

and filled our hearts with joy and peace. In view of this and every other blessing which we have received from God, what manner of people should we be? Our hearts should be such that the Lord will be pleased with us, and every impression that His Spirit may make should be obeyed. We should be determined that whatever impression is there made will be carried out by us, and that there will be no trial, no tribulation, no dark cloud, through which we will not pass for the truth; that we will be as the Hebrew children were, who were brought before the image and commanded to worship it, but who refused to bend their knees thereto. Will we refuse to bend our knees to Baal, and instead thereof place our trust in the God of hosts? The faithful have often seen the power of God made manifest, and have seen His arm extended to shield His people. His hand has ever protected them, and will ever do so.

There are no calamities that can come upon us like that of apostasy and the loss of faith in God. These are the greatest calamities that can overtake a human being. The loss of faith in God or the turning away from the testimony of Jesus and going into dark, are things that we should guard against. May God bless you and grant you the spirit of peace, the spirit of faith, the spirit of union, the spirit of gratitude and determination that you may serve Him, and Him alone in all things.

#### APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

said the spirit of the instructions given by Brother Cannon, and the principles he had referred to had brought joy to thousands of hearts, and had gathered the Saints to these valleys. The testimonies borne by the servants of God are easily understood. The Elders do not cover by sophistries their declarations of true principle. They make direct assertions that are susceptible of positive proof. Joseph Smith was all that his followers proclaimed him to be. The doctrines he introduced among men are perfect in all their parts. They were contained in the Scriptures, but the Spirit which accompanied their teaching when the Savior was among men has disappeared and the world understood them not. When this Spirit was bestowed on Joseph Smith and on those who accepted his message, the light was again revealed and men understood the principles of salvation. The bringing of these doctrines to the comprehension of men was the result of the introduction of that light. The announcement was made that God had again set His hand to gather His people, and the light necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose was sent to earth.

Our Father gave to mankind moral laws which had been lost sight of in the world to a greater extent than the ceremonial laws, and it was in this condition that Joseph Smith found the world. Through him was again revealed these moral laws, which bring to man power in his spiritual nature. The world had drifted from the moorings of truth,

when Jesus came in the meridian of time, and He pointed out that law of unselfishness which is necessary for the salvation of men. In this age He has again restored this the Gospel. The more we inquire into its principles, the broader and grander they develop before us. We learn that we must be humble and unselfish in our lives.

In "Mormonism" we have the perfection of the plan of salvation. It clears man of his sins and starts him out in a path which, if he continues therein, will qualify him to dwell with the purest of the pure. It is indeed the power of God unto salvation to all that obey it. The yoke is easy and the burden light. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit difficulties are overcome, doubts are expelled, and joy fills the whole soul. There is no reason why the Saints should not be happy. They have received the perfect plan of life, whose requirements will bring us back to the presence of our Father. In this plan we are warned of every evil that presents itself, and the cry to us continually is to avoid the meshes of wickedness. We are forewarned of the course which we should pursue. But we are too frequently neglectful of that spiritual growth which will perfect us in all things. We need have no concern for the work of God. It is from the hand of the Master Himself, and He will guide and protect it to ultimate triumph. Those who reject it will be held accountable therefor. Those who receive and obey the doctrines will receive salvation thereby, both in this life and in the life to come.

The choir sang the anthem:

Beautiful are Thy towers.

Benediction by Elder Jesse West.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Sunday School Union meeting, held November 4 in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Hall, was fairly well attended. The exercises were of a very interesting and instructive character. Stake Supt. John C. Cutler presided.

The opening and closing exercises were beautifully rendered by the Eighth Ward school choir, led by Brother J. M. Chamberlain.

The opening prayer was offered by Supt. T. C. Griggs, of the Fifteenth Ward.

A number of boys and girls from the Eighth Ward primary class very touchingly sang, "Gather the children into the Fold."

Next followed a class exercise on the subject of the Savior's command to His disciples, "to love one another as He had loved them," conducted by Sister Jane Mortensen.

Sister Sarah McMurrin and little Edna Carter sang a duet.

Superintendent Richard Chamberlain, of the Eighth Ward, spoke upon the duties of the Sunday school teacher. In view of the fact that so much infidelity existed, it behooved the teachers of our Sabbath schools to enter earnestly with heart and soul into the labors before them, and endeavor, by precept and example, to teach the principles of the Gospel.

Six little boys and girls from the Eighth Ward primary class sang a pretty children's song.

Elder Jos. Hyrum Parry next addressed the meeting, giving some of his observations regarding the Sunday school work in this Stake. Compared with any time during the past six years, the speaker could not call to mind a school in the whole Stake which was not much better in nearly all respects than it had ever been heretofore. The speaker was prompted to make this statement because some felt discouraged, and imagined that their schools were retrograding because they were not progressing so rapidly as might be desired. There were two classes in our schools with respect to which the superintendents were proud of their success—the theological and primary. Their marked success, the speaker suggested, was due to the special care they had received from their teachers, as well as from the superintendent of the schools. The teachers of these classes had made their class exercises of an entertaining as well as an instructive character. Interesting lessons were prepared beforehand, and the teacher always knew every Sabbath morning just what he was going to teach his class, and had also prepared himself to thoroughly entertain them. If the same efforts were made in the intermediate classes the same good results would follow. The subject of teachers' meetings was mentioned, and every superintendent was urged to hold them regularly, and in these meetings endeavor to instruct and drill his teachers in their work and be what his calling and position implied, namely, teacher of teachers. The teachers' meetings could be made the occasion of mutual instruction, from the superintendent and older teachers to the younger and less experienced. If this was done as fully as it ought, every class in all of our schools would improve and progress much more rapidly. Every superintendent should fit himself to show every one of his teachers how best to conduct his class successfully. Many teachers, the speaker knew, felt that their lack of education deterred them from doing so well as they wished, being a source of much discouragement. He thought that the success of a teacher was not so much a matter of scholarly education as the possession of the spirit of his calling and an earnest desire to benefit and bless the members of his class. An earnest, painstaking and honest teacher, whose example was as good as his precept, could hold the attention of his class, and keep their love and respect, and his labors would always be appreciated, though he were not a brilliant scholar, in a worldly point of view.

Twelve little boys and girls from the primary class of the Eighth Ward school very beautifully sang "Have you heard the still, small voice?"

Apostle A. H. Cannon expressed the pleasure he felt in listening to the exercises rendered during this evening. He knew that if all the