

## Poetry.

## THE VALUE OF A LITTLE.

Do thy little, do it well;  
Do what right and reason tell;  
Do what wrong and sorrow claim;  
Conquer sin and cover shame.

Do thy little, though it be  
Dreariness and drudgery;  
They whom Christ apostles made,  
"Gathered fragments" when He bade.

Do thy little; never mind  
Though thy brethren be unkind;  
Though the men that ought to smile,  
Mock and taunt thee for awhile.

Do thy little; never fear  
While thy Savior standeth near;  
Let the world its javelins throw,  
On thy way undaunted go.

Do thy little; God hath made  
Million leaves for forest shade;  
Smallest stars their glory bring,  
God employeth everything.

Do thy little, and when thou  
Feelest on thy pallid brow,  
Ere has fled the vital breath,  
Cold and damp the sweat of death—

Then the little thou hast done,  
Little battles thou hast won,  
Little masteries achieved,  
Little wants with care relieved,  
Little words in love expressed,  
Little wrongs at once confessed,  
Little favors kindly done,  
Little toils thou didst not shun,  
Little graces meekly worn,  
Little slights with patience borne—

There shall crown thy pillowed head—  
Holy light upon thee shed;  
These are treasures that shall rise  
Far beyond the smiling skies.

## Correspondence.

## PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S TRIP NORTH.

BEAR LAKE RIVER VALLEY,  
PARIS, Sept. 12th.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

Yesterday morning, 11th inst., as soon as we could see to drive we were again on the way, traveling on a good road over the foot hills and mountains which divide Cache and Bear Lake River valley. We reach Paris about 4 p. m. after a prosperous drive. We were all glad to find quarters; and the exercises of the day made it desirable to us to seek our couches early.

At 10 o'clock this morning we met the people of Paris in a neat and comfortable bowery. Meeting called to order by Pres. C. C. Rich. Singing, Prayer offered by Elder W. Woodruff. Elder O. Hyde said that God had placed in the church first apostles, not first the Bible. The Word of the Lord came through the channel of the Priesthood. He inspired His servants to write the Scriptures. And His purpose is to establish His authority on the earth, and He has the power to do it. I should not deviate from the truth were I to say that the living Priesthood is greater than the written word. You are favored with a visit from the President of the church and his co-laborers, their purpose being a disposition to bless you. Some would confine us entirely to the Scriptures; herein the Christian world have made shipwreck of faith; they have no living oracles, and they live in darkness. We sometimes may form our opinions regarding the doctrines contained in the Scriptures, but uninspired men would do better to impeach their own understandings than the written word. What is written is written and cannot well be altered, but apostles and prophets carry with them the spirit which has dictated the Scriptures. When God has a people on the earth He gives them living powers which are greater than the written word. These powers do not render the written word obsolete, but we want the living word, to give the mind and will of God constantly to His people. The true church of Christ, with its apostles and prophets and living priesthood is the "pillar and ground of the truth." Joseph Smith said, some know that this work is of God, and some may not know, but if they believe the testimony of those who do know and follow on they will go into the Celestial kingdom. He also said, always follow the majority of the church, for they will never go wrong. It is not by

reason and philosophy, which are after the world, that will regulate His church, but God will regulate it by the power of the Holy Ghost through His representative on the earth. If any people on the earth have reason to be faithful to God in all things it is the people of the Latter-day Saints, who have in their midst His living oracles.

Elder A. M. Musser laid before the people a most excellent and truthful code of rectitude. Pres. B. Young called upon the Saints to pay their indebtedness to the P. E. Fund to raise means to bring the Saints from the old country next season. Benediction by Elder Jesse W. Crosby.

2 p. m.

Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon. Elder Orson Pratt noticed the many facilities offered to the people now occupying this valley. Traced that portion of the history of this people relating to their organization according to the laws of man. When we were a little handful of people, our headquarters were in Kirtland, Ohio, 36 years ago. The Lord in that early day told us to send forth missionaries of this church to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south to build up churches; and inasmuch as the people do repent, and are willing to receive my gospel they shall be gathered in one, and that this gathering should take place that the Saints may be organized according to the laws of man, that they may break every yoke wherewith the enemy seeketh to destroy. He dwelt upon the necessity of union, not only in a civil point of view, but that we be united in a religious point of view, for when the Lord brings again Zion the watchmen will see eye to eye. We are told that there will be divisions among the people of God more or less until the city of Enoch is revealed; this may more particularly be the case in the stakes, or curtains of Zion; for tares will grow with the wheat until the harvest comes when there will be a final separation; the foolish virgins will have no oil in their lamps and be unprepared when the midnight cry is heard: behold the bridegroom cometh; then will these be gathered out of His kingdom as those who offend, and when they are gathered out will all the watchmen see eye to eye. All the missions of all the faithful elders of this church are written, for the Book of Mormon says, that all things are written by the Father. The evils which we have committed will also be written, and there is no way of getting our evil deeds blotted out, only by a sincere repentance. In the great judgement day even our private sins will stand against us if we do not repent of them. In view of all that the Lord has promised to us since the organization of this church, and in view of all the blessings He has already bestowed upon us, what manner of people ought we to be?

Singing, "The Mormons shout Hosannah, in Deseret we are free."

Elder Wm. H. Hooper addressed the congregation. Elder T. B. H. Stenhouse read a petition to the chief of Postal Department at Washington, D. C., for the purpose of extending to Richland county mail communication, which it is expected the people of this county will sign. Benediction by Elder Erastus Snow.

Friday, 13th.

At ten o'clock the meeting was called to order by Pres. B. Young. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Lorenzo Snow. Elder John Taylor said, We are gathered together in these valleys of the mountains to fulfil all that the prophets have spoken concerning Zion in the last days; to do this we must build beautiful cities, plant splendid gardens, build magnificent temples, make fine roads, etc.; and to accomplish all this we have got to bend ourselves down to the matter of fact, every day duties of life. Our religion has just as much to do with these things, as with spiritual things. Which would require the greatest wisdom, to go out and preach the gospel and baptize believers, or to guide and direct the temporal interests of communities? Both need the aid and guidance of the Spirit of the Almighty constantly. God's mercies are over His people; He is exercising an influence through the Holy Priesthood, to overthrow wickedness, establish righteousness, and build up Zion in the last days. He is interested in our welfare; we are His friends, and He is our father and friend. If we are not His friends then He has no friends on the earth. He called upon Joseph Smith and re-

vealed to him the everlasting gospel; by this means we have been brought into communication with the Lord, hence we are co-workers with God to bring to pass the things which have been spoken by the Prophets. I would like to inspire in the bosoms of this congregation greater faith in God. Encouraged the people of Bear Lake Valley to continue their endeavors to settle this country; referred to the rigor of the climate in the more southern portions of Utah, and how, through the mercy of God, the austerity of the seasons have been softened, so that fruit which flourishes in temperate climes now grow there luxuriantly. The same God is able to bless the seasons in this valley, through the blessing of the Priesthood, and the faith and perseverance of the Saints.

Elder George A. Smith urged upon the people the necessity of saving up food, for times of scarcity. No man should consider that he has a surplus of grain until he has saved up sufficient to supply himself, and those who depend upon him, with bread sufficient for seven years. We should listen to the counsel and advice of our leaders on this and all other matters. Exhorted all under 90 years of age to go to school during the long winters, and acquire a knowledge of the English language. It should become popular for men and women of all ages to go to school, that we may not be incompetent to do our share in building up the Kingdom of God in the last days.

Elder Wilford Woodruff spoke upon the foul weed seeds that infest the wheat fields and that are spreading all over the settled portions of this country. Recommended the farmers in this valley to pull up foul weeds wherever they see them, and thus keep them down. Concluded by recapitulating the teachings of the elders during this trip.

Bishop A. O. Smoot and Pres. B. Young addressed the meeting. Benediction by Elder Ezra T. Benson.

2 p. m.

Singing. Prayer offered by Elder L. Farr. Elder E. T. Benson said, the Saints needed always the voice of inspiration to remind them of their duties, for man is prone to evil as the sparks fly upward. He that hath determined to follow the counsels of God through His servants are traveling in a safe path; but he who walks in a different way than this cannot prosper. He that prays, and labors where he is directed is always happy and cheerful. Here is a motto: "Mothers in Israel, we sustain our husbands." I wish this were the case in every settlement.

Elder E. Snow said, we are called to be the children of the kingdom, and God has organized us after the pattern of heavenly things. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized in 1830 and may be well compared to a grain of mustard seed, which is the smallest seeds known to the ancients, but when it grows up becomes one of the largest of herbs, so that the fowls of the air build their nests in it. The prophet Joseph was called of God while still a boy, and in due time was ordained to the Priesthood of Aaron by John the Baptist. The records from which the Book of Mormon was translated were delivered to Joseph Smith by Moroni, an ancient prophet, who finished and sealed those records. Peter, James and John were also sent to him, and they committed the keys of the Apostleship which they had received from the Saviour. These ancients were the last of their race who held those keys of power, and the house of God being a house of order they were sent to redeliver their keys, and power, and priesthood again to man. In the organization of this kingdom we recognize the work and Kingdom of God represented by Daniel as a little stone, which the prophet said should become a great mountain and fill the whole earth. This order, and government, and priesthood which has been restored to earth again, is destined to triumph over sin and to establish the rule of righteousness all over the earth.

Elder Lorenzo Snow said, that Paris in the old world and Paris in Bear Lake valley differ much from each other. There is one great difference, you cannot find one twentieth of the number of children in a congregation of the same size in Paris of the old world as there is here to-day; and in this way we are building up the Kingdom of God, giving to it a population that will not apostatize and prove untrue to God, to their brethren, and to themselves. Whatever transpires we should con-

strue to our good, and never let a spirit

of ingratitude take possession of us, but acknowledge the hand of God in all things. Elder Geo. Q. Cannon said, considering how God has blessed this people from the first to the present, it is easy to see how all that has been promised to us by God and His servants can be fulfilled. God has blessed us with everything we desire before Him as a people. The land is stretched out before us, and in vision I see your future greatness. Whatever greatness they may possess in Paris of the old world, we have one thing they do not possess, and that is contentment and consequently happiness; we are happy in our poverty, and when we through the blessings of God accumulate the riches and elegancies of life we will still be happy and contented. Urged the necessity of education during the long winters in this valley. Let every young man prepare himself to represent the work of God, whom we love, in a fitting and proper manner, learn to write and speak their mother tongue properly, that they need not be ashamed of any one reading it; teach them to contemplate the religion of Jesus Christ, what is more glorious than this?

Pres. B. Young spoke a short time. Elder C. C. Rich expressed his gratitude for the visit of the President and company to their valley. Benediction by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

Bloomington, 14.

We left Paris this morning at 9 o'clock, and reached Bloomington in time for meeting at 10 o'clock, which convened under a good bowery. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder L. Snow. Elder Orson Hyde said, that a number of brethren in the company had not spoken much on this trip, and he desired them to speak; much can be said in five minutes, more in ten, and a great deal in fifteen minutes. Elders Lorin Farr, Shipp, Crosby, Eldridge, Layton, Stenhouse, Noble, Call, Stevenson, Folsom and Geo. D. Watt addressed the meeting.

Elder Orson Pratt said, God helps those who help themselves, it is true in spiritual things, as well as in temporal things. The mind needs taking care of as well as the body, it needs food as well as the body. Education never came to the mind without labor, and labor of the hardest kind. If you would be educated the mind must be disciplined.

Elder Geo. A. Smith said, I feel to testify to the good spirit and value of the instructions which has been given. Pres. B. Young spoke a few minutes. Benediction by Elder John Taylor.

We partook of a good dinner served up in a log school-house, after which we took our departure from Bloomington and arrived at St. Charles at a few minutes after three. The wind blew from the west, and a storm seems to be brewing. The northern portion of the Bear River Lake is in view, which appears in the distance like a stripe of light blue ribbon. St. Charles is decidedly the finest location we have yet visited in this valley, and things are not cut down by the frost to the same extent as in the settlements north. At 4 o'clock we met the Saints of St. Charles in a large log building. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Elder John Taylor said, that St. Charles is the most pleasant place that he had visited in the valleys of the mountains. You have reverses to contend with, doubtless, but then they develop our manhood, and gives us chance to prove ourselves before the Lord. He saw nothing in this valley that is discouraging. He would say nothing about conquering our passion for that we ought to have done long ago we are on a mission from the eternal world, a purpose to accomplish in this life, and ought to live so that we constantly enjoy the Spirit of truth to enable us to magnify our calling as a priesthood in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call us; as presidents, bishops, elders, priests, teachers &c. As heads of families and as citizens in His kingdom. We should learn to understand all things necessary to be understood regarding human life in the positions in which we may be placed in this world. Spoke upon the necessity of imparting intelligence to our children, instructing them in the rudiments of a common education and much beyond this as possible, and above all teach them to have faith in God; want our children to be far ahead of ourselves in those matters. Spoke of the progress made in the science of music which he had discovered during the