

not been a corresponding growth in morals; and the result is the high percentage of criminals among the educated classes. And there are many leading men today who condemn the free school system of the United States on this account.

I have often admired the Roman Catholics because of the training of their children. In this respect they show a consistency that we might pattern after with credit and profit. They believe that Catholicism is the only true faith, and they take the greatest pains to educate their children in the tenets of their faith, and thereby show they are sincere in what they profess. I have heard it said that the Catholic priests maintain that if they can have the training of children until they reach, some say eight and others twelve years, they will insure their being Catholics forever after. Now, if this boast can safely be made by Catholics why not by Latter-day Saints? If we will do our duty, and be as liberal in devoting dollars and cents to the education of the children as the Elders are in devoting their time as missionaries to foreign countries, there certainly will be a wonderful growth in the knowledge of the Gospel among the youth of Zion. I hope to see the day when the Latter-day Saints as a community will be awakened to the importance of this question, and when they will as readily use their time and means to propagate faith in the hearts of their own flesh and blood, as they are to go and preach the Gospel to the people of foreign lands. It is considered an honor to go abroad to proclaim the Gospel. It is no greater honor than to labor at home in the Sabbath schools, devoting one's time and talent to improve the spiritual and moral condition of the youth of Israel.

I rejoice in the organization of what is known as the Church Board of Education; and pray that the Spirit of the Lord may guide them and inspire them in their labors, that the good work may go on until our Church schools shall be successfully carried on throughout the length and breadth of Zion. I realize that unless our children are taught the plan of salvation many of them will be led astray; and that a great majority of them can never receive the same knowledge and the strong testimony that you and I have received. I have often preached to the Latter-day Saints upon this subject; it is one of the subjects nearest to my heart. When I reflect upon the labors accomplished by our aged brethren, and when I consider that but one solitary member of the first quorum of the Twelve Apostles is left with us today, I am bound to believe that there remains much for us to do if we are going to bring forth men to take their place. The men who established the work in these mountain valleys have passed away; are we going to teach and train our children in such a way that they can become instruments in the hands of God to carry on the work of building up the kingdom of God which has been established through their faithful labors? Are

we growing in strength? Are we growing in good works? Are we growing in love for the work of God, or are we drifting into the spirit of the world, living for ourselves and for our own personal interests? I am afraid that as the Latter-day Saints have increased in wealth they have not increased proportionately in the life and spirit of the Gospel. I find many men who were willing to pay tithing and offerings when their tithing was small; but as soon as prosperity attended their labors and their tithing increased five or ten times, the tithing seemed entirely too much for them. I

I rejoice in seeing the Latter-day Saints increase in wealth; I rejoice when they build fine homes and to know they are able to keep carriages to ride in, and to enjoy the comforts of life. But I cannot rejoice in seeing the people grow in knowledge, intelligence and wealth unless there is a corresponding growth in good works and love for their fellow man; unless the desire is manifested in their works to carry on and advance the work of God. The more wealth and the more intelligence we can gain, the greater will be our ability to labor for the advancement of God's Kingdom. But if we set our hearts upon the things of the world; if we turn back to the things we have left behind, after evincing not only willingness to forsake the world, but expressing ourselves as being sincerely grateful for the deliverance that God has wrought out for us, in imparting to us the light of His Holy Spirit and gathering us to this goodly land—if we turn aside or allow our hearts to become cold and indifferent to the work of God, ready to sacrifice the interests of the Kingdom for our personal gain, we stand self-condemned, and prove ourselves unprofitable servants.

That God may help us to see the faults and failings with which we are afflicted personally and give us power to rise above them, and so live that we may increase in light and knowledge and good works, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### THE "CHICAGO HERALD" ATTACKED

THE organ of the "Liberals" in this city is in a rage. There is nothing new in that, for there is scarcely an issue of the sheet that is not a general scold. But this morning it fairly boils over with wrath. Possibly the grand parade of the People's Party January 10, combined with the customary potations which inspire most of the screeds that appear in the organ, affected the bile of the scribe and stirred up the dregs of his chronic venom.

This time the object of attack is the *Chicago Herald*. The offense committed by that paper, is its editorial endorsement of some statements and sentiments of a correspondent who has been writing up the facts of the Salt Lake situation. The organ's usual epithets are

brought out, warmed over for the thousandth time, and hurled at the *Herald* writers in its common style. "Purchased champion," "shyster lawyer's certificate to a thief," "unscrupulous scoundrel," "hired batherskite," "rascall," etc., are a few of the pet names bestowed upon the *Chicago Herald*, and "dirty work," "purchased sympathy," "crocodile tears," "gratuitous falsehoods," "all a fraud," "sold out to the Mormons" are sample expressions as to the articles in that paper, because it has had the temerity to take a different stand on the Mormon question to that occupied by the "Liberal" organ.

The correspondent of the *Chicago Herald* evidently looked at affairs here with his own eyes, and used his own judgment in forming conclusions. This, in the mind of the "Liberal" organ, is a deadly sin. No facts must be given to the public by any member of the press, until they are filtered through the organ and mixed with a certain proportion of its fictions. Woe be to the writer who dares to differ from the "Liberal" organ! He is at once proclaimed a scoundrel, and if his subject is the "Mormon" question and he has the temerity to speak a word in favor of the "Mormon" people, he is denounced as a "purchased sympathizer" and he is made the target for *Tribune* blackguardism.

The articles in the *Chicago Herald* are remarkably free from the grotesque errors which so frequently disfigure newspaper reports and comments on Utah affairs, and the mistakes that occur therein are few and mainly trivial. The writer has sized up the situation here with singular accuracy, and all the epithets that vulgar persons may heap upon him will not weaken the forcible points he has made against the manipulators of the present attack on the people of this Territory.

We hope the *Chicago Herald* will not pay any attention to the vituperation of the badly rattled "Liberal" organ of this city, nor take any stock in its long and rabid reiteration of exploded untruths about the people who built up this Territory. It is almost a new thing under the sun for an influential paper to place facts concerning the "Mormons" and their opponents before the public, unmixed with egregious errors and without apologizing for telling the truth. If a few more papers would follow the example of the *Herald*, they would move out of the old absurd anti-"Mormon" rut, prove vastly more interesting to the public, and be instrumental in disseminating correct information on a subject almost universally misunderstood.