

charge of their duties. He realized that the great tendency of mankind was to accumulate property, and to grow up accustomed to worldly surroundings, and would therefore place more importance on the things of the world than upon the things of God. Advised all to lay up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal.

Elder G. Banlap, of Ogden, said his father had embraced the Gospel in Nauvoo at an early day and was accustomed to pioneer life. The young people of this Territory should acquaint themselves with the history of their parents and this Church. Related some incidents connected with his visit to Independence, Missouri, in the month of March, 1893. Had learned from some of the old settlers, through conversation, that a feeling of regret for the great wrong done the Latter-day Saints in early days existed among them. Had also visited Carthage jail, and stood on the exact spot where the Prophet Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith were assassinated. The building is now occupied as a residence by James Brown, who takes great pains with visitors who desire to examine the building and acquaint themselves with the particulars of the tragedy. Also gave some interesting interviews had with several old residents of that place.

Counselor Charles Kelly said there is a considerable increase in the amount of tithing in this Stake for the year 1894 over and above that of 1893. This people is an honest people who desire to pay their debts and keep the commandments of God, for they have come here for that purpose.

2 p. m.—After the opening exercises and the administration of the Sacrament,

Apostle Brigham Young spoke to the congregation. Expressed himself as being gratified to meet with the Saints of this Stake of Zion. Saw the people here, through the mercies of God, had accomplished a great deal of good, but could see a great deal more for them to do. It seemed but a short time since we were confined to Salt Lake valley alone; but now the Latter-day Saints occupy this Rocky Mountain district, extending north and south about 2,000 miles. Did not know a people on the face of the earth that has done the work the Latter-day Saints have done, or that have had the same object in view. The object is to obtain salvation in the kingdom of God. Other people if they have an object in view, it is to get rich and accumulate wealth for themselves and others to enjoy. This life is a struggle, and it is hard for us to make the point for which we started. We have no time to sit down at home and do nothing, for there is a great work to be performed at home and abroad. The preaching of the Gospel to the nations of the earth at present is very limited to what it is destined in the future. While we are spreading the truth abroad, our labors at home are not to be neglected, for much of our success is due to the work done at our firesides. It of all our labors is the most important.

Elder J. Pingree was glad to be identified with this work. If this is the work of God, it will remain. Re-

ligions set up by men will fail. Had investigated the principles of the Gospel, and compared them with those believed in by the various religious sects, and had satisfied himself that the power of God is manifest in our Church. The revelations say that by us the Gospel must be preached; hence, the importance of having a mission in view, to prepare ourselves when required to go abroad.

Monday, 10 a. m.—Services began by singing the hymn commencing: "O'er the gloomy hills of darkness." Opening prayer was offered by Bishop A. Valentine. Singing.

President Lorenzo Snow presented an exhibit of the work done in the Salt Lake Temple since the opening of that building. At present there are some sixty or seventy persons laboring in that building without compensation. From the report it is plainly visible that the work of the Lord is going forward. Great opportunities to do labors in which they can receive rejoicings, are afforded to every individual. The various organizations in our community for men and women, are organizations tending to enlarge their ideas and to increase their power of speech. There is no place where the power of God is greater than in His Temple. Spoke at some length on the Word of Wisdom. Thought the Lord in giving this revelation, exhibited much kindness to the Latter-day Saints. Some people have reached 70 or 80 years of age who had been used to certain habits from their childhood. In some cases of this kind their condemnation would not be very severe if they failed to abstain from these habits all at once, but some day the Word of Wisdom will be obeyed in every particular. Believed the time will come when the Latter-day Saints will be vegetarians and not eat animal flesh, for it is written that meat should not be used except in times of famine or in cold weather, or excess of hunger. God never designed that one animal should live upon the flesh of another, for their normal condition was the same in the beginning. Men and all animals were created spiritual at first, and had an existence in the spirit world. The time shall come when the same peace and harmony will exist among the animals that existed while in their normal condition. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the great deep. The young people should be ambitious to keep the Word of Wisdom, that they may live long upon the earth.

Counselor A. Madsen and Elder C. Dunn made appropriate remarks regarding the duties of the Lesser Priesthood and of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

2 p. m.—After singing and prayer, Apostle Brigham Young spoke to the conference. Said we are in a position to receive instruction that will benefit us, for the Lord has given us pastors after His own heart. When revelation is necessary for the guidance of His Church, it is given to our President, who dispenses the word of the Lord among His people. According to the word and letter of the law we have not lived up to the commandments of God in the midst of our abundance. The line of demarcation between

the honest in heart and the hypocrites will eventually be drawn, and the hypocrites will be judged by the words of their own mouths. All men have their own agency, and are delegated to do good or evil as they choose—the judgment resting with the Lord. Having our own agency we may aspire to all that has been revealed; for it is upon natural laws that we will be saved if we obey the commandments of God—His blessings will not fail.

As we deal with the Lord in the matter of tithing, so also will He deal with us. We should never study how to evade the law, but should seek to honestly obey it. Only the straightforward can make a success of this work. These people must learn to be self-sacrificing as Christ was self-sacrificing, who gave his life for us, and at the same time set us an example that we would do well to emulate.

After the choir had sung an anthem benediction was pronounced and conference adjourned for three months.

NELS JENSEN, Clerk.

PROSPEROUS NEWTON.

NEWTON, Cache Co., Utah,
January 21, 1895.

I thought a few lines from this place might be interesting to the many readers of your valuable paper. This settlement is about twelve miles from Logan, in a northwest direction, and I think we lay almost due north of Salt Lake City. Our township is one west of the Salt Lake meridian.

Our people are nearly all farmers, owning five or six thousand acres of land, which is pretty good for eighty-five or ninety families.

The wheat crop the past season was quite good, the yield being above 50,000 bushels, besides oats, barley and potatoes. We also have a fine country for hardy fruits and vegetables, and one of the best places to grow lucerne hay. With care and good management our people can make themselves very comfortable and in time well off.

Cache Junction is about two miles from our public square. We have a daily mail, the SEM-WEEKLY DESERT NEWS reaching us every Wednesday and Saturday as regularly as clock-work.

We have two mercantile establishments, two schools, a good meeting house, tithing office and Relief Society house; also all the ward institutions in good running order, with William H. Griffin for Bishop.

This is a pretty good showing for a place of about 500 inhabitants. Some of the young people are attending the B. Y. College in Logan, and we already have six graduates from that institution some of them teaching our own schools and some of them finding employment in other places near by.

Our people are trying to live their religion, as was shown by their good acts the holiday season, making the poor feel that they were not forgotten.

This is only a little of what is being done, but it shows that the spirit of the Gospel is working among the people.

The winter is on, with about one foot of snow on the ground, and cold, frosty nights. Everything is all right so long as we do right; and when we do wrong things go the other way. It is like paying forfeit—we have to re-