

signed to redeem and save us by our obedience to the principles which He has given for our salvation.

Therefore in the midst of the development of this work we cannot be a penurious people, we cannot be a small-souled people. It is not designed by our Father that our homes should not possess the comforts and that which tends to beautify them. It was not His design that we should be clad in the plainest of raiment. But it was His design that in the possession of wealth we should utilize it for the good of ourselves and for the well being of every one of His children whom we can assist in seeking to make their lives a success in the temporal, in the physical, in the religious and spiritual sense, bringing out every power and making them in every respect as near as possible approximate to that condition of uprightness, of honor, of truth and of worth that they would indeed be acceptable to their Father in heaven. I know that our Father in heaven does not delight in penuriousness. I know of all the generous fathers in this world, He is the most generous to all His children. He showers the rains upon the just and the unjust. We see the earth clad in its beauty; we discover its bounties; we understand that He planted in our breasts a love of that which is beautiful, and a love of that which is clean, a love of that which tends to adorn, and He desires that we shall cultivate this legitimately, restraining selfishness, avoiding greed, controlling improper ambition, but giving us reverence, respect, love, humility, and a legitimate pride, making us stand up in His fear, bow to His wish, and blessing His children, leading them to develop the powers within them, that they may stand; because He planted those powers within us; He gave them to us; He created us in His likeness and in His image, and endowed us with the ability to do.

While some of us possess one gift and some another, they that possess the gift to accumulate and to utilize means will be held to a strict account for the selfishness they display unjustly and improperly in dealing with their fellows; and they who possess these other gifts will be held to an account for their use; and thus in His justice and mercy every one of us will receive all that belongs to us, be blessed of Him, and endowed with the power to accomplish our mission, and our names, if we are faithful, will be found written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We need have no dublety in regard to this matter. We have not been deceived. The Prophet was not deceived. He did bow in the presence of God the Father and His Son. He did hear the voice of the heavenly messenger declaring the truth. He did ordain and set apart those chosen of the Almighty to carry this word to you in the homes where the Elders found you; and the mission that he gave to you in calling you forth and placing responsibility upon you rests there until the ends of the earth are warned and the cry has been heard in every land and clime, calling upon men to repent and turn in the way of life and obey the principles of truth, walking in the pathway thereof.

My brethren and sisters, let us keep the faith. Let our hearts not waver in the midst of the conditions that surround us. It is true that we cannot always read that which may occur to us. Had we planned and devised in our way, had

we had our own ideas in regard to the progress of this work and the accomplishment of our Father's purpose we would have swamped it years ago; it would have gone to pieces, and His children would have been scattered broadcast among the people of the world. But by His own unerring counsels He has made a suggestion, and His Prophets and Apostles have taken up the counsel and pointed out the way; and while in our hearts at times we have felt to condemn them for what they were doing, the Lord has vindicated them and proven that He was their guide and counselor; and He will continue to be until the great work that He has established is accomplished, and the people of the east and the west have heard the cry, and from the north and the south and upon the islands of the sea a voice will be heard calling upon the sons of men to bow in the presence of their Maker and receive His word, and obey the requirements which He, as their Guide and their Governor, has placed upon them.

I have pleasure, my brethren and sisters, in being with you. I rejoice in the Gospel of peace. God has taken me in the midst of my weaknesses and failings and given me a knowledge that this is the truth, and I have the greatest pleasure in bearing that witness to you today. The safety of the Saints is in the continued, honest, sturdy, straightforward, sustained pull in the direction of right, and not in their excitements, not in their fears, not in their doubts. We have proclaimed to the world that our Father's judgments would come upon them. Our hearts may fail us as these storms we have predicted break upon our heads; our hearts may shrink in the midst of these conditions; but no matter; our Father's words were that such should be the case. We are not responsible for His words; but we are responsible for that which has been imposed upon us of warning our fellow men to flee from the wrath to come and the judgments that will be poured out upon the nations. May we accomplish this, and may the blessing of our God rest upon this people and upon the honorable and good of our nation who are willing to do their just part by us, willing that we should have our rights, in common with our fellows. May heaven's blessing ever attend them. May their hearts be ever sturdy in the pathway of right, and may the right prevail, until justice shall characterize the sons of men, as I believe our Father designs it will in His own due time. Amen.

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PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORY.

WINTER QUARTERS, Pleasant Valley, Utah Co., Utah, Nov. 6, 1893.—This place has nothing at all in common with old Winter Quarters, founded by the Saints on the Missouri river in 1846; it is even asserted by the old settlers here that the Winter Quarters in Nebraska were not thought of by those who named this Winter Quarters in Utah. This more modern town or mining camp perhaps derives its name from the fact that winter with its almost perpetual snows and frosts bids defiance to any other atmospheric condition for about nine months out of every twelve. The altitude at the mouth of the mines is nearly 8100 feet above the level of the sea, while Sco-

field, two miles distant, is 7832 feet above sea level. Winter Quarters is situated in a narrow canyon which extends westward from the extreme south end of Pleasant Valley. The log houses and cabins which shelter the miners' families are mostly situated on the more sunny side of the canyon on the mountain slope. They are strung along for a distance of over one mile, part of them above and part of them below the mouths of the three principal mines.

The Latter-day Saints meeting house is perched on the hillside about half a mile below the mines. It is a log building in T shape, each of its two parts measuring 20x40 feet. Of the 429 souls, or seventy families, of which the Pleasant Valley ward is composed, the larger half reside at Winter Quarters and the other part in and below Scofield.

A great proportion of the Saints at Winter Quarters are Welsh, while quite a number of those at Scofield are of Scotch extraction. Meetings and Sunday schools are held separately in both places every Sabbath, generally well attended, except when the weather is so severe that out-door exercise is out of the question, which happens quite frequently in the dead of winter. There are also separate Relief Societies, Primary Associations and Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. Associations, in all of which much good is being accomplished and the members generally take a lively interest in the exercises.

Scofield is an incorporated town (not city) situated in the extreme south end of Pleasant Valley on a nice level flat, opening out into the valley northward, with a canyon extending southward, and another one (Winter Quarters canyon) westward, while the mountains form the natural townsite boundaries on the east and west.

The Union Pacific coal mines are situated east of Scofield, a short distance up the mountain slope; but they are not being worked at present, nor have they been for several months past. In consequence of this quiet a number of men are out of employment, while others have found work at the Winter Quarters mines above. The distance from Scofield to Pleasant Valley junction, on the Rio Grande Western railway is sixteen miles by rail; to Farview, Sanpete county, it is about twenty-four miles by nearest wagon road, and in order to reach Huntington, Emery county, by mountain road, the traveler must go nearly forty-five miles.

Pleasant Valley proper is about four miles long from north to south, and its average width is a little over a mile; its surface consists mostly of meadow land, and there are about a dozen summer ranches located at different points in the valley. Mud creek, on which Scofield is situated, enters the valley from the south, while Fish creek, the larger stream of the two, comes in from the west. The junction of the two streams is in the lower or north end of the valley where Fish creek enters a canyon eleven miles long, through which the railroad also passes. Near the mouth of this canyon, where Fish creek and White river come together and form Price river is situated the railway station known as Pleasant Valley Junction. When the railroad company had their roundhouse and