

our attention the wrong that we have done. None of us should go to our beds at night without reviewing the events of the day and examining ourselves in the light of the Spirit of God. Why? For the reason that I have stated, that we have started out to obtain salvation. Everything on the earth ought to be brought into subordination to this. It should be the dominant feeling of our hearts. The love of this Gospel, the love of our standing in the Church of God, our love for the fellowship of the Saints ought to be uppermost within us. Are there any of us here that, if it were necessary, would not get down on our knees and humble ourselves in the most abject manner before our brethren and sisters to obtain their forgiveness? I am proud, I know; but I have never yet seen an hour, and I hope I never shall, that I would not get down on my knees to my brethren and ask their forgiveness, if it were necessary to obtain it in that way. I want the forgiveness of my brethren and sisters when I do wrong; I want the forgiveness of my family; I want the forgiveness of my children, and of course I want the forgiveness of my Father in heaven. I want my sins blotted out day by day, so that they will not stand against me. I do not want my brethren to have feelings against me. I do not want the sun to go down before I have made everything right with them, if it is within my power to do so; and I certainly do not want to retire to rest without the forgiveness of my God. Pardon these personal allusions, but I mention them to emphasize if possible the feeling that I think we should have as Latter-day Saints. Is there anything, my brethren and sisters, that you love more than you do this work? Is there anything that you love more than your standing in this Church? If there is, then I am sorry for you; for I think there is nothing that ought to be more desirable than salvation and exaltation in the celestial kingdom. As I said yesterday, this spirit has illumined my whole life. It has made my life an exceedingly happy one. I have been a very happy man. I have had my trials, of course, as all have; but notwithstanding this, I have enjoyed this happiness that has flowed from this Church and its ordinances.

We are sent here as missionaries, so to speak. God has given to each of us a mission. He has sent us forth and has said unto us: "Go now, and be faithful. I have blessed you with everything that is necessary to fill a good mission on the earth. You are going in to new scenes, and you will be exposed to temptations such as you have never known. You are going to take upon you a tabernacle of flesh and Satan is going to be there with you. He has tempted you here; you have been exposed to his allurements and his sophisms, but you resisted his propositions, and you clung to me and to Jesus, my well beloved Son. Now, go down on the earth and receive tabernacles of flesh and bones, and be proved there, and see whether you will be faithful there in the midst of the darkness that will prevail; for there will be a veil drawn between your present life and that life, and you will have to live by faith. If you will exercise faith in me, I will always be with you; my spirit will be with you; and if you will keep my commandments you will come back into my presence, and you will dwell with me eternally, and you will enter upon a

career of never ending glory. Now, go and be faithful."

I have just described to you in my rude way something of that which I know occurred when we came from the abode of our Father in heaven. He wants us to be faithful. He does not want us to listen to Satan. Satan is around us with all sorts of allurements. And this is especially the case with the young. We have to guard the young, and give them the benefit of our experience, because they are inexperienced. Our children need to be watched. They do not know about these things. Our lives, short as they have been, have been fruitful of a good deal of experience, and we can give them the benefit of it. We should not leave our children without teaching, so that they may be on their guard and not fall unaware into forbidden paths. But God wants us to be faithful to Him, not rebellious and disobedient. Ought we not to be obedient to Him? Has He not done enough for us to prove to us that He is a loving and kind parent? Has Satan ever done anything for us that would warrant us in obeying him? Certainly he has not. Then let us resolve, young and old, to serve God, and to be pure in heart, and witness unto God that we will be faithful all our days and not apostatize, so that apostasy may cease among us and a generation be raised up here like there was among the Nephties, when the Savior said He rejoiced over that generation, for not one of them should be lost. In this way Satan will be bound in our midst, and these principles will be so firmly rooted in the hearts of the boys and girls that they will rather die than violate them. This is in a measure binding Satan, and it is raising a generation that will be pure in heart and that will be the means of regenerating the earth. These old people that have been full of tradition and of the ways of the world have apostatized to too great an extent. Let a new generation arise of faithful boys and girls, full of the love of God, with an unflinching determination that they will keep His commandments and walk in the light of God from this time henceforth and then you will see Zion rising and becoming the glory of the whole earth, which may God grant in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE WORK IN OLD MEXICO.

COLONIA JUAREZ, MEXICO.

July 31, 1895.

On Tuesday, July 2nd, Elder H. A. Thompson returned from his mission to Denmark; he left here on the 26th of March, 1893. On his arrival he was serenaded by the Juarez brass band, and on the 5th of July a social party was got up in his honor. Songs, recitations and dancing were the order of the evening. Elder Henry Eyring, of the mission presidency, delivered an address of welcome, which was very feelingly replied to by our returned missionary, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. This is the third missionary who has returned this year from foreign missions.

Elder Joseph H. Turley left here on a mission to the British Isles March 22, 1893, and returned January 25, 1895.

Elder Miles A. Romney left here March 26, 1893, and returned May 10, 1895.

They all enjoyed an excellent mission and gained a valuable experience, establishing them more solidly in the principles of the gospel. They were all warmly welcomed home.

Our rainy season commenced early this month, and we have been much pleased in this respect. Our wheat crop this year has been very satisfactory. One of our able farmers raised eleven hundred and twenty bushels of wheat on sixty acres of land; another of the brethren raised five hundred and forty-two bushels on eighteen acres. It is estimated that between four and five thousand bushels of wheat have been raised in one settlement, by a few families.

Late frosts cut all our apricots, peaches and apples, but we were favored with an abundant strawberry and blackberry crop, and our grape vines are loaded with fruit. We have the best prospects for a large yield of corn that we have ever had since we came to this country. It is the old experience "after tribulation cometh the blessing," and we are being rewarded for our patient labors and trust in the Lord. The rains have started the grass and our prospect for plenty of hay is quite encouraging.

On the tenth of this month there was a gathering of the presidency of the mission, the bishopric and leading officers of the organizations at the elegant home of Brother Jas. C. Bentley, on the occasion of the dedication of his house. It was a most enjoyable and profitable time. Encouraging addresses, excellent songs, recitations and exhortations with the tempting refreshments all contributed to render it a never-to-be-forgotten time.

On the 12th the Primary association and Y. M. M. Improvement associations held their semi-annual conference. A conjoint meeting of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations was held in the evening, demonstrating a marked improvement and advancement by their excellent exercises.

The 13th and 14th was the semi-annual conference of the mission, which was well attended. The Young Ladies' Improvement association held a fair, which manifested their taste, ability to beautifully and in some productions in the talent shown by their exhibits. They held their conference on the 15th, and the Relief Society held theirs in the afternoon. We had four day conference meetings and a most enjoyable time.

We celebrated the Twenty-fourth in our usual happy manner. The Juarez brass band was around early, making the Saints' hearts glad with their excellent music. A joyful gathering and excellent program at 10 a. m. at the school house; a children's party at 2 p. m. and a social party at 8 p. m., thus we celebrated the memorable day when the Pilgrims entered the Great Salt Lake valley.

The change from the hot, dry atmosphere to the wet, humid air and cool breezes has somewhat militated against the health of the people, and there has been some complaining. Then the heavy rains and high waters later re more or less with traffic and the mails, and when the DESERET NEWS is detained and fails to come to hand on our