds without end. I know this just as well as I know I see you to-day. I knew it when I first became a member of this church, but not so well as I do to-day. All the nations upon this earth will crumble back to their mother earth, but this church will stand forever; so you may set your hearts at rest upon that point.

Things are as we see them to prove our integrity towards God and His cause. For everything that can be shaken and overthrown will not stand, and that which cannot be shaken will remain. And those who stand will be like the gleaning of grapes after the vintage is done. So it will be with this people. It mattereth not what takes place, for it cannot effect the truth, but makes it shine brighter and brighter in the eyes of those who cleave to it, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Most High, and laid the foundation of this great work, and established the Holy Priesthood upon the earth, and

God gave many revelations through him for our guidance. He said many a time while he was living, "I am laying the foundation, and you Br. Brigham, and your brethren the Twelve Apostles with those who are connected with you in the Holy Priesthood, will rear a great and mighty fabric upon it; you will bear off the kingdom." And so it will be. Wicked men, and wicked spirits may bring into requisition all the wisdom and cunning they possess to devise plans to overthrow this kingdom, but all their deep laid plots will fail. They cannot do a thing to hinder the progress of this work, but everything they do will promote it, and bring it more and more into notice from this time henceforth and forever. I know it. And all hell cannot prevail against it. For Jesus says, "And upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it." It is the same church that He established in His day which He has renewed unto us, with the same priesthood, and the same authority, and the Lord God will back up this kingdom and cause it to spread like a thrifty plant, and bring about his great purposes by the hands of those who cleave to it.

You may think me too absolute in my language. But how can I be too positive in that which I know? Were I to say, I know you are in this tabernacle, would any language be too absolute? Just as certainly do I know that this work is true and cannot be overthrown by the world; although they may seek to kill and destroy, and persecute the saints of God to the death, they never will prevail against it.

It would be well for every one of us to live the religion we profess, and let our light so shine that others may see our good works and be led to honor the Lord, and do unto one another, as we would wish others to do unto us; and stick to the faith and principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul says in his Epistle to the Hebrews, "Therefore (not) leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith towards God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection from the dead, and of eternal judgment. But let us go on unto perfection keeping our covenants and vows we have made with each other, with our God, and with the holy angels, and then we shall be blessed all the day long.

When a man backslides and loses the spirit of the gospel it is a hard case for that man to redeem himself, and gain the communion with his God, with angels, and with the Holy Ghost which he had in the beginning. Therefore continue in the faith progressing from grace to grace unto perfection. This is my exhortation and teaching unto you who profess the faith of Jesus Christ. Let us live our religion, repent and forsake all our sins, lie not, deceive not, steal not.

There is not a horse, ox, cow, sheep or anything else that is stolen in this Territory, but what it is said the Mormons have done it. Though, doubtless, there are men who profess to be Latter-day Saints that are thieves. And as I said the other day to a person while talking on this matter, if a man will steal from a Gentile he will steal from me, and vice versa. An honest man will be honest with all men.

This is the religion I have believed and practised ever since I have been a member of this church, and before I embraced any religious profession I was taught this by my mother and teachers. For I came from a Christian country, from old Vermont, and they are all Christians there of course; how can those of the New England States be otherwise who have held up so nobly for their Christianity. They are much extolled for their righteousness. I was there taught to be righteous, and I used to say like many others there, it was pretty hard for a man to be a righteous man and get any property, for they in that country were a pack of knaves who would take the teeth out of your head if you did not keep your mouth shut. That was the kind of Christianity I was brought up amongst, and I came to these mountains to get among a people that worship the Lord God in spirit and in truth.

Then armies, merchants, gamblers, the scum of the Eastern States followed upon our trail, but this is no excuse for me to do wrong and be unrighteous. If the strangers who are passing through to California wish to trade with me I will deal as righteously with them as with my brethren. This kind of religion I have practised from my youth up.

As for the emigration this year that is passing through our country to California, let me tell you they are pretty fine fellows; they are as civil a set of

men as I ever saw pass through these mountains; they mind their own business, they are not damning everybody, and swearing they will kill the first Mormon they come across. Why is this? I expect all those kind of characters came with the army, and all the rest are civil men traveling west to find riches. May God bless them and help them to do right. There is not one of them but what will be blessed in doing unto others as they wish others to do unto them.

Would there be any trouble in this world if all would take that course? Would there be any war, mobs, confusion, desolation, poverty and distress as you now see it in the United States, and in the old countries? One half of the population of the world is starving for the want of the actual necessities of life, while the other is living in pomp and splendor, and extravagance, still we all come from the one Father and God. It is astonishing to see the wrangling and confusion of this world. I came here with my brethren to get rid of fighting and contention. I have been driven five times, and tamely submitted to be robbed of my home, and possessions. I have but two articles now which I had when I was first married, except my wife, one is a tea-canister of my own making, of brown earthenware, and the other is a chest made by President Brigham Young.

God bless you, peace be with you brethren and sisters, and with all the righteous wherever they be, in this church or out of it, it mattereth not to me, for I love a good and virtuous man of whatever profession, who will do to me as he would wish me to do by him. Even so Amen.

REMARKS

By Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON, Tabernacle, G. S. L. City, March 19, 1865.

[REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.]

A number of excellent remarks have been made to-day in our hearing by the brethren who have spoken, which remarks have been borne testimony to in our hearts by the spirit of God which has accompanied them to us. The Elders testify to the truth of the principles that we have embraced, and to speak upon them is as delightful a treat as we can have. There is nothing more delightful, to the human mind properly constituted, than to listen to the words of life and salvation spoken under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; they are sweeter than the sweetest honey, and more satisfying than the best and most nutritious food, because they fill our spirits with joy and gladness, and we feel benefited and refreshed and strengthened by them, and then we occupy a closer relationship to our Father and God than before hearing His word. These are my feelings to-day, and they always have been whenever I have attended a meeting where the spirit of God has prevailed.

A remark was made to-day which called up some reflections in my mind respecting us as a people. The speaker said that we were called illiterate and uneducated, and that we were despised because of our ignorance—because of the class of society from which the mass of us have been gathered. This doubtless is the feeling that is entertained in many parts respecting the Latter-day Saints. The remark brought into my mind a number of reflections respecting the position that Jesus occupied—that Jesus who is at the present time acknowledged, by all Christians at least, to be the greatest Being that ever trod the footstool of the Almighty. I thought of His lowly position, humble and obscure birth, and the surroundings He was brought up under, how He must have been despised by those who knew Him when they heard the declarations which He made respecting His relationship to God our Father in heaven, and when they saw the men who had been appointed by Him to proclaim the gospel of salvation to the people, and also those associated with Him. But now, as I have already stated, there is no doubt in the minds of those who profess to be Christians that this same Jesus is the Son of God, the Creator of the world—that by Him and through Him all things were and are created, and that unto Him we owe the salvation we have all received, and which we will eventually receive when we attain to the fulness of the glory promised unto us. It is not always they who are called from the humblest classes who are the most illiterate in the true sense of the word, at least it is not the case with us as a people, nor with any people who have ever been called to the knowledge of the gospel, or upon whom He has bestowed the power to administer the laws of salvation.

I reflect with great pleasure upon the

prospects before us, and upon the past history of our people, and the wisdom God has given unto His servants, and to this people to establish His truth, and to proclaim it unto the inhabitants of the earth, to accomplish His purposes in building up the kingdom. He has so long promised He would establish in the latter times no more to be thrown down. When we see how God made choice of His servant Joseph, and brought him from obscurity and from the midst of ignorance, and bestowed upon him the wisdom of eternity, how He trained him in that knowledge which is necessary, both temporal and spiritual, to enable him to organize this great people—I call us a great people, not because of our numbers, but because of our prospects, our power and our organization—He gave him wisdom necessary to organize His kingdom upon permanent principles, that it might grow like a seed planted in good ground—small in the beginning, but germinating and growing until it becomes a great and mighty tree. It was by means of the wisdom God gave unto Joseph Smith that he was enabled to organize the kingdom of God upon the earth out of the contending, conflicting elements in Babylon, upon principles that will cause it to increase until it shall spread over the whole earth. He not only gave this wisdom to His prophet Joseph; but He has also given it to His prophet Brigham, whom He has endowed with power and wisdom to take hold of His work where Joseph left it when he passed beyond the veil, and carrying it forward until, in the eyes of all observing and thinking men, it is the greatest wonder of the present age.

It is a wonder that when all nations of the earth are full of contention, strife and disunion, when they are warring in deadly strife one against another, when they have not the power to cement themselves together, that there has been one man in the midst of the nations who has had such controlling influence that people have been gathered together from every nation, creed and church, speaking a great variety of languages—men and women trained under different influences, circumstances and habits. It is a wonder to see them collected as this people are to-day, to see them united and dwelling in peace, to see them governed by the slightest whisper of him God has appointed to preside, to see every obstruction moved from the path of the onward progress of the kingdom of God; not only this, but to see this wisdom developing itself through all the ramifications of that kingdom, to see it filling the breasts of those occupying the various offices in the Church—to see Bishops, Bishop's Counselors, Presidents and President's Counselors, Apostles, High Priests, Seventies, Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons filling the various offices assigned unto them to perform; though the same knowledge fills them to a lesser extent, still that spirit and that power are increasing in them which give promise unto them that the organization with which they are connected will become great and mighty and overwhelming in the midst of the earth.

We are called uneducated, illiterate, but there is a wisdom which is being developed in the midst of this people, and they are being trained in those principles, that will make them great and mighty before God and man. We can see this now, but, with the eye of faith, we can see much more in the future, when the nations will seek for that wisdom which is alone in the possession of this people—a wisdom that will save them from the calamities and the evils that are coming upon them. It is not far distant. It will not be very long before men will seek to be taught of this people the principles that pertain to this and the next world. Though they now pretend to despise them, that knowledge is nevertheless in the midst of this people alone. They understand the principles that will save men, not only men individually but as nations and communities, from the evils with which they are threatened here and hereafter. They have been obtained by us in the same manner in which they were obtained by Jesus Christ, by Peter, and by those associated with him, they have been obtained by the knowledge, and light, and intelligence of heaven bestowed on men in answer to prayer and faith properly exercised. There is something very delightful and consoling in the reflection that men and women, no matter how ignorant, if they become acquainted with the principles of the gospel, they will become wise unto salvation and be elevated and be developed and continue to increase in everything that is great and desirable before God and man. We see this promise, which the gospel holds out to us, being fulfilled.