

for three years and a half and seen His mighty works. God gave them the Holy Ghost that He might take of the things of the Father and show unto them, and bring these things to their minds, opening their understandings that they could speak of the plan of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, they received power from God. Now, Peter, who in an hour of temptation had denied the Master, saying that he knew Him not, could suffer persecution and death for Christ. He could not, after having been endowed with power from on high, deny that Master, notwithstanding every torture. His testimony was that He was the Christ, the Lord of heaven and earth. And the other Apostles, who had once been full of doubt, now testified about their Savior until they met their martyrdom. For they were all, except John, put to death for their testimony that Jesus was the Son of God and that He died in order that the world might live. And this was their testimony, because they had "heard, and seen with their eyes, and handled with their hands." They had a testimony within them. They could not deny it.

Now, the Elders of Israel are called to preach the Gospel without what the world would term qualifications for this great calling. But they are endowed with power from on high. They have the testimony within themselves that Jesus is the Son of God. The Spirit bears testimony with them. The "Mormon" Elders, therefore, go forth, not by themselves, but by the power of the Almighty, and proclaim that Jesus is the Christ; that He was crucified, but He lives and is the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Savior of the world. They know it. They can also testify that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, as were Brigham Young, John Taylor, and as is Wilford Woodruff; that God has given them power to bind and to loose on earth, and that their actions as the servants of God are ratified in heaven. And tens of thousands can testify that this is true.

The speaker, alluding to learning as a preparation for preaching the Gospel, said there is certainly no objection to the possession of learning, if humility is coupled with it. If the well informed man is an instrument of the Holy Spirit, his knowledge will add to his usefulness. But by learning alone, no man can find out the things of God. The road to God is open to everybody. All who repent and are baptized and honor the ordinances of God can find that road. It is revealed, not by learning but by the Holy Spirit. And in this way the Elders of the Church of God are prepared to preach the Gospel of Christ.

What a great thing is the Gospel! Some men say it is difficult to understand; its intricacies are beyond the power of comprehension of those who are not learned. Not so. The Gospel is simply the truth and can be, to some extent, comprehended even by a child, on whom the Holy Spirit rests. The Gospel is, moreover, righteousness, purity of life, good deeds, charity, forgiveness, longsuffering, patience, forbearance and everything that is good. That is the Gospel and the ordinances opening the doors to it are such that even the simple-minded can find

them. A simple-minded man or woman can be as virtuous, as righteous, as true as any other. A simple-minded person can be an heir of God just as well as the most learned. He can live his religion just as well.

Sometimes it is even easier for those who are not favored in a worldly sense, to be God-like, as is illustrated in the narration of the Evangelists of the rich man who came to Jesus to inquire about the way to salvation. He went away sorry, because he was required to sell all he had and give it to the poor. He would not do it. He thought he had kept all the commandments, but the greatest commandment of all—to love God with all the heart and above all things, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, he had not learnt to comprehend. He lacked the love, which even the poorest man can possess, if his heart is right. He who knows that this work is true, but does not love his neighbor as himself, is not a true Latter-day Saint.

The speaker hoped that he had succeeded in making his thoughts clear on the subject relating to the preaching of the Gospel. No one should undertake it, unless he is convinced of the truth of the doctrines he is to proclaim. He testified that he knew the Gospel to be true, because God had revealed it to him.

The Holy Spirit bore testimony in his mind to the fact that God had spoken through Joseph Smith. He knew that there is no other name than the name of Jesus, in which the world can be saved. Joseph Smith was a witness to this truth. The speaker knew this for himself and could not deny it. Not only had Joseph Smith testified to the divine manifestations connected with this latter-day work, but Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer had also testified thereof. So had eight other witnesses, and thousands had received the same testimony.

May God bless us, all that we may know the truth for ourselves.

The choir sang the anthem:

The gathered Saints.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry P. Richards.

#### OBITUARY.

ROGERS.—At Snowflake, Arizona, on Sunday, September 20, 1891, Samuel H. Rogers. Deceased was born in Portage County, Ohio, March 1, 1819. He gathered with the Saints in Missouri with his father's family in the fall of 1838, and with them was driven from that State, although he was not at that time baptized as a member of the Church. This ordinance was administered in the Mississippi river, at his request, it being the darkest hour the Church had ever known. With his father's family he was among the earliest settlers at Nauvoo. While there he performed two missions, preaching in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, traveling the entire distance on foot. He shared in the hardships of the expulsion from Nauvoo, and joined the Mormon Battalion at Council Bluffs, marching the whole distance to the Pacific Coast, thus crossing the continent on foot. Returning, he met the surviving members of his father's family in Salt Lake valley. Here he received his family in the new and everlastingly covenant. Removing south he officiated as a civil magistrate and a Bishop in the Church, giving the fullest satisfaction and being everywhere known for his love of justice. Probably no man in this dispensation has more fully kept the Word of Wisdom. He leaves behind a wife and seven children and a very large circle of relatives and friends, who all rejoice in his unblemished record.

He was a member of the High Council of the Snowflake Stake from its organization until his death.—[CON.]

#### DEATHS.

BENEDICT.—In Salt Lake City, September 29th, 1891, at her residence 316 S. Fourth East street, Mrs. Emeline M. Benedict.

CROWTHER.—In Salt Lake City, September 29th, 1891, Edward, son of Benjamin and Jane Crowther, in the twenty-third year of his age.

EVANS.—In Salt Lake City, Oct. 7, 1891, Delbert Earl, son of Wm. T. and Jane Evans; born Oct. 2, 1890.

GLAUCQUE.—Caroline, wife of Arnold G. Glaucque, October 7, 1891. Born at Stratford on Avon, Warwickshire England; aged 30 years, 3 months and 24 days.

CONRAD.—In this city, October 7th, 1891, at 8:40 p.m., Walter K. Conrad.

BENSON.—At Parowan, Iron County, Utah, James, son of Thomas and Margaret Marsden Benson; born at Hunters' Hill, Warrington, Lancashire, England, April 15th, 1821. Baptized by Elder H. O. Kimball, when on his first mission to England.

*Millennial Star*, please copy.

BENSON.—At Parowan, Iron County, Utah, August 25th, 1891, of old age, Thomas Benson, son of Thomas and Margaret Marsden Benson; born at Hunters' Hill, Warrington, Lancashire, England, March 4, 1809. Baptized by Elder H. O. Kimball, when on his first mission to England.

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JONES.—In the Seventeenth ward, of this city, October 2nd, 1891, of inflammation of the bowels, Edward Taylor, son of T. E. and Belle Jones; aged 10 months and 5 days.

FRYER.—In the Sixth ward of this city, Oct. 3, 1891, of old age, Sarah Martha Fryer, relict of John Fryer, formerly of Leeds, Yorkshire, Eng., aged 91 years.

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HARDY.—At Moroni, October 1st, the result of a kick from a horse, Samuel, son of Aaron Hardy, Sen. and Emma Warner Hardy; aged four years and seven months.

TERRY.—On the 4th inst., at 213 Eighth street, Eighteenth ward, of pneumonia, Mar 1 garet, daughter of James and the late Rache; Terry; aged 17 years, 1 month and 2 days formerly of Glasgow, Scotland.

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PAUL.—At Brighton, Salt Lake County, October 10, 1891, of bronchitis, Inez Irene, daughter of Joseph James and Sarah Ann Harding Paul; born in Salt Lake City, June 28th, 1888.

WILSON.—In the Sixteenth ward of this city, at 7 a. m., October 12th, of pneumonia, after an illness of seven months, Alexander F. Wilson, aged 54 years and four months.

#### CURRENT EVENTS.

Y. L. M. A. Association Conference.

The first general conference of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association was held Wednesday afternoon and evening in the Assembly Hall. At the afternoon session the following ladies were unanimously sustained as officers: President, Elmina S. Taylor; first counselor, Maria Y. Dougall; second counselor, Mattie H. Tingey; aids, Adella W. Eardley, Aggie Campbell, Sarah Eddington, and Lillie Freeze; treasurer, Fannie Y. Thatcher; secretary, Ann M. Cannon.

The meetings were well attended, there being present representatives from almost all the different Stakes in Zion. Addresses were made by a number of ladies and President Joseph F. Smith. The remarks were highly instructive and thoroughly enjoyed.