

another, and because they love those who are not of their Church.

I hope to see this spirit spread among the people, so that we will not give way to these evil influences that are seeking to introduce themselves into our midst; that we will be fortified against them by the Spirit and power of our God, and that we will have here at least, if in no other part of this world, a place where this spirit will prevail. We will try and redeem this much of the earth and make it a delightful place. Cannot we do it? We can. And with God's help we will do it. I look for it. I anticipate it. Nor am I in the least discouraged about it. I look for these valleys to be the abode of liberty and of a God-fearing and a humanity-loving people, who will show their love to God by their kindness to their fellow-men. And I do not know how we can show our love to God any better than by showing it to our brethren and sisters in the flesh.

Before I sit down, I want to say a few words concerning the near approach of the dedication of our Temple. I do not know how your meetings were yesterday that you attended; but the meeting that President Woodruff and myself attended, we belonging to the same ward, was a meeting long to be remembered, by the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the people, the tenderness of heart, the willingness to confess sin, and to ask forgiveness of sin, and also to extend forgiveness to others. The time would not allow all to speak; some were diffident also; but before we separated, all were asked to express themselves to this effect:

"Do you feel willing to ask God and your brethren and sisters to forgive your sin? Is this the spirit that you have?"

The congregation, lifting their hands, responded affirmatively, and also that they were willing to forgive all others. I have no doubt that this spirit has been in all the meetings of the Latter-day Saints. I hope it has; for I look upon the dedication of this Temple as one of the greatest events that has occurred since the foundation of the Church. Not that I expect all that I hear some are expecting, for I have been told that some are looking for most marvelous manifestations. Yet I look for the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us. I desire that. Not that I would not like to see all the power manifested that the Lord is willing to bestow, but I do not think it is wise for us to be indulging in great anticipations. Let us get the Spirit of God in our hearts to fill us with peace and joy, and that is a great blessing. But I look upon this as a great event. Why? Because Isaiah and Micah saw a temple in vision, and this Temple now completed and about to be dedicated answers the description. I have no doubt there will be other temples that will fulfill their prophecy still more completely, and to which the people will come, just as those prophets said the people would.

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the

law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." I have no doubt that will be the case. But this Temple seems peculiarly adapted to fulfill the prediction. Forty years ago the foundation was laid. The spot was designated by Brother Brigham directly after he came into the valley. He struck the ground with his cane and said, "Here is the place where the Temple will stand." President Woodruff was with him. He says he drove a stake there at the time. The Temple stands at that precise spot. The ground was covered with sagebrush then. The same spirit of prophecy that prompted those seers to predict concerning the house of the Lord, prompted him, and he designated the spot. What better evidence have we of a man being a prophet than such a great event as this being fulfilled, especially when we consider what we have passed through and the attempts that have been made to destroy us, to uproot us, to drive us away? The Temple stands today a living monument to God and to the truth of prophecy.

Now, shall we go into that Temple in sin, with feelings in our hearts that we should not have? God forbid. I would rather, much as I desire to see it dedicated on the 6th of April next, and much as I have yearned for that day, see its dedication postponed, than that we should go in there unworthy; and I know unless there is repentance a good many cannot go in there worthily. There has been a spirit manifested that has not been the Spirit of God, not the spirit of our religion, not that spirit of brotherly kindness to which I have been alluding, but it has almost approached hatred. It has been manifested, and I know, as a servant of God, it is not of God; and, as one of God's servants, I am not in favor of anyone going into that Temple possessed of that spirit, if it can be prevented, and I think it can. If you know of any man of whom you have said or to whom you have done anything improper, or of any woman to whom you feel you have done wrong, do not wait for that man and woman to come and tell you. I have heard some folks say, "Well, if you will tell me wherein I have done wrong, and what I must do," when it seemed to me they knew what they ought to do. They knew they had done wrong, but they wanted somebody to come and prompt them. Let me say to you that you ought to have the Spirit of God to prompt you to repent and not wait for somebody to tell you how to repent. If one has said anything about another, he ought to know it. If one has done anything against another he ought to know it, and let his conscience tell him, and the Spirit of God within him prompt him to go and say, "I said or did this or that, I know it is not of God, and I ask you to forgive me, and I will try and do better."

There may be times and circumstances when men and women will say and do things unconsciously, that is, they are not conscious at the time that it is wrong, and under these circumstances it is necessary to go and tell them, but in very many instances people know themselves whether or no they

have done things that are not right, and they should be willing to go and say to the brother or the sister, whoever it may be, "I feel that I have not done right in that, and I ask you to forgive me." Will anyone feel humiliated by asking forgiveness? We ought not to be humiliated; for who among us is not a sinner? And shall one feel humiliated at asking forgiveness, when we are all beggars in the sight of God, when we are all sinners, when we all have to ask God and each other for forgiveness and for charity? No man should feel humiliated. If another feels that a brother who asks his forgiveness does humiliate himself, then he is the sinner. If I go to my brother and confess my sin, he should be as humble as I, because he himself is a sinner, and every man that comes to God and gets the Spirit of God realizes how great a sinner he is. And when his brother or his sister shall come to him, he knows very well that he needs forgiveness; he needs to plead with God continually for forgiveness. Hence our Lord says: "If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses." As I am willing to forgive the trespasses of my brother or my sister, O Father, so I beseech thee to forgive my trespasses. This is the spirit that we should have, and that we should cultivate continually one for another. If one man has made promises to another and broken those promises, if one owes another and has failed to keep his word, he should go and make that right in order that there may be good feeling. And all this before we go into the Temple. I thank the Lord that we have had the fast day. I thank Him for the meetings of yesterday, for I know they will be productive of good and benefit to the people. I would like to see us continue to grow in these directions, to repent of our sins, and to live so near to the Lord that we will have them forgiven us by Him and by each other.

My brethren and sisters, I am thankful that the Latter-day Saints are being better understood. One of the greatest pleasures that I have had during my absence has been the kindly feeling that prevails concerning the Latter-day Saints. The Lord has said that He would soften the hearts of the people from time to time. He has softened them, and men look at us now in a very different light. It is a pleasure to see this kindly spirit and disposition, a willingness to accord to us some little credit for being a decent people, and not looking upon us in the light that many have. I am thankful for this, because it enables a great many honest people to get a better understanding of the truth and of affairs here. I believe we shall grow and continue to increase. We will have our trials and our troubles, but truth and righteousness will spread in the earth. God bless you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

IN THE case of the man Proutz, who is writing daily slop for the Salt Lake Tribune over the signature of "Urbis," it would seem to be more appropriate if his name had been Pfool.

THE NAME of the Swedish minister to this country is Grip. He hasn't yet taken as good a hold in Washington as his Russian namesake did.