

earnest laborer in all these important directions. She was an impressive and entertaining speaker, had an excellent voice and was never at a loss for words, and wherever she went she was heartily welcomed and infused a spirit of cheerfulness by her buoyant spirits and whole-souled manner.

The Howard home at Big Cottonwood has been for years a gathering place for old and young on all sorts of festive occasions, Mrs. Howard being a charming and genial hostess, and a general favorite everywhere.

Sister Howard was the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive her, five sons and three daughters, over seventy grandchildren and two or three great grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters to mourn her loss, which will be severely felt by them, as she was a most affectionate and devoted mother, sister, friend and counselor. Sister Howard was a woman of magnificent presence, brilliant, witty, winning and attractive, she will be greatly missed among the visiting sisters, for she was always on hand to perform the duties assigned to her, undertaking the most arduous journeys in all kinds of weather. Blessed be her memory forevermore!

FUNERAL SERVICES.

A large number convened March 15 in the Assembly Hall to pay a tribute of respect and love to the late Sister Elizabeth Howard, whose remains were there previous to their journey to the last resting place. The hall was draped and the beloved dead lay surrounded with floral emblems among which was a pillow of lilies with the word "Rest," a tribute from the Relief Society of this Stake.

The services commenced with the singing of the hymn,

O, my Father, Thou that dwellest.

After prayer by Elder J. D. T. McAllister, President Joseph F. Smith, in compliance with a wish long ago expressed by the now departed sister, addressed the congregation. He spoke with glowing eloquence of the virtues of Sister Elizabeth Howard and of the subject of the resurrection and the celestial glory.

Other speakers were Sisters M. Isabella Horne, Zina D. H. Young, Bathsheba W. Smith and Jane S. Richards; Elders D. B. Britton, Angus M. Cannon and George Halliday.

The singing of the hymn, "Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb," and benediction by Elder Franklin D. Richards closed the impressive services in the Assembly Hall.

The remains were removed to the City cemetery and laid to rest by the side of the husband and daughter of the deceased. The grave was dedicated by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

LOGAN TEMPLE NOTICE.

The Logan Temple will close on Saturday evening, April the 1st, and open again on Tuesday morning, the 18th of April.

M. W. MERRILL, President.

THE FAVORITE boutonniere with the spoils-hunting brigade at Washington just now is the forget-me-not.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, March 12th, 1893, Elder Joseph E. Taylor, of the Stake Presidency, presiding.

The choir sang the hymn:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,
No longer, as strangers on earth need we roam.

Prayer by Elder Robert Morris.

The choir sang:

While of these emblems we partake,
In Jesus' name and for His sake.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

was the first speaker. He said: Brethren and sisters and Latter-day Saints, for this opportunity I feel most grateful to my God. I have longed for it to come. I stand here this afternoon, slightly in the fear of man, greatly in the fear of God. For the pleasure of looking into your faces once more I am very thankful.

A stranger in a strange land learns to appreciate his home and friends. Many changes have occurred the last two years and a half during which time I have been absent from your midst, and it does me good to be with you again. It produces a happiness—not of an external character but—such as comes from the heart where God has planted it and from where it cannot be wrested by man. Our Elders are sent out today without any great hope of converting the world. Not many converts are made today as compared with the work done in that direction years ago. Yet a few choice spirits still accept the truth.

A kindlier spirit is now being kindled in the hearts of honest men towards us as individuals and as a people. The Gospel of the Son of God circumscribes the universe, the creations of God everywhere. God has not removed from his people, His arm is not shortened, neither does He sleep. The social, religious and political enaoges of this people are very noticeable but there is no diminution in their faith. I can testify to the fact that the Church is increasing in almonston and that the Kingdom of God is nigh unto us. I know it by the Spirit of God.

According to a statement made by the President of our Church, one good sermon in the early days of our existence, on the first principles of the Gospel, would convert hundreds. Now it requires hundreds of good sermons to partially convert one person. I have known of 3000 invitations being issued in the mission field to the public to attend our meetings with but a single response.

Enemies are of use. We need them. They keep us from sinking into insignificance. The scourge must be applied or we deviate from the right. Sometimes I have said in my heart, "God be thanked for we could not have succeeded without opposition." I have never despaired in the past; I do not feel I would be met in the present. I spent five years in the ministry from 1862 to 1867. The field was full of missionaries. I became well acquainted with them. During my last few years of missionary work I never met one of them. What is the reason? I cannot account for it. Those who go on missions today are inexperienced. Yet there is satisfaction in the

knowledge that in a few months they prepare themselves so they are more than a match for the ministers who preach a gospel.

In conclusion the speaker said he was pleased with all that he had seen and heard since his return and though the Latter-day Saints had just occasion for thankfulness and encouragement.

ELDER O. W. PENROSE

next spoke. He said that it was always refreshing to listen to the testimony of returned missionaries. He had traveled a good deal in the Old World where Elder Brigham Young had been laboring and he knew that it took more work, patience and zeal today than formerly. At first it was a new doctrine to them, but now it is old and those who preached it are no longer regarded as curiosities.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ comprehended everything that was good, praiseworthy and beautiful. If the Christian world had anything that the Latter-day Saints did not possess they would readily accept it as it was in reality a part of Mormonism. If there was anything in science or any branch of learning that was elevating and admirable it was embraced in Mormonism because Mormonism comprehended all that was desirable, all truth, it was Truth's magnet. The Christian world as a rule would not accept that which was not specifically set forth in their adopted creeds and articles of faith. Faith in Jesus Christ was the sum total of their religions. That faith was all right so far as it went but it was simply the letter A of the Gospel alphabet. There were other letters other requirements which were unrecognized and unpracticed by them. A simple assent to a particular idea would not insure the purpose. They must have a real, existent, tangible living faith coupled with works. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was sent into the world to make men and women like Him. To preach this the Elders were sent into the world. This was not a generation of faith. It was one of skepticism and doubt. It had not that childlike faith of which the Savior spoke and which He taught. This was a day of warning and not of many words. It was a day when the inhabitants of the earth were being called upon to repent, obey and gather to a place of safety. A day when they were being warned that God was about to enter into controversy with the nations and sweep the earth with a besom of destruction. The messengers who carry this warning word to their fellow men became hungry, weary and footsore but they forgot their tribulations by reason of the conviction and knowledge that they were servants of the Lord and doing His bidding. It was the faith they possessed and taught which had reared the Temple. It was the power of God unto salvation of which Paul spoke. The word Mormon which was now so often considered a word of reproach would yet become one of honor. The Latter-day Saints had taken upon themselves the name of the Savior and they should do it honor as they had covenanted in partaking of the emblems of His broken body and shed blood. The work in which we were engaged was a labor of love. It found an echo in the hearts of the people.