

into the world—into the wide field—and have cast the seed of truth broad-cast, and gathered from the crude masses our brethren, our sisters, their children, and all those who have received the truth, and cemented them together by the power of the Holy Priesthood, into a great people. In this the hand of God is visible to all, in acknowledging the labors of His servants, and this people as His people. I can witness one fact, and so can others, that by paying attention to the building up of the kingdom of God alone we have got rich in the things of this world; and if any man can tell how we get rich in any other way, he can do more than I can. We leave our business and our families and go out to preach the peaceable things of the kingdom, and pay attention to that, never thinking of our business or our families, except when we ask the Lord to bless our families in common with all the families of the Saints everywhere.

In my first administrations in the gospel, in the rise of this church when I went out to preach, I would leave my family and friends in the hands of the Lord, and I gave them no further thought, but my mind looked forward and my thoughts were, I am going among strangers, how can I present myself to that congregation to which I am going to speak this afternoon, this evening, or to-morrow morning; how can I draw their attention to the principles of the Holy Gospel, and engage their feelings to that degree that they will inquire about the truth and embrace it. I did not think about wife, children, home, native land or friends; but my thoughts were on the great work before me. This should be the state of our feelings continually. The prosperity of the kingdom is before us; we see it as we see one another in this congregation; we see the spread of the people and their increase. Thousands of children are born yearly in Utah; we have an immense immigration among us in this way; and still we are sending Elders abroad to gather in the honest-hearted from foreign lands. Sixty Elders have gone out this Spring, men of experience, character, ability and good standing in society, men who can be depended upon.

The increase of our children, and their growing up to maturity, increases our responsibilities. More land must be brought into cultivation to supply their wants. This will press the necessity of digging canals to guide the waters of our large streams over the immense tracts of bench and bottom lands which now lie waste. We want our children to remain near us, where there is an abundance of land and water, and not go hundreds of miles away to seek homes. In these great public improvements the people should enter with heart and soul, and freely invest in them their surplus property and means, and thus prepare to locate the vast multitudes of our children which are growing up, and strengthen our hands and solidify still more—make still more compact our present organized spiritual and national institutions. The river Jordan will be brought out and made to flow through a substantial canal to Great Salt Lake City. When this is done, it will not only serve as a means of irrigating, but it will form a means of transportation from the south end of Utah Lake to Great Salt Lake City. Thus we will keep laboring, and preaching, and gathering the people and the Lord will keep blessing and sustaining us, until the land is full of Saints, and they begin to spread out, to hive forth, seeking for room to dwell, until the earth shall be full of the glory of the Lord and His saints.

We are greatly blessed as a people. We have had peace here for many years. To-day we are able to meet together to speak to each other, to strengthen and do each other good; and by forsaking our fields for a season, to gather together to worship our God, I can assure you that our crops will be better than they would be if we were to spend all our time in our fields. We may water and plant and toil, but we should never forget that it is God who gives the increase; and by meeting together, your health and spirits will be better, we will look better, and the things of this world will increase around us more, and we will know better how to enjoy them.

At Mount Pleasant, in San Pete County, an Elder wished to give out a notice for the brethren to water their wheat immediately, for it was suffering. I requested him to allow me to give out the notice for him, which he did; and I gave out the appointment, informing the saints that if they would place guards sufficient to keep their homes from Indian depredations, fires, etc., and the rest of the men, women and children attend our meetings, I would promise them, in the name of Israel's

God, better crops than if they did otherwise. This was on Wednesday, and in the night there came a beautiful shower, and we continued to have showers, until at Manti, on Sunday, we were under the necessity of suspending our meeting in the Bowery, and repairing to the meeting-house; the earth was thoroughly soaked, and vegetation was refreshed, and the people were satisfied. I notice this incident merely to show that if we will do our duty, and be faithful to our God, He will never be backward in dispensing His mercies liberally to us.

We should spend a portion of our time and means in training our children, and a most effective way is to do it by example. If we wish our children to be faithful to us, let us be faithful to God and to one another. If we wish them to be obedient to us, let us be obedient to our superiors. Parents should manifest before their children all that they wish to see exhibited in them. Whatever a husband requires of a wife, or of a child, in obedience, in meekness, in submission, manifest before them all that you require of them. Example is better than precept. When we present precepts they should correspond with our own example.

I say to fathers, mothers, and to the whole priesthood of the Son of God, if we expect to sanctify ourselves and the earth upon which we tread, we must begin that work in our own hearts; let them be pure and holy, and devoted entirely to the service of God, then will the earth become sanctified and holy under our feet; we shall begin to spread abroad and enlarge our borders with greater power when we can conquer ourselves and be able to exercise a good influence over our friends and neighbors. We do many wrongs which we would not do if we knew better, and so it is with our children. You may remember it and lay it to heart, and if you wish, write it in your journals, that some of the best spirits, that have ever been sent to earth are coming at the present time, comparatively speaking.

Solomon said, "he that spareth his rod hateth his son," but instead of using the rod, I will teach my children by example and by precept. I will teach them every opportunity I have to cherish faith, to exercise patience, to be full of long-suffering and kindness. It is not by the whip or the rod that we can make obedient children; but it is by faith and by prayer, and by setting a good example before them. This is my belief. I expect to obtain the same as Abraham obtained by faith and prayer, also the same as Isaac and Jacob obtained; but there are few who live for the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob after they are sealed upon them. No blessing that is sealed upon us will do us any good, unless we live for it. Whereas, if we are faithful, there is nothing which is calculated to please the eye, to gladden the heart, to cheer and comfort the body and spirit of man, everything in the heavens, with the fullness of the earth, its pleasures and enjoyments, with perfect health, without pain, with appetites made pure, all this, and more that has not yet entered into the heart of man to conceive, the Lord has in store for His children. This earth, when it shall be made pure and holy, and sanctified and glorified and brought back into the presence of the Father and the Son, from whence it came at the time of the fall, will become celestial, and be the glorified habitation of the faithful of this portion of the great family of our Heavenly Father.

Abraham was faithful to the true God, he overthrew the idols of his father, and obtained the priesthood after the order of Melchisedek, which is after the order of the Son of God, and a promise that of the increase of his seed there should be no end; when you obtain the Holy Priesthood, which is after the order of Melchisedek, sealed upon you, and the promise that your seed shall be numerous as the stars in the firmament, or as the sands upon the sea shore, and of your increase there shall be no end, you have then got the promise of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and all the blessings that were conferred upon them.

How many of the youth of our land are entitled to all the blessings of the kingdom of heaven, without first receiving the law of adoption? When a man and woman have received their endowments and sealings, and then had children born to them afterwards, those children are legal heirs to the kingdom and to all its blessings and promises, and they are the only ones that are on this earth. There is not a young man in our community who would not be willing to travel from here to England to be married right, if he understood things as they are; there is not a young

woman in our community, who loves the gospel and wishes its blessings, that would be married in any other way; they would live unmarried until they could be married as they should be, if they lived until they were as old as Sarah before she had Isaac born to her. Many of our brethren have married off their children without taking this into consideration, and thinking it a matter of little importance. I wish we all understood this in the light in which heaven understands it.

Those whom I once knew as little boys are growing out of my recollection; these young men know nothing but Mormonism. They are in some instances, called wild and ungovernable, but these wild boys, properly guided and directed, will make the greatest men who have ever lived upon this earth; and I want them to throw aside their diffidence and come up and shake hands with me, and say, how do you do br. Brigham, for I feel warmly towards them. I say to our young men, be faithful, for you do not know what is before you, and abstain from bad company and bad habits. Let me say to the boys sixteen years old and even younger, make up your minds to mark out the path of rectitude for yourselves, and when evil is presented, let it pass by unnoticed by you, and preserve yourselves in truth, in righteousness, virtue and holiness before the Lord. You were born in the kingdom of God; it is to be built up; the earth has to be renovated, and the people sanctified, after they are gathered from the nations, and it requires considerable skill and ability to do this; let our young men prepare themselves to aid and do their part in this great work. I want you to remember this teaching with regard to our youth.

We are hated and despised as a people, and every one who hates this people, hates the God of heaven; and when men lift their hands against the Latter-day Saints, they lift them against the Almighty. We are the men and women who will renovate the earth, redeem it, and restore all things through the strength of Him who has paid the debt for us, and who has and is still willing to help us, and give unto us every blessing we need. Our religion is worth everything to us, and for it we should be willing to employ our time, our talent, our means, our energies, our lives.

Let the Latter-day Saints be separate from the ungodly, and learn to live within themselves; and let us cease to give to them the proceeds of our hard toil for that which does not profit us. Any man in this church and kingdom who will cater to a gentile for a little money will be poor in time and in all eternity. To those who plead poverty, and contend that they must take wicked and corrupt men into their houses to board them, etc., for a living, I promise poverty, unless they repent, and turn from the error of their ways. So long as we will fellowship unholiness and wicked persons, so long God and angels and holy men will not fellowship us.

May God bless you as parents, as children, as Elders in Israel, as musicians, and as sweet singers; may He bless your houses, your barns, your fields, your flocks and your herds, your cities and the ranges around them, the mountains, the timber and the waters, and greatly comfort you, and enable you to pursue the journey of life so as to land safely in the haven of eternal rest. Amen.

#### MORE 24TH. REPORTS.

We have received further reports of proceedings on the 24th from distant settlements, which, as their lateness of arrival is entirely attributable to lack of mail facilities, we must give a little space to.

At Beaver the proceedings commenced with music and artillery firing at day-light. A large procession followed at a later hour, with Bishop Murdoch, President of the day; E. M. Thompson, Marshal; Robert Parker, Orator; John Hughes, Chaplain; W. J. Cox, Master of Ceremonies; D. M. Thomas and Jno. M. Lowe, Committee on Toasts. One principal feature of the procession was 120 school children, in neat attire, under the care of J. M. Loud. The celebration was characterized by order, sobriety and enthusiasm. John M. Loud, Reporter.

At Cedar City, musketry firing and music at sunrise. At 8 a.m. procession formed, marched through the principal streets and adjourned to the Social Hall, where music, toasts and addresses were the order of the day. M. Slack read the Prophet Joseph's "views of the Powers and Policy of the Government of the

United States;" I. C. Haight delivered the oration; J. M. Macfarlane delivered an address, and L. M. A. Lunt sung the "Standard of Zion." In the evening dancing and other amusements terminated the proceedings. M. Slack, D. S. Macfarlane and R. Palmer, Committee; W. Pinnock, Marshal; John Ure, Reporter.

At Pangwitch, a salute of 18 guns, raising the Stars and Stripes and martial music at daylight; 33 guns at sunrise. Procession formed at 9 a.m., under John Lowder, Marshal, marched through the principal streets and repaired to the meeting house at 10 o'clock. Meeting opened in the usual manner. W. W. Hammond delivered the oration; Pres. J. Neilsen, and Mrs. Twitchel, Lowder and Hadden delivered addresses, which were followed by toasts. Dancing and songs in the afternoon and evening terminated the day's enjoyment. John S. Hyatt, A. G. Ingram and Jesse Lowder, Committee; W. W. Hammond, Reporter.

At Deseret City, musketry firing and raising the National Flag at sunrise. Military parade at 9 a.m.; meeting at 1 p.m. in a bowery erected for the occasion, and tastefully decorated by the sisters. An oration by John Powell, short speeches, songs, toasts, &c. characterized the proceedings there. At 5 p.m., dancing commenced, in which all engaged enjoyed themselves. Good feeling and unity prevailed throughout the day. J. W. Radford, Marshal; B. Bennett, Chaplain; H. Roper, J. W. Radford and W. Hawley, Committee; T. Memott, Reporter.

At Richmond, artillery and musketry firing, and raising the National Flag at sunrise. At 9 a.m. procession formed and proceeded to the new hall, where an appropriate oration, singing, toasts, &c. carried out the order of the programme. In the afternoon a military review, theatrical performances in the evening, and a dance afterwards closed the proceedings. C. Traveller, Reporter.

#### NEWS ITEMS.

THE French horse "Gladiateur" won the cup at the great Derby race in England, May 31st. Great excitement was occasioned in the crowd by the announcement. The barriers burst like so many cobwebs, and fully half the spectators present flocked on to the race-course. The utmost efforts of the police with difficulty sufficed to clear and keep the space requisite for unsaddling, and although there appeared to be no visible need for the precaution, "Gladiateur" was escorted into this area by a force of mounted constabulary. His jockey was repeatedly and very cordially cheered, and the friends of Count de Lagrange, the owner, applauded again and again.

THE Quincy, (Ill.) Patriot says: "Seldom have our apple trees presented so unpromising an appearance at this season of the year, as at the present time. They are literally eaten up with vermin—caterpillars and canker worms. Many trees are as leafless as in mid-winter; and some districts look as if they had been visited by fire."

THE Manchester Mirror says that there never was so great a demand for female operatives skilled in the business of working in cotton mills as now. First class weavers are particularly wanted. The Amoskeag and Stark Mills would start up double the present amount of work if they had plenty of weavers and other skilled help, and all the other mills are short of the same class of labor.

DURING the tremendous storm, July 4, the steeple of the German Reformed church on Sixteenth and Green streets, Philadelphia, blew down, crushing in the roofs of two adjoining houses, whose occupants escaped uninjured. Much damage was done in other parts of the city.

ON June 18th, the 152d Ill. Infantry, at Tullahoma, Tenn., was struck by lightning, prostrating hundreds to the earth. One man, named Cooley, was killed, and 32 others were more or less severely burned. The men were mostly injured in the region of the shoulders, arms and hips—the men having been standing at shouldered arms, in which case the barrel of the musket would rest in the hollow of the right arm and shoulder, the butt of the piece resting against the hip. In some instances, the men's boots and shoes were torn from their feet and torn to pieces, and, strange as it may appear, the men were injured but little in the feet. In all the cases, the burns appear as if they had been caused by scalding hot water—in many instances the skin being shriveled and torn off.