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IMPRESSIVE AND SORROWFUL

THE episode, if such it may be called, which occurred yesterday afternoon, during the services in the Tabernacle, of the sacrament. was one of the most striking and pathetic in connection with the history of the Church. The scene will probably ceedings caused by it and the totally jects and overwhelmingly unexpected character of the incident added strength and depth to the effect upon the assemblage, which was very large, the body of the building being almost com-pletely filled.

knowledge whatever of the cause for remarks immediately preceding appeared like a prelude to what followed. His impression was one which was largely shared by the congregationmade to the effect that some disaster of an entirely different character had befallen the brethren of the First Presidency of the Church, and consequently the Church itself. When Brother John Q., In the spirit of humility, self - condemnation and appeal, made his statement and laid down his Priesthood, which he had dishonored, the people were struck with amazement and sorrow, and the spectacle was presented of an immense congregation in tears, that majority. When the President of the the climax was reached. Yet in the very midst of the depth of their sympathy hands in token of their approval of the proposed step and in vindication of that purity of personal conduct which them being wars, pestllences, earth the revelations of God demand from quakes, etc. One of the most importhat purity of personal conduct which His servants. There has been, we understand, some

conjecture as to why action was not and then should the end come-the end taken in the case at the regular Priest. of the rule of the world. The Saints hood meeting held in the Assembly Hall last Saturday, September 4th. For the most potent of reasons. The He should find faith among men. It was necessary that the preaching the preaching the preaching the the preaching men. It President of the Stake was not then

SUNDAY SERVICES. IN THE COURSE OF WHICH AN IM PRESSIVE INCIDENT OCCURS. Religious services were held in the Tabernacie, Sunday, September 5th, commencing at 2 p.m., High Councilor William Eddington presiding. The choir sang

I saw a mighty angel fly: To earth he bent his way. Prayer was offered by Elder Hamlton G. Park. The choir sang:

Spirit of faith, come down, Reveal the things of God, The Priesthood of the Eighteenth

lug, which was in the nature of a prayer, that the spirit of, faith might come those who witnessed it, so deep was the impression it produced. The temvailing for the attaining of the object porary interruption to the regular pro- sought. There were many subupon which 11 was profitable to treat. In selecting a thems the speaker should be aided by the prayers of the Saints, that the choice might be directed by the inspir-

Although the speaker was in total tised by them were generally misunderignorance of the matter and had no stood. The most erroneous ideas were extant concerning them, and especially regarding their domestic relations. the interruption of his discourse, his This being the case. strapgers, unless cultured, would ask almost as the first question, when they met a Latter-day "How many wives have rou The strangers to the "Mor-Saint: got?" mons" seemed to think that the latter that an announcement was about to be had no other special object in view than to enter into extensive domestic relations and some of the grosser minds had an idea that the aim of "Mormon" plural marriages was the gratification of certain sexual desires. Many of the visitors to Utah and the people at large, also had the idea that the "Mormons" did not be leve in the Bible, and were surprised to find that that sacred book contained the fundamental principles of their religion. Those not familiar with the system concluded that it was a manmade organization, instead of its having been revealed from heaven, and embracing the same principles taught by the Lord Jesus while on His earthly being at least the condition of a great mission. The Saints claimed that" Mor mouism" was the same plan of salva-Sait Lake Stake of Zion, Brother Angus M. Cannon-uncle of the young ushering in of the Milleunium, when man placed in the appalling situation-pale and agitated by emotions that re-quired a most powerful effort on his part to control, arose in the stand and proposed, by motion, that action be taken by the congregation of the was made that His appearance then activity Saints upon the case of his nephew, might not be altogether unexpected. preparatory work preceding this glorious second coming was also neces-sary that when He comes He may find for the young man, they raised their faith on the earth. When the disciples atter event, He enumerated a number

congregation that it appeared someof signs which should be given, amoni thing had transpired which necessita. ted his resuming his seat for a time and he ceased his remarks.] tant signs of that appealing was that the Gospel of the kingdom should be JOHN Q. CANNON preached in all the world for a witness

arose and said: My brethren and sistes: The very few words which I have to say, I hope for strength to be a building as that of which we chat able to say them to your understand. to be laying the foundation. Ameu. cialmed\_that they were engaged in i have violated my covenants: I have sinned against the Lord. I have comwas necessary that the preaching of the Gospel should be attended by those mitted a grievous sin, next in our be lief to the shedding of blood; and, in accordance with what I conceive to be right, and in accordance fall. He was not acquainted thority and not after the manner of the to be right, and in accordance teaching of the scribes and Phari-with it until half past one. Sees. Christ had commanded His disdent George Q. Cannon, also that of the President of the Stake, and that of my presiding officer, Bishop William B. Preston, 1 feel to say that I have been thus guilty, Certain evidences of power were to accompany obedience to this Gospel and I desire to lay down my Priesthood, the Priesthood which I have dishonored As you, my brethren and sisters, will be called upon to pronounce judgment upon me, I ask that you will, after pronouncing judgment, at least give me a chance to show that there is still some good in me. I also pray Ged for mercy, and trust that He will give me strength to show that I have the wel baptism by immersion for the remisfare of Zion at heart, and that I am sincerely interested in every movement looking to her upbuilding. sion of sins, administered by thus having suthority: the bestowal of the Holy Ghost, that greatest of boons that can be conferred on mortals. When Christ was about to leave His disciples, He promised them this Com-PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON said: The occasion which brings me before you to day, is indeed a sor-rowful one. faster, which should rereal to them the things of the Father and guide them into all truth. These same doctrines One year ago last May my voice was heard in tais Tabernacie, on which oc-casion I took my farewell of the people for a liftle season to go to prison. who were performing a great work in the midst of the earth. They went into every nation to which they could was in prison seven months, and this is the first time my voice has been heard in this building since that time. My gain access, having divine authority, feelings on that occasion were heavenand proclaimed that the long silence y compared with the feelings which that had existed between heaven and igitate my breast to-day, in the conearth had been broken; that a revelafession of my nephew, Bisbop John Q. Cannon, Second Counselor to the Pretion had been given from God, and ilding Bishop of the Church. Having fallen in an unguarded moment, and violated the sacred covenants he had salvation. The Elders were energetic and made with the Lord, painful as it is, it becomes my solemn duty to propose that John Q. Cannon be cut off the Church of Jesus Christ enterprising. They were probably not equalled in this labor by the advocates of any other religious system. They go out as the missionaries of the primlive Church did, embued with the love of God, having a jewel which had filled of Latter-day Saints. Praying God to give him grace to exhibit in his after them with joy and wonderful faith; and they desired that others might life that genuine repentance that should be made for the transgression he has drink from the same fountain at which committed. All who feel to sustain they had quenched their thirst. Havthis proposition, that an example may ing tasted of the well of living water be made and a warning given to the youth of Israel, signify it by raising the right hand. [The action of the conspringing up unto eternal life, they desired to establish similar well-springs in the hearts of their fellow men. But, gregation was unanimous, in the ex-communication of John Q. Cannon.] like the ancient Saints, they were buf-May the peace and blessing of God rest upon His Israel; and may He strengthen the bands of the aged, the middle aged and the young to maintain the work of God in purity the Savior did, they promised that all who do the will of God should know in the earth, to the end that Jesus may have a people prepared for His coming; and that the pare-inof the doctrines they taught, whether they were of human or divine origin. the preference. It is echoed from the hearts of a sorrow-stricken commu-nity. The tears that were shed yester-day in the congregation of the Saints are but typical of the sentiment created among them wherever the news has reacked. The sensation produced throughout the Church, as evinced by what arisis in this city, is both proheart may survive the present persecu-tion that is being visited upon us, and

is a something connected with this work that makes it so that it is nearly impossible for individuals to infringe upon the principles of personal purity and not be discovered. If the fac.s are not developed and brought to light, and have to wait the time when all things that are hidden shall be prothings that are hidden shall be pro- a high officer. Go before the people claimed and spoken as if from the and confess your offense, that they may housetops, there is upon him who mis- take action against you." I will vendirects the use of the powers of life that have been implanted in the nature of man, there falls upon him, more or less, a withering blight. It is different with the Elders ture to say, without fear of contradic-tion, that if President George Q. Can-son could have chosen as to whether this thing should have happened to his beloved son, whom he loved better than his own life, or whether he would follow him to the without hesitation have elected the latter alternative. Those who know George Q. Cannon know that I speak the truth; for I never met a man who loved his family more devotedly than selves with comparative impunity. Not so with the Elders of this Church; and I have seen the proofs made visi-The Priesthood of the Eighteenth Ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament. Elder John Nicholson addressed the congregation. He referred to the singgrand spectacle, worthy to be ranked among the worthlest and noblest deeds They make the proclamation. It is enjoined upon them, unequivocally and of the historical past which we conunqualifiedly, that they shall preserve themselves in spotless purity from those things that are dragging a darkened world down over in the data and the state of the historical past which we con-template with feelings of the highest admiration. I ask: Can the American nation, can our great government af-ford to so treat, as he has been and is nation, can our great government af-ford to so treat, as he has been and is the precipice of destruction, and being treated, such a man, who, when causing corruptions in the midst occasion required it, has proved himof humanity to rise up into the nostrils of the God of heaven and to self to be one of the noblest of the race? I unhesitatingly deciare that if such men-for he is a type of a class of Latter-day Saints- conmake the heavens weep for the con-dition of mankind. Let an Elder who goes out on this God-given mission defile himself, and he is like Samson tinue to be treated in the way they are, there will come a time when the guilty parties will sorely repent of their conduct, and while their names shall be held in contempt by all honorchorn of this locks-his physical power departed, his strength vanished like a cloud in the morning before the rising of the sun; it be-came extinct, so to speak. And so it is with the power that should exist in sble men, the nobility of such men as George Q. Cannon will live in time, and the echoes of their deeds will be reverberated and re-schoed throughout the eternities to come. And it there be any persons present who have entertained the bethe hearts of the Elders of this Church and should accompany their adminis-trations. Their strength vanishes; and trations. Their strength vanishes; and he who knows the voice of the Holy Ghost, which reveals the things of God to man, professing to be a servant of the Most High God, knows when an Elder has sacrificed his right to the com-tastionship, and inspiration of the trary. And let me here say to the Latter-day Saints, that the Lord has not only a controversy with the nations, who are about to be visited with dire calmuttes, commotions and upheavais, both in the affairs of men and in the earth itself spotless, to a greater or less de-gree. The effect is just as marked in such a case, in the sacrifice that a man

and offers his Heavenly Fataer a broken ing the commandments and covenants heart and a contrite spirit, and he goes which He has given and we have endown into the water in the semblauce of the death and burial of Christ and tered into, there will be sorrow and lamentation in the House of the Lord; for he cannot look upon sin comes out free from his sins, according to promise, in the likeness of the with any degree of allowance, and those whom He loves He will chasten resurrection of the Savior; and he receives the imposition of hands for the bestowal of the Holy Ghost. That mon-He will plead with His people; He calls upon them to repent of their sins ltor comes upon him, aud-like the that they may be prepared-when cougentie dew of heaven t int falls upon the fusion shall exist everywhere-to take vegetable world, renewing its strength and beauty-renews his body and inthat stand, that higher and more exalted plane upon which they must place their feet, in order to creases his spiritual strength and be able to rescue constitutional prin-[At this point, unknown to the speakciples from being extirpated from this er, Bishop John Q. Cannon, accom-panied by President Angus M. Cannon, nation, and to call upon all who have the welfare of the nation and of humanity at heart to rally around the standard appeared upon the stand. Brother William Eddington, who presided constitutional rights and human over the meeting, notified the speaker iberty. We need not proclaim our it was necessary to interrupt his dis-course. Elder Nicholson informed the selves as the people to perform that exaited and important mission until we have purified the inside of the Church, so that the power of God may perme-ate it from the head to the feet. The time is coming and is near at hand when the bypocrite in Zion shall be discovered and cast out of the community, as material that cannot enter into the construction of so magnificent a building as that of which we claim



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aware of his nephew being guilty of features which distinguished it anthe offens: which caused his ciently: it should be by the same auo'clock yesterday afternoos (Sept. 5th), and he did not reach John Q. until an hour later, when he hastened with him to the Tabernacle.

Take the entire incident and it will be observed to incorporate the element of grandeur as well as the deep-and the interpretation thereof, power est pathos. After the first shock upon the assemblage and the arousing of bis Gospel required the acceptance of certain dectrines of Corist; profound sorrow for the young man Faith in God the eternal Father, himself, the minds of the people neces- in the atonement of Christ No tongue can tell the depth of the grief into which he has been planged by the fail of a son of brilliant promise on whom he lavished an inexpressible fondness. Grasp all, the trying viciasitudes that have befallen him during a most eventful career, in-including the trials he has been of late of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, subjected to-aside from the calamity under consideration-and in his estimation the accumulation pales before this recent ordeal. Yet so high is his sense of justice that it reaches the region of the ideal. No sentiment, however powerful, that sends its roots that man is commanded to prepare for d ep down into his heart and entwines the coming of the Lord and for his own ever powerful, that sends its roots his very nature, stands between him and the execution of, the liw of God. The ecclesiastical ave of excommunication must fall up+ on his own well beloved son, and that an example in vindication of the principles by which the lives of the Priesthood of the living God should be governed may have the fullest possible force, he demands that the offender publish, in the presence of the people, his own shame, ilt was said yesterday, from the stand, that Brother George Q. Cannon would have preferred to have followed his son to the grave rather than he should occupy the the position in which he now stands. This scarcely expresses the strength of the preference. It is echoed from the what exists in this city, is both pro- rich and proud usually paying little found and painful. And if it be a solace to President Cannon-as doubt-less it is-to know that he has the in-expressible sympathy of the Saints in his afflictions, he may be assured that expressible sympatoy of the Saints in his afflictions, he may be assured that not only is that feeling awakened in their hearts in his hour of sorrow, but their love for him is intensified. It is the universal desire of every Saint worthy the name, that the richest blessings of heaven may descend upon | use in their legitimate channels all the

Let Israel behold the spectacle of and the meek of the earth rejoice yesterday and receive the full force of and the remarkable result the moral it conveys. Let the young, prosperous people gathered from the four quarters of the globe was seen the middle-aged and the aged of the throughout this region. It was a benehousehold of faith take warning ficent work, which conferred blessings from the significance of the circum.

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upon its adherents both physical and stance. The axe is at the root of spiritual, improving them in every way. It was in the genius of the system that wrong-doing, and it shall agver cease to strike, no matter where the blows descend, until Zion is blows descend, until Zion is purged, and the Church stands forth spotless as a chaste bride ready to re-ceive the bridegroom. Let no man suppose that His reception is distant, for the signs within and without are the signs within and without an UPON PERSONAL PURITY. The subsequent portion of the dis-

Elder Nicholson, who found it almost beyond his power to suppress his emotion, resumed :

I have been requested to speak for a little while longer. I find, however, it is almost impossible for me to do so. Had a thunderbolt failen from a clear sky and struck at my feet, it would not have been more sudden, and would not have been as appalling to me as the incident which has just occurred and that has fuifiled the utterances of your humble servant; for I know helps macculated to an for I know, being unacquainted in any mental and physical powers with which degree whatever with anything con-God had endowed them. The poor nected with this matter upon which the Latter-day Saints have taken ac-tion, that the words which were being spoken were dictated by the power of God, by the Holy Ghost, by which the things of God are revealed. Although I have been acquainted with Brother

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John Q. Cannon from his early child-hood, and have loved and esteemed him, I have, in honesty and in conformity with that which is enjoined upon every servant and Saint of God, lifted up my hand in common with you if the action upon his case. But if I were to attempt to express the sorrow that has seized iny heart in consequence, language would atteriy fall me to portray the sentiments with

