

are compelled to obey it. While Christ lived upon the earth, the agents of Satan knew Him. They recognized him as He walked one day among the tombs, and there found a man who was insane and infested with evil spirits, and had destructive propensities about him. The spirits within that man said, "Oh, Jesus of Nazareth, our time has not come yet. We know you have the power; but do not speak the word yet. It is not the time for thy terrible vengeance." They knew what favor that Son of God had in the sight of His Father. When at last He undertook to cast out the spirits, they begged of Him, as a special favor, that they might go and enter the swine that were feeding in a field near by. They knew His power, and that God honored that Son of His. And so know we; for twice has the Lord spoken the words, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Therefore, if you would have forgiveness for your sins, offer ye your petitions in the name of Jesus Christ.

But beware that you use not that name unworthily; for God is jealous of it, and He has decreed most terrible punishments shall come upon those who use that name without authority, and who use it unworthily. That name is sufficient to banish the powers of evil. Before the authority of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, wicked spirits have to depart. Sickness can be banished. I have seen myself men raised up miraculously, by the power that was worked through that holy name. I have seen people who were struggling upon the brink of the grave and seemed to be rapidly sinking into the darkness of that dread sepulchre, brought back to life and usefulness by the power of that great and mighty name. I have seen, by that power, boys and girls stand up and speak words full of fire and might—testimonies of mighty import to the people. I have seen wisdom take the place of ignorance, and throw all human knowledge into darkness, by comparison. I have seen men that were illiterate go out into the world and there meet others that were learned, and argue with them upon the subjects of the things of God and show unto those learned men their errors.

What is that power? Have you no instance in days gone by as to one in whom it was seen? Did not Christ Himself at the age of twelve go into the temple and there refute the theories of the doctors of learning of that day? And think you He cannot inspire others to do likewise today? Yes, by that power I have seen mothers bring about a greater change in their sick children than all the physicians, with their medicines and learned nostrums, could do. Surely, there is much connected with it. But all have not the right to use it. We must bring ourselves into a certain condition before we can use it. There is a certain authority placed within the hands of your city officers. If one of the officers, whose duty it is to guard the peace, sees some infringements of a law being committed, he takes the offender, by authority, with him and places him in a dungeon; and if he himself be not able to quell the disturbance, he has the right to call upon all other citizens to co-operate with him in doing that.

But before he has that authority; before he has the right to put on the uniform and the star, he must have been properly commissioned and appointed to that office; because if a man who has no such commission and no such appointment, should undertake to arrest an offender, he would in all probability be proceeded against for having himself broken the law. What have we to do in order that we may use the name of Christ with authority? We have to receive the favor of the Father and to exercise the Priesthood, which we have to obtain from those who have held it before us.

Do you not remember when Paul was going about in days of old administering to the sick, causing disease to disappear, casting out evil spirits, and testifying with words of might as to the great power that lay in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, that the people looked on with wonder at what he did? There was a man living in Jerusalem (time will not permit me to read the passages to you) of the name Sceva by name. He had several sons, and he thought it would be an excellent thing if these sons could get that power and use it. They noted the way in which it was done. It seemed indeed so simple, to see some one place his hands upon the head of a sick person and say simply, "In the name of Jesus Christ, be healed;" or say to one who was then in the power of evil spirits, "In the name of Jesus Christ be made whole, and you wicked spirits, in that same holy name, depart." There were no vague theological terms to be remembered, no particularly clumsy or complicated sentences to be analyzed and studied. A man could learn these words by hearing them once. So the seven sons of Sceva thought they would see if they could not use that power. And they found a man who was suffering from the attacks of wicked spirits, and they got all together and placed their hands upon him, and said, "We adjure you by Jesus"—and thinking perhaps there might be some mistake, said they "that Jesus whom Paul preacheth." And the evil spirits within the man laughed them to scorn, and said: "Jesus we know, and Paul we know; but who are ye?" Who are you that come using that holy name without authority? And he leaped upon them with the power of Satan that was in him; and though he was but one, as far as human body was concerned, and they were seven, we are told that when they left that house they were all "naked and wounded." It is no light matter to use that holy name without authority and without due preparation. Then let us be careful in offering petitions unto our Maker for forgiveness of sins, or for any other purpose, that we do it in the name of Christ, and that we have the right, because of our humility and good deeds, to use that name.

May the Lord give unto us the power of obtaining forgiveness for sins. May He give unto us such favor at the throne of grace that whenever the attending angels come to our Maker with a petition from us, the Father will know that it can be granted, because we mean what we say. This is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The importance of the nitrate beds of Chile is shown from the fact that the output last year was valued at \$30,000,000.

DR. K. G. MAESER.

As we went to press yesterday afternoon a very interesting affair was in progress within the magnificent dining rooms of the Hotel Templeton, it being a banquet prepared in honor of Dr. Karl G. Maeser, formerly Principal of the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, and now General Superintendent of the Church school system. Many of that worthy gentleman's friends here, who have been former associates of his in the teaching profession, deemed the occasion of his withdrawal from the school-room a fitting time to express their esteem and respect toward him. The General Board of Education, with President Wilford Woodruff at their head, promised to join with the movers in the matter, and thus add to the impressiveness and dignity of the proceedings, besides giving an official significance to the same.

At 2:30 yesterday afternoon, the elegantly fitted reception rooms of the Templeton were filled with the guests of the occasion, and within a few minutes from that time all had been transferred to the dining rooms of the hotel, and were arrayed in appropriate order and with pleasing effect around the tables. There were present, besides Dr. Maeser, the honored guest, the following: Pres. Wilford Woodruff, Pres. Joseph F. Smith and daughter, Pres. Lorenzo Snow, Apostle Franklin D. Richards and wife, Apostle Anthon H. Lund; Captain and Mrs. Willard Young, Elder George Reynolds, Elder L. John Nuttall and wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Talmage, Mrs. Amelia Maeser, Miss Camilla Cobb, Prof. and Mrs. Willard Done, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gates, Mrs. Zina D. H. Young, Mrs. Zina Card, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walton, Mr. Joseph Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoag.

A telegram from Elder George W. Thatcher and a message from Elder Amos Howe, both of the general board, expressed regret at their enforced absence, and offered congratulations to the honored veteran.

It will be seen that the guests comprised the general board of education, with families, some of the teachers and former associates of Brother Maeser, and a few of his most intimate friends here.

Of the repast itself, nothing need be said farther than that in every way it did great credit to the Templeton, and gave the fullest satisfaction. As the courses proceeded, music from Beesley's orchestra filled the room with sweet melody, issuing in a subdued way from an alcove of the apartments in which the musicians were ensconced. Captain Willard Young of the general board of education officiated as toast master with admirable effect. The invocation was pronounced by Apostle Lund.

After a fair beginning had been made on the feast, the courses were interspersed with appropriate addresses, which we present below, reports having been taken by Prof. Done.

The first speaker was

PRES. LORENZO SNOW,

who rose to the toast "Our Church school movement," and said in his usually impressive and happy style—I am very thankful, Captain Young, that you announced that subject, because I had nearly forgotten it, and