

who are, or should be, sovereign, just as much as any king or emperor on earth. We believe this is an undisputed fact. The question raised by the Cynosure is an entirely different one, not in the least affected by it. But since it has been mentioned, it would be well for the paper to explain in what sense the Almighty and His laws are sovereign in this country in any other sense than in every country of the globe. If the sovereignty of the Creator is a distinguishing feature of the management of our great Republic, that fact should be made known to all who earnestly pray for the kingdom of God to come. Has not the Cynosure made a sad mistake?

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Another of the leading men of Israel has been called to the spirit world, and the community is clothed in mourning because of the death of one of its most active and prominent members. On Sunday morning, July 19, 1898, at fifteen minutes after 5 o'clock, the spirit of Elder Abraham H. Cannon, one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, quietly passed from his mortal tabernacle. During the severe illness which preceded Elder Cannon's death all that faith and love and skill, as exercised by mortal beings, could do, was done; but these availed not to retain here the noble spirit of one who, in the brief span of his existence on earth, had entwined his life as few men do in the closest confidence and deepest affections of his people. Bowing their heads 'neath the weight of a great sorrow, a grief-stricken community acknowledged the hand of God in their bereavement, and humbly say, "Father, Thy will be done."

It is not in the power of words to express the sense of loss that comes with the announcement of Elder Cannon's death; and the feeling is more to weep in silence than to give utterance to words of lamentation. In his life, highly respected and greatly beloved for his manifestation of the noblest characteristics that mark a humble, valiant disciple of the Lord Jesus in public and private conduct, in his death tongue and pen are incapable of voicing the emotions that well up in the hearts of those who mourn him as a departed son, husband, father, brother, friend. Brother Abraham H. Cannon was not called away in the ripe years of an advanced life, but in the prime and vigor of manhood, when the full energies of a master mind were being devoted to the good of humanity. He was stricken down with hardness on, with armor bright in the cause of God and man; and while the thought may come to some that if he had worked with less zeal, of eager courage, of determined energy, his physical powers might have preserved him to a longer lease of life

on earth, who shall say that in all the circumstances leading up to and surrounding his death there was not the overruling hand of that Divine Providence whose inspiration he never failed to acknowledge in thought, word and action?

In the wise providences of the Father of all, whose mercy, justice and love are infinite, the times and seasons are appointed and controlled; and with His children who observe the laws He has given, the times of their coming and their going are not subject to their own dictation. These are under the guidance of the Father's will, for the establishing of His purposes in the highest and best blessings His children are able and willing to receive. Hence it is not for man to say that his taking away from mortality is either unfortunate, unjust or unkind in One whose attributes in these respects are perfect. It is the season of history that the taking of the most shining examples among men has proved the sacrifice to bring the greater blessings. This is not because the career of those called to another sphere is ended, but because their labors in the new condition are in a broader, brighter, and more effective field, by reason of their earnestness and fidelity in this. From every human point of view, the departure of Brother Cannon is an irreparable loss to his family, to the councils he was associated with, to the community in which his whole life had been spent for good, and to the Church of which he was such a devoted, faithful and consistent member. All these put forth every endeavor to retain him here, and the result leaves but one conclusion: God had appointed his time and called him hence, that his Priesthood powers and energy should be devoted to the great work of human progress in another department of the eternal life. A faithful Apostle of the Divine Master has received his appointment to another field of labor, and we who miss his presence drink from the cup of sorrow, and trust and praise God in the hour of deep affliction and trial, knowing that He doeth all things well and for the blessing of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Relating to his latest illness, Elder Cannon's affliction was sudden and severe in its development and so averse was he to complaining that not even his family were aware of the trouble until he took to his bed two weeks ago. For some little time previously he would occasionally make a remark about his head aching, but his indomitable will kept him unceasingly at work; his tendency was to belittle any personal affliction that came upon him, and it is doubtful whether he realized until he was unable to leave his room that anything really serious threatened. About a month ago he went on a business trip to California, and while bathing there a dash of cold water in the ear caused great pain. He came home quite seriously ill; and on the 2nd of July Dr. E. S. Wright was called in. From the symptoms as described an attack of typhoid fever was feared. The physician's examination, however, led to the discovery of an ear trouble, and treatment gave temporary relief

from the intense pain—so intense that when the doctor touched the ear the patient swooned. It was observed by the physician that a polypoid growth had filled the ear, and was attended by septic inflammation which communicated to within the cranial cavity. An immediate removal of the growth was advised. The case then had gone on five days since the bathing incident alluded to. From the temporary relief given, Brother Cannon did not seem to regard the affliction as of great importance; but with the advent of acute pain, Dr. R. B. Pratt, an ear specialist who had been quite a favorite with the family, was consulted. He called in Dr. Pfoutz, also an ear specialist, and it was determined that by this time not only was an operation necessary but constitutional treatment was an imperative need. Dr. Wright was summoned again, and the polypus or tumor was removed.

By this time the septic inflammation had increased to an alarming extent, and the doctors felt very dubious over the result. By anxiety over various business affairs, by his persistently remaining at work, and by the great loss of sleep which the agonizing pain had caused, Brother Cannon's physical and mental condition had been so weakened as to offer comparatively little resistance to the progress of the disease which had seized upon him. The whole brain was involved in a severe inflammation, secondary to the chronic trouble in the ear. When the polypoid growth was removed it was discovered that there had been a perforation of the drum membrane into the middle ear; the patient's temperature was high, the pains were intense, and the case very serious.

After the operation and the treatment following, the patient responded so readily that the attending physicians had strong hopes of his speedy recovery, the symptoms becoming favorable therefor. A few days later, Brother Cannon's condition again became worse. The inflammation had gone within the cranial cavity and could not be localized as had been hoped. In an endeavor to give relief, a consultation was held, in which Dr. J. S. Richards and Dr. Ellerbeck took part, and a second operation was decided upon in the hope of bringing relief and securing a drainage for the cause of the trouble. This operation consisted of an incision through the skull behind the ear. It did not produce all the results hoped for, but brought some relief, the patient again rallied, and hopes for his recovery were brightened. It then became a question as to whether the constitutional treatment being given the patient could correct the trouble; this it would do if the climax was reached. But the latter was not the case. The weakened condition of the patient at the outset, and the hold which the generally inflammatory condition had taken, were too much for the vital powers and all the assistance that could be given.

During all the time of his illness the most assiduous attention was given to Brother Abraham, not only by President George Q. Cannon and the patient's immediate family and relatives, but by President Woodruff, the