

States! God bless you, Thomas, you shall become a sound man, and be a comfort to us in our old age.

Well, I have no feelings in me against any one, not against br. Marsh, but I feel to bless him with the blessings of God, with the blessings of the earth from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet, for this is my calling, and I do not feel to curse. But as for our enemies, they have cursed themselves with all the curses they can bear and the cursings that are on them they never can get off, neither can those who sustain them. The church and kingdom to which we belong will become the kingdom of our God and his Christ and br. Brigham Young will become President of the United States.

[Voices responded, 'Amen!']

And I tell you he will be something more, but we do not now want to give him the name, but he is called and ordained to a far greater station than that, and he is fore ordained to take that station and he has got it, and I am Vice-President and br. Wells is the Secretary of the Interior, yes, and of all the armies in the flesh.

You don't believe that, but I can tell you it is one of the smallest things that I can think of. You may think that I am joking, but I am perfectly willing that br. Long should write every word of it, for I can see it just as naturally as I see the earth and the productions thereof.

Let us live our religion, serve our God, be good and kind one to another, cease all those contentions in your houses and live in peace.

Sisters, if you have got husbands, nourish them and cherish them, for they have got an almighty work to do; they have enough to do to lay up the comforts of life, and you wives are the women to nourish them that nourish you, for they feed you and clothe you and give you every mouthful that you eat and drink, and they have brought you to these valleys of the mountains, that you might see the sons of Jacob become a mighty host. Good heavens! you may yet see the day when the sons of Jacob will be ten times thicker than they now are, and I know it will be so.

We will build up Jackson county and I am going to tell them of it, with your consent, br. Brigham, and if you do not find any fault with it, I do not know that anybody else has a right to.

Sisters, love your husbands and encourage them to listen to their file leaders and to their officers pertaining to this church, for this is their calling, and not to sit down and cry, snuffle and find fault with their leaders and the other authorities in the church, for there is where so many go over the dam.

Br. Thomas has learned that this won't do; he has said he got mad with br. Joseph and then he got mad with br. Brigham and me because we did not get mad also, like him; the truth was, we were so busy we had no time to get mad. It was nothing to us what br. Joseph did and it is just so with you, it is none of your business what br. Brigham does, though you all know that he would not do anything wrong. Why, bless you, br. Brigham would dieten thousand deaths rather than walk one hair to the right or to the left from that which is right.

Well, we are not jealous of you; do your duty and you will make every house and every place a palace, and your homes will be as the gate of heaven and a source of joy to your husbands.—Of course you must have a heaven of that which you have made.

Why, I would go to work and make an altar and a heaven, and I never would take any other course than that which is honorable before God, and how can you live your religion without this?

You poor, miserable, disaffected beings, if there are any such here, learn to do right.

Sisters, sustain and comfort your husbands for they have got plenty to do in these last days.—After we have laid up stores and got seven years' provisions, there will be seven years for us to be on guard, but never can our enemies touch us if we do right.

We are up in the tops of the mountains and our Governor is here. What do you say to that? And his God is here and his associates are listening.

Well, if it is time for the government of the United States to cut the thread, we are perfectly competent to take care of ourselves. We would not give a dime for this people to be one more in number than they are; there are enough of us, for the Lord is going to manifest his power and to play with our enemies as he did with Pharaoh and all his host.

Now mark it and see if it does not come so, or something similar. All these things are in this dispensation, and why? Because this is the fullness of times, it is the time fixed for all to make a sacrifice before God.

God bless you, and may you receive the blessings of br. Brigham, br. Heber, br. Daniel, the Twelve Apostles and the blessings of the Patriarchs of the living God.

Peace be unto this people, peace be in these valleys and upon the mountains around us, and peace be upon every thing that we possess. But peace shall not rest upon those who will grumble and find fault with the servants of God; no, and he or she that will do it shall be as a barren tree.

God bless you and make your minds fruitful and fill you with revelation, with dreams and with the visions of eternity, which is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.—Amen.

#### REMARKS

By President Brigham Young, Bowery, September 20, 1857.

REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.

Br. Heber wants to know whether he has said anything wrong. So far as I am concerned and so far as the truth is concerned, he has not. He is very careless in the use of language, but I do not so much care how he or any of the brethren express their ideas when their hearts are right before God.

When we have only the one desire to promote the kingdom of God on the earth, the people will be right.

Br. Heber is very full of comparisons, and I will liken br. Heber's language to the conduct of some of this people. He talks just as ideas happen to come into his mind, and some of the people act just as it happens at the moment, not thinking what they do. And yet their desire is to do right, and the greatest faults that most of them see in each other arise through weakness and ignorance and not through an evil design. Their desire to do right, just as br. Heber desires to talk as straight as a line; but he has so long been in the habit of making his own dictionary and using his words out of it, that it would be difficult for him to change his style now.

No matter what the outward appearance is, if I can know of a truth that the hearts of the people are fully set to do the will of their Father in Heaven, though they may falter and do a great many things through the weaknesses of human nature, yet they will be saved. You will hear among such persons observations that appear very much out of the way, but at the same time they will say that 'it does seem that when I would try to do good and to do my best, evil will come before me.'

If there is an outward appearance of mistakes or evils, we ought to have the Spirit of the Lord to look at the designs of the actors and know whether they act from impure or sinister motives. If their motives are pure, no matter whether their outward appearance is particularly precise, their acts will be discerned by the Spirit of the Lord and will be appreciated for what they were intended. If people act from pure motives, though their outward movements may not always be so pleasant as our traditions would prefer, yet God will make those acts result in the best good to the people.

I wish the people to know that they have to come to the position that in their feelings and affections the kingdom of God must be all in all to us. If we are not in that position, you will find that we will be scourged and afflicted until we are. With us it must be the kingdom of God all the time—it must be that, or nothing. The time has come in which that must be the common feeling with the Saints.

As to the world's being in fellowship with us, it never was and it never can be. We cut off the Gentiles just before we left Nauvoo, and they have cut us off from their fellowship. The thread is cut that has hitherto connected us, and now we have to act for ourselves and build up the kingdom of God on the earth, which we will do by the help of the Lord, for he has decreed that his kingdom shall take the ascendancy over all other kingdoms under heaven.

It was observed, by br. Spencer, that the time had come for this work to be making far more rapid strides than it is hitherto done. You will find that it has not been by any act of our own that this thread has been cut; but we will now have to sustain ourselves, or we will go under. We have not desired it—we have not naturally wished for this crisis to come—but inasmuch as it has come, if the people in the strength of Israel's God sustain themselves they will be sustained.

If we are united, we are independent of the powers of hell and of the world, which terms are synonymous with me. We are now free and easy, and if we succumb to the wicked our hearts sink within us and we sicken and die, but when my feelings are decided that we will defend ourselves against all who come here to destroy us or to oppose the establishment of truth on the earth, I feel perfectly free and light as the air. Does br. Spencer feel so? I presume that he does, and also that every Saint feels as free as the mountain breezes.

I am free and easy, and I am not concerned about having too much rest; though when my feelings are at rest and I have not a hundred tons weight upon my shoulders a feeling comes over me like this, 'are you not becoming slothful?' As soon as I have a good sound reflection upon the matter, I feel to thank God that he will let me rest at times and not always require me to bear a burden like carrying a hundred tons.

Be faithful; and if you are attentive to your duties, God will take care of the rest.

We talk of enjoying, multiplying, and increasing in the things of God. All that we can do is to prepare to receive anything that God may see fit to give. I do not know but that I am just as well prepared to receive revelations this morning as I shall be millions of years hence. I do not know but that I shall be prepared to do the will of God, according to my capacity, as well to-day or to-morrow, or as I shall be when I have spent millions of years in his presence.

You hear people in the sectarian world talk about preparing to die, but the religion that we have embraced teaches us to prepare to live. If we were now going to exchange this world for another, I do not know but that we are as well prepared as we shall be in years to come. I have felt that I never should be better prepared to receive the glory of the spirit world than I am now, according to my present capacity. While br. Heber was talking about our travels in 1834, I remember that br. Joseph said the camp should be cursed. We had some wicked men in the company, and Joseph discerned the spirits of those men and said that the camp should be cursed and that they should feel the heavy hand of the Lord! Br. Heber came to me and said, 'I do not know that I could have done any better, even though it had been to save my natural life; and he did do well and continued to do so. And I will say that I do not know that I can do any better than I am doing.'

You and I may be ready to fight, we may be ready to plant seed and, if called upon, to cache grain in the mountains, and to do whatever the Lord may require at our hands. Let us do whatever may be required. If we are called upon to take our women and children into the mountains, let us do that. If to burn, let us be on hand to

burn; if to build more, let us do that; and whatever we are required to do, let us do.

We called up a Bishop, the other night, to go on an express, and when he came to my office I said to him, 'br. Thomas, are you ready?' He replied, 'Yes,' though he did not know what was wanted of him, yet he was ready. He asked, 'when do you want me?' I replied, 'early to-morrow morning,' (now yesterday morning) and he was there at the time, which is the way that men should feel and act.

The main object of my present remarks has been to have the people know whether they are taught right; to have them know whether they are receiving the word of the Lord from this stand; to have them know whether they are led right.

As to being afflicted, never fear that; only fear that you are not living as well as you might, and then there is no danger. You know how you have been led, and I can say that you try to walk in the path that leads to improvement and purity and to never do a known evil. When you know that an evil is before you, pass it by and do that which tends to good, and all will be right.

If you are not led right, or if you are afraid that you are not going to be led right, just find out a better way, for that is your privilege if you are not already led right. And if you will live so as to know God better than any other man, or find some one that knows God better and of whom you can learn more of God, a man that knows better how to dictate the affairs of the Church, all will be right.

I wish that every man would live so that he could have communion with angels, so that Jesus would come to visit him. I wish I could see this people in such a position, but there is yet too much sin in our midst; our traditions cling to us so strongly that we cannot yet break through into that liberty, but we will see the day, if faithful, in which we can converse with angels. There are persons in this congregation that will converse with angels, just as freely as we converse with each other.

Be faithful, and God will not only fight for us, but he will also lead us to victory. What has been said to day is true. You know that br. Heber almost always testifies to the truth of what he says, but I do not care whether you think that what I say is true or not, for that does not concern me. You may judge of the truth you hear to-day and of that which you will hear in times to come, for we shall be judges of ourselves as well as of our enemies, and we shall also judge angels. God bless you.—Amen.

## THE DESERET NEWS.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30.

WOOD AND HAY.—Several loads of each wanted immediately at the 'News' Office. We trust our Subscribers as well as Agents will exert themselves and meet this demand without delay.

LETTERS, arriving by express from the brethren East, will be found at the Governor's Office, where a list will be kept posted at the door for the inspection of the public.

THE BISHOPS, throughout the Territory, are requested to report to the Historian's Office, in G. S. L. City, the names of all persons cut off from the Church in their several Wards, together with the charge or charges upon which they were cut off. Let the names be written in full and correctly spelled.

ELDERS A. M. Musser, H. Lunt and J. Case have lately returned from their several missions.

IMMIGRATION.—Elder William G. Young arrived on the 26th inst., with the last company of this year's immigration.

ELDERS.—Br. Joseph Bull writes to br. J. G. Chambers, from San Francisco, July 19, that Elders Reany, McEwan, Mills, Cowley, Bigler, Keeler, Hawkins and Woodbury arrived there on the 12th. Brs. Henry McEwan and William M. Cowley relieve brs. Bull and Wilkie in the Western Standard office. Br. Bull was expecting to soon leave for the Sandwich Islands, there to print a semi-monthly paper in the Hawaiian language.

FLOOD.—Br. W. H. Dame writes from Parowan, Sept. 2, to Elder Geo. A. Smith, that in the evening of Aug. 31, a flood in City Creek brought all the bridges down from 7 miles up the canyon, tore away the saw-mill dam, tore out the oxframe dam on Cricket Fork, cut down the grist mill dam some 12 feet, and covered with drift and rubbish a portion of the field adjacent to the city.

RAIN AND SNOW.—Elder George Peacock writes from Manti, Sept. 21, to Judge Smith, that on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th, it rained hard and steadily at that place during 36 hours. Some men who were in the mountains east of Manti had to travel

two days through newly fallen snow from 3 to 4 feet deep, in order to reach the settlements.

#### Utah to be Subdued.

It is stated in the Eastern news that the Government has determined on sending a force of 2,000 men to Utah and that Gen. Harney will have command of the expedition. This will cause rejoicing among the intolerant Mormon haters in California; it will set them to dancing and yelling for joy. The President, it seems, takes the same view of the Mormon question as those noisy people who insist that the Salt Lakers must be subdued. He has probably listened to the statements of that credible person Judge Drummond, who failed to be so extensive while Judge of the Federal Court, in Utah, as his gross proclivities suffered for.—It is considered not only politic but necessary on account of many humane, christian and other reasons, to establish a new Territorial Government over the polygamists, one that will conflict with their customs and opinions; and the new rule is to be sustained and protected by 2,000 National troops under Gen. Harney, a rash, quarrelsome, brutal kind of man, who will have some Mormon blood or be very disagreeable in his deportment.

It is announced that a proclamation will be made offering to convey all male and female Mormons who desire to recant their religious faith, to the States. What other wonderful thing the Administration proposes doing in the vicinity of Salt Lake is not yet mentioned in public, but before the President intimidates Mormonism with the presence of 2,000 soldiers, we shall have further advices on the subject.

If it is authentic that the Government intends to enforce submission from the Mormons, some one at the Capital should advise the President of his indiscretion; some one should tell him that if the Mormons do not choose to submit, it will require more men than now compose the standing army to conquer them, and an expenditure greater than the value of the entire Territory. He should know that Great Salt Lake City is an arsenal, that it has, or can have, between 30,000 and 50,000 desperate yet disciplined defenders, that every means of warfare is provided to an extent which would shame the resources of the General Government, and more than all, it has a people held together by a religious fanaticism which has been made powerful by persecution, and which will dare to defy the Government in protecting home and creed.—[Sacramento Age, July 4.]

All right, friend 'Age,' except the word 'fanaticism,' for which you should substitute the words, 'faith revealed and taught by the Son of God'. We would also suggest the propriety of observing a distinction between 'Government' and the infernally corrupt administrators of that Government, for it is not all readers who understand the difference. Utah does not in the least object to the first particle of our national Constitution, nor to any just and equal laws; on the contrary she reveres and upholds them, and ever will. But she does most deeply resent the perversion of our free institutions to the subserving of sectarian and party cabals whose object is the destruction of every free and noble principle.

VERY PECULIARLY SLOUGHY.—We want to know if there is no law to protect Brigham Young's wives from insults offered them by California editors. The liberties taken by these fellows with those females display a grossness against which public decency cries entreatingly. Libidinous editors, your efforts to suppress Mormonism are of no more advantage to California, the Union and morality than rotten clotheslines are to an expert washerwoman. Prophet Young has 50 wives—you write as though you envy him—what is that your business? Suppose he has 150—you would envy him still more, no doubt. Will your vulgar abuse of the deluded divorce them? Some of you have one wife each; take care of her, and be virtuous yourself—can you say that you have, "always and without exception?" Let other men's wives alone, quit slandering them, cease writing long obscene articles about them, keep your mouths shut in regard to them and Mormonism will die naturally. You are giving it increase, prolonging its life, in attempting to kill it. If your low natures, low tastes and low desires will not allow you to abandon a disgusting warfare on Mormon women, you will convince the decent that the constant tendency of your thoughts is very peculiarly sloughy.—[Sacramento Age, June 27.]

Most excellent advice and manfully given; all the more so from being published in a region where good counsel is so seldom offered and is so very unpopular. But will the rotten heads and hearts give heed? We presume not. Still the sound advice furnished by the 'Age' does credit to the judgment and candor of its Editor, and we would be pleased in having no occasion to except to any point in an article so generally correct. But we are compelled to inform the 'Age' that 'Mormonism' is eternal principles which will never die, and, whether persecuted or let alone, will save its followers in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

#### Confusion Elsewhere.

If we could look into the other States as we do into the affairs of California, we would see in each separate State more to complain of, more to wonder at, more to harass the march