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SPRING.

The Spring has now fairly opened, and the entire creation feels the glad-some change. The weather is most delightful, and we are witnessing, as a favorite writer expresses himself in relation to this season: "the great annual miracle of the blossoming of Aaron's rod, repeated on myriads and myriads of branches!—the gentle progression and growth of herbs, flowers, trees,—gentle, and yet irrepressible,—which no force can stay, no violence restrain, like love, that wins its way and cannot be withstood by any human power, because itself is Divine power." Under the influence of the present weather, our city will soon put on its livery of green and the air be redolent with the fragrance of flowers and blossoms. Everyone who has been confined to the house by wintry weather and the bad condition of the roads can now have the opportunity to walk out and drink deep draughts of health by filling their lungs with the pure, invigorating air of Spring. If the ladies of our community would adopt the habit of walking out of doors more than they do, it would be better for themselves, and, where they are mothers, for their children. We are convinced that many females are troubled with poor health, who, if they would adopt correct habits, might enjoy a robustness and vigor that would surprise themselves and their friends. Pure air is as essential to health as food. It cannot be obtained in that abundance in close rooms that it should be to ensure good health. It must be sought for where it is to be found—out of doors—where it comes laden with sweets from opening flower and bursting vegetation, imparting vigor to the body, elasticity to the step, and serenity to the mind.

Many women, mothers of families especially, become so absorbed in their household duties, that they deem it all but impossible to find time to spend in a morning or evening walk, or a little out-door exercise. They see cares multiply around them, and become so involved in them that they do not think of making an effort to drive them off for occasional intervals. A daily round of duties comes with irresistible routine. Their hours pass away in the performance of labors which become almost imitating in their sameness. Yet these duties appear of such importance to many that they almost feel that they would be doing a wrong to snatch a few moments from them, and the thought arises that something would be neglected if the closest and most constant attention and supervision were not exercised.

It is a mistake to think that the little time occupied in seeking health and vigor in the open air would be wasted, and that some household duty would have to be neglected because of it. That languor and lassitude, which at times wield so strong an influence, will be dispelled, tone and vitality will be imparted to the system, and the quickened and strengthened mental and physical powers will be able to perform the same duties so much easier and quicker, that the time occupied in so desirable a manner will be more than counterbalanced.

There is not enough of exercise taken by women generally in this country, nor is it always the right kind when taken. Very often those who ought to take carriage exercise, if they could, must walk, if they exercise at all; while many of those whose occupations in-doors do not keep them moving about, ride when they go out. To sit in an easy sewing chair the greater part of the day, and then to ride out in a carriage, is taking air but not exercise. A quiet walk, when the atmosphere is suitable, would impart more vigor, health and energy in a month than would ordinary carriage exercise in six times that period, to those whose occupations are sedentary, or who

spend much of their time seated. A daily walk, if taken moderately, is a powerful invigorator. And though, when the hot sun of summer shines out fiercely, it is neither pleasant nor advisable to walk during the heat of the day, in the evenings and mornings it is a positive luxury to enjoy the balmy air and delicious coolness that seem to pervade all nature.

OUR ENLARGED FORM.

We have much pleasure this evening in presenting to our subscribers the DESERET EVENING NEWS in an enlarged form. We have made it double its original size. For some time past the pressure upon our columns has been so heavy that we have greatly felt the need of more space; but at the risk of endangering, in the minds of our patrons, the popularity and character of the paper for a short space, we deemed it better to defer enlarging until to-day, the SIXTH OF APRIL. This is a memorable day; it is the anniversary of the organization of our Church. It is a day fraught with pleasing memories, and we desired to avail ourselves of it in issuing the NEWS in its new form, that to the very many recollections which already cluster around it, there might be, to our mind at least, another added.

THE DESERET EVENING NEWS is the cheapest daily paper published in this or any of the adjacent States or Territories. But for it to have this as its sole recommendation would not satisfy us. We wish it to occupy the foremost rank as a sound, reliable and interesting newspaper—to be an increasing power in the land, an authority on every subject upon which it may treat.

The form in which the EVENING NEWS has appeared has not suited us; but it was the best we could do when it was issued. The present form pleases us better, but still we look forward to the time when, with the continued patronage and support of our friends, we can make many additional improvements, and satisfy our own taste and the requirements of the public better than at present. We hope yet to see the various editions of the DESERET NEWS—the EVENING, SEMI-WEEKLY and WEEKLY—at least equal in every respect to every paper of their class in the entire country, so that when our folks shall have occasion to visit any part of the world, they can, with proper pride, exhibit the NEWS as a paper published and maintained by the Latter-day Saints in Utah Territory. This can be accomplished if the press be properly sustained, which can only be done by subscribers being prompt in paying for their papers.

It is gratifying to be able to say that the circulation of the DESERET EVENING NEWS is steadily increasing, and that, from every hand, we receive satisfactory assurances of the estimation in which it is held. We scarcely dared to hope in the beginning, even in our most sanguine moments, that its subscription list would have increased to its present size in the short time the paper has been published. The enterprise was started at an unfavorable season for procuring substantial aid. Times were becoming stringent, means were difficult to obtain; and these obstacles in the way of success have not since lessened. Many do not take the paper, who, if circumstances were more favorable, would not be without it. The closeness of the times and the scarcity of money have made our labor a somewhat difficult one, yet we are surprised at the manner in which we have been enabled to progress.

We are hopeful for the future. We feel assured that when our patrons see our determination to do them ample justice in furnishing them a good, creditable paper, at a low price, they will exert themselves to pay promptly, and in available means, their subscriptions, etc. This is the only plan on which such a paper can be sustained.

THE SIXTH OF APRIL.

Thirty-eight years ago to-day the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized, with six members, at the house of Father Whitmer, Fayette, Seneca County, New York. From so small a beginning what wonderful results have grown! This was our reflection yesterday and to-day in looking upon the vast congregation that was assembled in meeting at the New Tabernacle. The leading men from every part of this Territory, with a sprinkling from the adjacent Territories of Arizona and Ida-

ho—a scope of country extending upwards of five hundred miles from the North to the South—are here, representing numerous, thrifty and populous settlements. A great people have been gathered together, an extensive country has been settled, and all this has been accomplished in the brief space of thirty-eight years, in the face of a formidable and unrelenting opposition, which has not hesitated to shed blood and to perpetrate every species of virulence to achieve its objects in overthrowing and destroying the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Could Joseph and the other faithful men who assembled together at Father Whitmer's thirty-eight years ago to-day, have lived to see this day and to behold the scenes in which the Latter-day Saints are now living in this Territory, and participate, how suggestive would the contrast have been to their minds! And though not permitted to palpably mingle in mortal scenes, yet from the abode of the blessed they contemplate with more than mortal joy, the glorious results that have thus far attended the work, which they were, under the direction of the Almighty, the honored instruments in founding.

There is nothing unexpected, however, in the growth which this Work has already reached. Those who have been connected with it from the beginning are not surprised at its prosperity. When the members of the Church were so few that they could all be accommodated in one of the rooms of an ordinary dwelling-house, they predicted in unmistakable language and with unerring accuracy the great effects which should follow their labors and the steps they were then taking. God had revealed to them the nature of the Work which He had established, and though, to all human appearances, there was but little, if any prospect of success, they knew that it would triumph.

It is this never-dying faith that has sustained the people and astonished their enemies. No amount of disaster has discouraged them. They had as great confidence in the eventual triumph of the cause when they were homeless wanderers and stripped of their property by the vindictive cruelty of mobs, as they had when dwelling in the midst of peace and plenty. Their faith could not be extinguished by persecution, and it is this peculiarity that has surprised the enemies of the Latter-day Saints. They have not been able to account for such serene confidence.

Under the same influence which inspired the first elders, we who live to-day can look forward to the future with equal confidence as to the results. There is a career of glory opening up before the Latter-day Saints, which nothing but their own unfaithfulness can prevent them from enjoying.

THIRTY-EIGHTH GENERAL CONFERENCE.

To-day is the thirty-eighth anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Much as the Church has been called to pass through during those thirty-eight years; bitter and cruel as have been the persecutions that have been heaped upon us; relentless the animosity with which, during long and suffering years, wicked and malignant sectaries followed our weary and broken footsteps, we can, to-day, look around at the condition of the world, and be stirred with lively emotions of gratitude at our condition as a people. We enjoy peace, while the commotion which shakes nations and kingdoms, is looked upon by the wisest statesmen of the day as but the prelude to renewed, bitter and deadly war, which will shake the civilized world from centre to circumference.

As we assemble together in our meetings at this General Conference, the feelings of union and confidence in each other and in our leaders, which pervade the thousands who thus come together, are confined—in anything like such extent—to these valleys and this people alone. The Lord, who led us by His servants, and preserved us in our journeyings and wanderings, has blessed us abundantly in these mountains; and we have much reason to be filled with gratitude to Him for His abundant mercies.

Though the thirty-eighth General Conference of the Church convened this morning at 10 o'clock, the meetings yesterday were held in the New Tabernacle, were largely attended and very interesting, hence we append a

brief synopsis of the discourses with the regular Conference Minutes.

Sunday, April 5th, 1868.

10 a.m.

Singing, by the Tabernacle choir, "Sing to the Great Jehovah's praise." Prayer by Elder W. W. Phelps. Singing, "Behold the Mountain of the Lord."

Elder Joseph F. Smith rejoiced in the truth, and rejoiced that he had a testimony of it to bear to the children of men. He knew the Gospel, of which he is a minister, to be true, and that it would bring blessings to all the human family who will obey its principles. Every one who engages in the work of God, shares a portion of the responsibility of building up His kingdom. It is the duty of all such, equally with their brethren, to seek to extend truth and salvation among the children of men. We must cling close to the Lord in prayer, lean upon and seek aid from Him, and He will strengthen and sustain us; we will be able to see His hand in all things and have power to do His will. But if we neglect to call upon His name, we will be weak and powerless, left to wander in darkness, knowing not God nor His ways.

Elder Wilford Woodruff spoke of the work to be performed in this dispensation by the people of God, and the privileges bestowed upon them, compared with the labors required of and the privileges bestowed upon the people of preceding dispensations. Seeing the greatness of the work to be performed, the question which every Latter-day Saint should ask himself is, "What can I do to advance the purposes of God?" The Lord has declared by His prophets in all preceding dispensations, that in this one He will redeem the earth from the power of Satan, and set up His kingdom never more to be thrown down. We are engaged in that work, and we should seek diligently to perform our duties in connection therewith, and fulfil the purposes of the Lord.

Elder Joseph W. Young stated that he had just returned with Elder Erastus Snow from the southern settlements, and gave a brief description of his trip and the condition of matters south. The brethren who had gone from this part of the Territory last Fall, are generally doing pretty well, laboring to make themselves homes. A few had gone up the Muddy a distance, to make a new settlement, without due consideration, which had operated somewhat against their progress for a time; but now they are acting according to good counsel given them by President E. Snow, and their prospects are brightening. He treated on the principle of faith and the works that had been accomplished by this people through faith, urging that in the south and in the north, and wherever we have to live and labor, we must possess faith to accomplish that which is required of us; and we must be humble and obedient, to learn wisdom and be truly united.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder John Taylor.

2 p.m.

Singing, "Happy the man who finds the grace," by the choir. Prayer by Bishop E. D. Woolley. Singing, "Creation speaks with awful voice."

President B. Young inquired of persons in different parts of the house whether they could hear, and being answered in the affirmative from a number of points, he said one fact was very apparent, that we have never been able to get a hall sufficiently large in which the people could convene at General Conference. This was proved last October Conference, when many were precluded from hearing and obtaining seats, because of the lack of room. The design is to put a gallery in the New Tabernacle, that more space may thus be obtained for seating a still larger number of people.

The Gospel which we have received, and which we wish brought to the hearing of all the men and women on the earth, comprises within it every blessing pertaining to time or to eternity. Everything that is desirable, that pertains to life, that will make mankind happy in this life or in the eternal worlds, is to be found within the religion we have embraced, the Gospel that has been revealed for the salvation of man. We have scarcely commenced to learn the first lesson concerning our exaltation. There is an eternity of knowledge before us; and as our understandings are opened to comprehend in part the works of God around us, we see the visible hand of Providence in all, and realize a little how vast the amount of knowledge is that has to be acquired before we are exalted in the presence of our Father and God. What do the phi-