

I ask again, what great number of important people among the Latter-day Saints have broken up their faith during the last five or six years? You take the same length of time in the early part of the history of the Church, or from the time when the Quorum of the Twelve were first chosen, from 1835 up to 1840; one-half of that Quorum turned away from the truth and were found arrayed with the enemies of the Prophet. A great portion of the people also turned away at the same time, and at different times; and so they have done all along up to the present. If such a spectacle had been presented to us during the last six years, would not the Latter-day Saints have been astonished? If half of the Quorum of the Twelve had fallen off, if half of the High Council had fallen off, would it not have startled the Stakes of Zion? If half of the High Council of any Stake, or half of the High Priests' Quorum had turned and fallen away from the truth, would not that Stake have been startled to witness anything of that kind?

We were startled when one of the Quorum of the Twelve had to be cut off from the Church. It startled the people generally, to think that an Apostle could fall because of his sin; and there has, perhaps, been a Bishop or two much in the same line. But has any one of these—taking the Apostle and those others who have fallen because of their sins during the last five or six years—turned away from his faith in the Gospel? They have fallen because of their transgression; but have they not held to the faith? Think of them now; count them on your fingers, and find where the men are who have turned bitter against the work of God, although they have fallen through their transgression. The Gospel had been so planted in their hearts, before their sin and transgression, that they could not and do not grow away from it. Although caught in their transgressions and cast out of the Church, from that time to this moment they have plead for mercy, and desired to return to the fold, knowing this was the Kingdom of God. These are the facts in the case.

Then have we any occasion to be troubled? No. Even though some may have fallen and many more should turn away from the truth and deny the Lord who bought them with His own precious blood, it ought not to shake us. Because

the Lord has arranged to establish each individual man, and He has done it; and I testify to you that God has established His people individually and made them secure. He has done it through all these years; for we have had experience of this in that the Gospel has found its way with us into Europe, and Great Britain, and different parts of the United States, and among the islands of the sea. We have had experience there in the gathering in of the Saints; we have come here and we have partaken of the spirit of the Gospel, a little here and a little there; and all the experience and vicissitudes through which the Church has passed, have tended to establish the people, although they have been engrossed in every kind of business, merchandising, trading, farming, and the like. Yet they have prayed and labored, and the Lord has taken hold of them and made them secure, and planted their feet so that they shall not be destroyed, and made them fast in the land. And they will remain. They are not to be broken or divided, or scattered abroad; but are to remain as the Church and Kingdom of God upon the earth.

Then, Latter-day Saints who are here today, let us take courage, and let us encourage all others we possibly can, meet them where we may, either at home or abroad, in liberty or in prison; wherever we are, let every man be a laborer for the salvation of men; and if a man enjoys the spirit of his calling to the Priesthood which God has conferred upon him, put him where you may—if there are intelligences he will work wonders with them. He will be laboring and studying for their salvation, feeling after their hearts, and working for their good; for it is the office of the Priesthood and the calling of God's chosen servants, to be the saviors of men and to be laboring for them, be they where you please. I pray that the Lord may sustain you and this Church, and that we may be devoted and faithful to one another—true to the obligations we have taken upon ourselves in the House of the Lord; that we may not shrink nor be cowardly; but that we may value the obligations that are upon us, and be true to the Lord, even to the laying down of our lives.

Not many of us will have to do this—only a few. We shall all have to die, but not by violence; we shall all die in due time, and it is not a very serious ordeal. When death

comes in and relieves us of our sorrows, troubles, sighings and tears in this life, it comes in gratefully many times; perhaps more times than we can appreciate. But we ought to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in death as we do in the birth.

I have been brought to understand and to feel in my very heart, that it is a much more serious thing to be born than it is to die; for at our birth we come into a world that is full of sorrow and trouble and trial and tribulation and difficulties of every variety and kind. But when we have been faithful through this life, and death comes to us, we ought to be grateful to God—we ought to be thankful that our labor is finished and we have kept the faith, for we rest in peace and are relieved of all sorrows and trials for the future.

God bless you, my brethren and sisters, that we may be constant day by day, faithful to the last, and that we may be saved and exalted in the Celestial Kingdom. Amen.

The response from the congregation was scarcely audible, and Apostle Lyman turned again to the stand and said:

"I wonder that you Latter-day Saints do not say 'Amen,' with more vehemence, after the way in which I have worked and labored for you. I wonder that you Latter-day Saints have not power and energy enough after I have been speaking for God for you today, to do this. Brethren and sisters, you ought to be all willing to say 'Amen,' if you believe the doctrines and the testimonies which have been taught you. We should surely be able to teach one another to say at the close of the speaker's remarks, 'Amen.' If you believe the doctrines I have taught you today, and the counsels which have been given you, I say, let every man and woman here say 'Amen.'"

The congregation responded with a loud "Amen."

Apostle Lyman—Now, that is pretty good; don't forget it.

A "cable anchor" for stopping boats has been successfully tried on the Seine. The apparatus consists of a cable having on it a series of canvas cones, which open by the action of the water and close when drawn the usual way. A steamer running thirteen knots was stopped in thirteen seconds, and in a space of from twenty to thirty feet, by this arrangement.