

Daily my thanksgivings are offered that I heeded that great instruction, "Come out of her my people, that ye partake not of her sins that ye receive not of her plagues." Tens of thousands of those who in years past have known something of "Mormonism" will mourn that they failed to keep this command; failed to plant their posterities and interests with the people of God.

From your remarks I conclude you have had some affiliations with the so-called re-organized church. If so, please permit me to quote you the words of Isaiah, that in the last days the house of the Lord should be established "in the tops of the mountains," and to ask how long in reasonable probabilities the Saints and the world would have to wait before this prophecy would have fulfilment through the action of the so-called re-organized church or all the combined churches of Christendom? Again, my husband is a living witness that the Prophet Joseph Smith foretold before his death that "the Saints should become a numerous host in the fastnesses of this western world." I ask you, has the re-organized church sought to help or have they sought to hinder the fulfilment of this prophecy? sought to aid or to hinder the raising of this Temple of God "in the tops of the mountains?" Have they followed or have they utterly neglected the example set by the Prophet Joseph in building a Temple in Kirtland; and in Nauvoo, where he introduced and emphasized the holy ordinance for the dead? If this doctrine is a cardinal, vital element embraced in the salvation purchased by our Lord and Savior; if the words of the holy men are true, that this great work of the fullness of the dispensation of times "shall be cut short in righteousness," then will great responsibilities rest on all professing Latter-day Saints who have treated this matter lightly. The little band of patriots who have followed in the footprints of the Prophet Joseph under unspeakable difficulties have by the grace of God fulfilled and honored his words, thereby honoring God who sent him, and tens of thousands of honest souls who never heard the Gospel in the flesh have been ministered for in this holy Temple.

Jesus being dead in the flesh "but quickened by the spirit went and preached to the spirits in prison." Paul said, "If the dead rise not again why are ye then baptized for the dead?" Always, everywhere, wherever God has had a people, those whom He acknowledged as His people, with Prophets through whom to give His word, there have been "Tabernacles," "the Ark of the Covenant," or "Temples." And yet to day boasted Christendom is so far from God and His ordinances of salvation that if we were to give them our Temple all complete—they would not know enough to use it for the holy purposes for which their God and our God had it built.

You manifest a desire "to do something to add to your happiness hereafter." If you could have but a scintillation of the happiness men and women have here in this life when they go into this Temple and administer for their dead and receive there and then a testimony that is accepted—testimony that the captives are set free, you would lose all anxiety for your future state, and would contemplate death as a new birth, as an introduction to unspeakable

happiness; would realize that when you put off this mortal body you would go as a savior who had come up on Mount Zion. Indeed, my dear sister, I am superlatively happy in being able to bear my testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is all that it purports to be. It robs the grave of all victory and death of all sting. It would seem strange to any but a Saint to witness the love and interest that my husband takes in your family and the families that he knew in old Berkshire county. This of itself is a testimony of the love begotten by the Gospel. If you would permit me the liberty of an adviser, I would say, take the remnant of your strength and days, come to Zion, perform the works necessary for the uniting of the living and the dead of your kindred. I make you a promise that if you solidly make God and the doing of His will the first and foremost thing, your health shall improve, your days be lengthened and peace such as you have not known shall rest upon you. With you, I am well along in years and in a short time we shall both test the great realities that lie before us. I shall hope before then to meet you in the flesh.

Very affectionately your sister,
LOUISA KING SPENCER.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

The past week was, for the most part dry and cold, with frosts during the fore part, although they did little damage. The closing days of the week were somewhat warmer. The rain and snow of the previous week left the soil in good condition for germination and growth. Therefore the past week has not been an unfavorable one for crops, and they all look well, although the cold and frosts have prevented rapid growth. The injury to fruit by frost has been very slight, and the prospect for a large yield is still fine. Apple trees are now in full bloom. Strawberries are ripe in Washington county.

Though wheat has grown only slowly, the cold weather tends to make it stool out well. The ground is in good condition for potato planting. Early garden truck is up and looking well. Sugar beets are reported to be growing slowly, and need more moisture. Grain now has to be watered.

Snowville—Weather dry. Lucern has been watered the first time. Trees are budding out.

Lake Station—Crops very backward. Light shower on the 22nd.

Plymouth—Frost on the morning of the 2nd, but no damage. Crops making a fine growth.

Yost—Wheat beginning to show up, but everything seems extremely backward.

Deweyville—Weather cool generally; three frosts. Apples and pears ready to blossom. Crops doing fairly well.

Box Elder—Weather dry with considerable frost in the fore part of the week, damaging tender plants. Spring grain is up.

West Portage—The rains have brought out the winter and spring grains, which now look favorable. Lucern four inches high. Ground in good condition.

Bear River City—The week has been

very cold, with frosts nearly every night, though lucern and other things do not seem to be injured. But nothing seems to be growing.

Benson—Fall wheat is doing well; cold weather tends to make it stool out. Lucern somewhat injured by frosts.

Lewiston—The cold weather is keeping grain back. I am a little afraid frost has hurt the fruit some.

Newton—Potatoes have only been planted to a limited extent yet. Lucern is doing well.

Millville—Frost on the 1st and 2nd, but not severe enough to damage fruit. Seeding is being pushed on the later, wet lands.

Cache Junction—Frost on the nights of the 1st and 2nd.

Randolph—The past week has been better than usual for the crops. Early spring grain is up and looks well.

Pao—Cold winds most of the week; ice formed on the 3rd and 4th. Cold winds have kept the crops back. Grass on range looks well.

Rockport—Grain, lucern, etc., is backward. Some early vegetables are up.

Upton—Crops and garden seeds all in. Frosts at nights, but not injurious.

Hoytville—No storms this week. Ice on night of 2nd.

Croydon—Most of the week was fair, but windy, which dried the land. If dry weather continues, irrigation will soon be a necessity.

Walisburg—Growth of crops is very slow, caused by the dry, cold weather.

Charleston—Rain on night of 1st. Slight frosts on 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Grain coming up nicely. Soil in fine condition.

Heber—Fore part of week cold, and slow grain-growing weather; last three days warm and spring-like weather.

Grouse Creek—Frosts during first three nights of week retarding growth of crops, yet wheat and lucern have done fairly well.

Uintah—Dry week; a little rain on the 1st, followed by severe frost during the night. Peaches and apricots damaged some. There is yet a fine prospect for fruit.

Harrisville—Dry, but cold. All products seem to be doing well.

Huntsville—Hard frost almost every night; nothing can grow much.

Kayaville—Past week cold, and crops have not grown much; they are, however, in fine condition.

Layton—Week very favorable to all crops. Only cold night was that of the 2nd, when there was a slight frost. All the early garden truck is up.

Herriman—On the 1st and 2nd sharp frosts; week ended warmer; no damage to fruit.

Sandy—Part of the week has been cold; some days quite warm and sunny.

Gale—North wind retarded growth of vegetation. Ice on 3rd, which made lucern and leaves of trees turn yellow. Last three warm days has caused rapid growth.

Grantville—Frost during week did little damage to fruit, and crops in general are looking well.

Tooele—Careful examination shows that frost did not do so much damage to fruit as was reported. Grain grows slowly.

Centre—Frost more or less during the week, and storm threatening on Friday.