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er of John Wesley called themselves Wesleyans. He was the founder of this sect. John Calvin was the founder of the Calvinists or Presbyterians. Luther was the founder of the sect. He has been named the founder of all the Protestant denominations. Each has taken the name of his founder. But to this one this has not been done. Joseph Smith claimed no sect, and no member of the Church which he was the instrument in the hands of God of founding, has given him any credit for this work. Somebody had to be chosen. God does not send angels to do the work of men. He gives man the authority. God does not send resurrected beings to do that which man can do, and you need never expect that He will do so. But He ordains men, giving unto them the power and the authority that they need in the Book and in the Church. The Elders that have gone forth to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth have made no promises to do this in and of themselves. They have universally declared that what they did was through the power and blessing of God, and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon those who have received their testimony. Therefore this organization is not in any sense a human organization, according to the testimony of those who are connected with it; but it is an organization that God has founded. If there is none among this people, it is not Joseph Smith, nor Brigham Young, nor any other man that has brought it about. If there is love among the people, and if they are bound together by ties, such as no mortal human being other than the Gospel of God has ever exercised, the credit is not due to any individual or body of individuals; it has not been the country, or the civilization, or the shrewdness of any man or body of men. But in the remotest parts of the earth, where the Elders have gone, they have come as conquered by the Spirit of God. They have not gone because they were solicited to theological seminaries, or colleges, or universities. They have been taken from the shoemaker's bench, from the blacksmith's forge, from the plow, from the merchant's desk, and from every avocation of life, as God has called them, just as it was in olden days, when they left their fishermen's nets, at the call of His servant, to preach the Gospel. This work that we now witness has been accomplished by men of this description, so that there is no glory to be ascribed, it is all due to God, to the outpouring of His Spirit in answer to prayer, and in conformity with the promises that He has made. We send out yearly scores, and perhaps hundreds, of male members, boys in many instances, who have never had any experience in public or in public speaking; but where they have gone filled with the spirit of their mission, they have been honored, made willing to listen to their testimony. They have said to them, if you do that which the says, you shall know for yourselves that this is true. They have told the people to believe in Jesus, to repent of their sins, to be baptized, and they should receive the Holy Ghost. When people have believed this, they have gone and been baptized, and they have received that Spirit; and when they have received it, it has made them one. The inhabitants of Southern Africa, of Asia, of the Polynesian Islands, of Great Britain and the continent of Europe, of Australia and New Zealand, have heard this Gospel preached in this way, and some have believed it, and have received a testimony from God that it was true. The Holy Ghost has descended upon them, and they have had the gifts of the Spirit of God. As we were told this morning, the sick have been healed in answer to prayer, according to the word of the Lord, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." The blessings that God promised should follow the believer have followed the preaching of this Gospel, wherever the Elders have carried it.

Any man who visits through these valleys will say that our people are different to any elsewhere. If his eyes are not blinded by prejudice, he will be forced to acknowledge this. He will see a people living together in love, and helping one another. We were told this morning, and I report that there are 1700 people in this Stake being supported by the offerings of the Latter-day Saints here. We have received offset, and there is a great deal done that we never see. We meet on Thursday in our fast meeting every Thursday in the month the people contribute to the support of the poor. They impart of their substance for one another's benefit. There was a time, not many years ago, before the railroads were completed, that 200 teams, four yoke of cattle to a team, were sent annually to the frontiers to bring up poor people. Where on the earth can you find people doing such things, and without pay—carrying flour and other provisions, and caring that on the way, so that they would have a supply as they returned? Five hundred teams, with four yoke of cattle each, means two thousand yoke of cattle; five hundred drivers, and equipments to supply all these and the emigrants. What was this for? Was it for money out of the pocket of the people? Nay, it was because they believed it was their duty to assist the poor, and they spent their time and their money for that purpose. This was done year after year before the railroad was extended. Who undertakes of such things being done among men in these days? Why was it done? Was it to build up a few individuals? Nay, it was to save the children of men, bodily and spiritually; to bring to them salvation in every way; to save them from poverty and sin. If we had our way, there would not be a liquor saloon throughout these mountains. There would be no gambling dens. There would be no dens of ill-fame. There would be no place where the young could be enticed and led astray. The most unchaste woman might travel unmolested from the extreme north of our settlements to the extreme south without ever hearing an improper word, or witnessing an improper action, or having anything done to her that would cause a blush to mantle her cheek. This was the way of life. I do not talk about this as though it was a theory. We have lived this way in these mountains. Drunkenness was unknown, profanity was unknown, gambling was unknown, whoredoms were unknown, vileness was unknown. I speak now in general terms. If we had our way, we would make these mountains as safe as the streets of the New Jerusalem, so far as vice is concerned. If we do not have our way, it is the resistance of the world, this is mixed to us a reason. But it will come, because it is in the earth, and God has spoken concerning it, and it will come; and it will cover the earth as with a flood. Thus has come for righteousness to be established, and though it seems as impossible a thing to establish it, nevertheless, it will be done, because God has said it, and it will be done, and He will accomplish it. Wickedness will be abolished. I thank God for that this morning. I thank God for my testimony, which He has made such manifest. I thank God for my publicity, and for the hope that we are indulged in concerning those things. I should pass away, the generation to come will witness the fulfilment of those things. The heavens have spoken concerning them, that has promised it, and in order that it might be established, He has revealed Himself from the heavens, and has sent angels being to give unto the power and the authority to build up His Church in its ancient purity and power. And there is no power on earth that can stop it. They may hold back. This is in the power of man to do. They have done it. They may curse and destroy, burn and drive out, as they have done. Nevertheless the decree of the Almighty will roll on and nothing can stop its advance. There is no power can prevent the accomplishment of the purposes of God concerning these last days. We shall have sorrow, we shall have sufferings, and perhaps famine, and various visitations to cleanse the earth; for God has said it shall be cleansed, and His word will be fulfilled. The Scriptures are full of prophecies concerning this, and there things will come to pass.

It is in view of these dreadful calamities that God has given to those who give heed to His message the spirit of gathering, and we have ever endeavored to gather the people together where we lived or to send now to be gathered, wherever we lived, immediately a desire in his heart to gather with the people of God, and men and women have left their homes and everything that they valued on earth for the sake of gathering with their brethren and sisters in the distant land. Now, this is a strange thing. But you are witnesses to the truth of it. Those made when I speak are well known to you. Among the hundreds of Elders here are more, not one of them, I am sure, ever knew a man or a woman to join this Church, in sincerity, without being asked with a desire to have them come and share in the people of God. In every and among every people this has been the case. It is the universal effect that accompanies the preaching of this message. Why is it? Because God has ordained these in the last days. Scourges and calamities will be poured out upon the wicked, and you know how it was in the days of Lot—the angel of God had to hurry him out of Sodom, or he would have destroyed in the midst of the calamity. The Lord does not want the righteous mingled with the wicked if he is going to pour out calamity and destruction. Therefore, he has given this call to the people who have received His Gospel in the last days, and if all the inhabitants of the earth would receive it, then the earth would be converted into just such a place as Zion, if I may be so bold. It would be Zion. But while there is a large element of those who will not receive the Gospel, and who will persist in their wicked ways, it is necessary that those who receive the Gospel should gather out to the place which God has designated. And it will be the same with the Jews. God is moving upon the Jews, His ancient covenant people, and their minds are directed toward Jerusalem, and they will leave the nations after a while and go to their own land—the land of Palestine—and fulfil the predictions of the holy Prophets concerning that land. This is a gathering dispensation—a dispensation when God will gather all things together, and when there will be a separation, at least to some extent, between the righteous and the wicked. This is the reason why the Latter-day Saints have gathered together as they have come. This is the reason why they did not break up and scatter when they were driven from their possessions in Missouri and in Illinois. They could not do it; it would be doing violence to every feeling of their nature. They could have made money by scattering through the different cities when they were peeled and stripped of everything; but they could no more do that than they could deny their religion. The spirit of their religion was that they should gather together, and they stayed together. Those who stayed behind lost the spirit of their religion; while those who came out here retained it, and have retained it in the great majority of instances ever since. A man that belongs to this people can no more wither from this people than he can do anything else that is wrong. It is a strange fact, but nevertheless true. This is one of the evidences that God has given that it is our duty to gather together and to remain together. We feel as if when we are together, and we feel very badly when we are separated from each other. How shall this be accounted for? If we do not give the glory to God, to whom shall we attribute this? What is it that has sprung up in the minds of these two hundred thousand Latter-day Saints in this Territory that makes them so different from other people? Was it Joseph Smith's power? Was it Brigham Young's shrewdness? Was it, or is it, the power of any other man? Certainly not; it is impossible for anyone to imagine such a thing. It is implanted in the heart, and it cannot be eradicated. It is the power of God, and nothing short of that. It descends upon those who receive the Holy Ghost, and remains with them as long as they search and obey it.

Brethren and sisters, we ought to be thankful that God in His infinite mercy has condescended to pour out upon us His Spirit. It has been the joy of my entire existence. The source of happiness that it seems to feel I would have if I did not have this Gospel would be overpowering. But here I am connected with my brethren and sisters, the children of God, in this life, and if I am faithful I shall be connected with them throughout eternity. We will be a united people, and we shall go on doing the works of righteousness in eternity. We will make this earth a heaven sooner or later for the time has come for Satan's power to be broken. And those who will not repent will be destroyed. Riches will not save men. Wealth will not procure deliverance from this time. Nothing may accomplish in such cases, but at other times and places, as it does too frequently. The use of wealth is exceedingly potent just now. Man can do almost anything with wealth, and men with it are practicing great wrongs. This is one of the evil signs of the times. The meek among them do not have much voice in the affairs of the world, and the honest and the humble have to take low seats; but the proud, the wealthy and the arrogant lord it over their fellow men, and rejoice in that which they accomplish by the nefarious means that they sometimes use. But God has not forgotten this earth, nor His children upon it. The effect of the humble knowledge He sees. The cries of the poor and the humble are heard by Him, and He will have regard to them and will come to their deliverance. There will be a great overturning one of these days. We can see signs the precursory symptoms, and it will go on until wickedness is abolished and righteousness established. There we will have what the Scriptures call the Millennial Reign. We will need much power now if we did not have more to bear, but as long as he has a large contingent of men and women who will bow to him and do that which he wants them to do, he has power. But his power will be broken, and he will be bound, because he will have no place in the hearts of the children of men. God will pour out His Holy Spirit in such power that they will strive to do right and to keep His commandments, and Satan's power will cease. I look forward to this joy as much as I look forward to the sun setting tonight and rising tomorrow morning. I know all these things of which the prophets have spoken will come to pass. I see the growth of this work. I see thousands of these Latter-day Saints, with all the temptations that surround them, faithful. They do not become drunken because liquor is abundant and easily procured. They do not become gamblers because there are facilities for gambling. They do not steal because they have an opportunity to do so. They do not oppress their neighbors because money is desirable. There are some, of course, who all yielding to the temptations that are around, but speaking generally I can bear testimony that they have not lost their heads by the enticing temporal wealth; but they do have some regard for principle. We are going to be tried in this direction, and it will be well for us if we do not be tried in other directions, and it will be seen whether we will yield to the seductions of sin, or whether we shall be faithful and maintain principle. God has set us as a light upon a hill, and all men's attention will be drawn to us. It is becoming more and more so, and I hope to see the contrast between our methods and our way of doing things and the ways of the world so striking that men's attention will be drawn to them, and they will be led to do better themselves and to have respect for that which God is doing in the earth.

I have a few words that I want to say before this meeting closes in relation to the testimony that God gives concerning this work. I have heard it said, "If this be the work of God, why don't He come and tell people that it is His work? Why don't He send angels, if He wants to reveal all the children of men, and give unto all knows that they cannot dispute?" Now, this is a very plausible way of speaking. But do you know that God never did this. Why does He not do it? That is His business. When Jesus, His Only Begotten Son, came, He gave testimony to those who were seeking for Israel, and to honest hearts ever sought to know concerning the mission of Jesus and His divinity without receiving a testimony of it. But they did not receive it by God Himself visiting them. They did not receive it by angels coming and ministering unto them. They received it in the way that God pointed out. So in these days, God has given abundant testimony to those who will receive it. Now, it may be said, well, he has said, that there are thousands and millions of honest people in the earth, and why should the Latter-day Saints be selected and those others be left in ignorance? For the reasons that I have stated, that the Latter-day Saints have received the testimony. They have sought to know whether it was true or not; the others have not. Therefore, whatever their sincerity, and whatever may be their moral worth, they have not done that which they should do in order to know for themselves whether this is the Gospel of the Son of God or not. We have the case of the Savior. When He was upon the earth He ministered to none but the house of Israel. He did not go among the Gentiles. Could not the Gentiles have said that He was misrepresenting them fairly? You remember what the Savior said on one occasion, that it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." Rather harsh expressions from the Son of God, it might be thought. But He did not visit the Gentiles while he was in the flesh. After His resurrection He came and showed Himself on this continent, according to the record that we believe in, to the house of Israel. He went also, we are informed, to the ten lost tribes. He visited only the house of Israel, for reasons which He understood, and which were sufficiently cogent to Him to justify Him in the course He took. What has He said concerning the Gentiles? The Holy Ghost shall be poured out upon the Gentiles. Peter and Paul and all who labored among the Gentiles testified of this. Their labors were attended by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon the people. Some people think, "If I had only the manifestation of an angel, it would entirely satisfy me." I know that when you receive the Holy Ghost you receive something that is greater than an angel. The Holy Ghost is one of the Godhead. When we are baptized we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Jesus, therefore, instead of visiting the Gentiles Himself, sent the Holy Ghost to them; His companion, so to speak, to the Godhead, the ministering spirit of the Father and the Son; and when He gives it unto you, you receive God and it is a much more powerful testimony, and ought to be a more convincing one, than the ministering of an angel. The ministering of an angel appeals to our outer senses. We see with our eyes. But we may be deceived; for Satan, it is said, is able to transform himself almost into an angel of light. But not so with the Holy Ghost. When that descends upon a man, he knows it, and the testimony which it gives cannot be taken away. A great many people look for other signs and think they would convince them. Our experience in preaching this Gospel is that most have seen the sick healed and mighty miracles performed, and they have joined the Church on the strength of this, but to a very many instances they have lost the faith afterwards, because their outer senses were appealed to and not their souls. But when the Holy Ghost descends upon a man, God is with him as long as he retains that spirit, and it is a spirit that will always bear testimony to him. Men talk about the gift of prophecy. There are numbers of people who are prophets and are not members of our Church. They do not know that they have the spirit of prophecy, nor how often it is the case, in our experience among mankind, that people have manifestations concerning things that will happen. They can't them premeditated. But they are the manifestations of the spirit of God. The difference between the Latter-day Saints and others in this respect is that we have taken the course which God has revealed, and through which the spirit will be given, and it will grow and increase until it becomes perfect knowledge within us. God bless you and help us all to be faithful to the truth all the days of our lives, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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"The Ensign," as presented at the California last season, must be set down without qualification as a success. The play is constructed with much skill and is played excellently. The author has employed an incident of the civil war which is possible if not real—the conviction of an ensign by a naval court and his pardon by President Lincoln—and on this theme has built an acting drama which takes rank with "Held by the Enemy." The star of the performance, with no disrespect to her sisters, is a little girl, Edith Wright, who plays a parts Mary Willes. Children on the stage are, as a rule, so artificial as to make their acting nothing but acting, but this little girl is so natural, so childish, so apparently unconscious of her surroundings that she is entitled to be denominated a true artist. The entire play is in competent hands, the character of the hero, Dunleigh Baird, being especially well cared for by James Neill and his lady love, Alice Gier, being charmingly played by Miss Ruth Carpenter. There is much to be commended in the other parts in the play, but we must call attention to the remarkable make-up of Logan Paul as Abraham Lincoln, the resemblance to the familiar portraits being startling. The evening Adopted Erwin and a party will comply a too to see what is well characterized as the only American naval drama dealing with the incidents of the civil war.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

A NEW ENGLISH STAR.

Mrs. Bernard Beere appears in "La Tosca," a play in which she will not be seen in this country, as it is the property of Miss Fannie Davenport, but one in which she has achieved a very great success in London. Mrs. Beere has been styled the "English Bernhardt," not only because of her slight facial resemblance to the great French artist, but also because she has played a great many of the Bernhardt roles.

Mrs. Beere has been engaged for a short season in this country by Messrs. Mayer & Gerry, and will probably open the new Manhattan Opera House a week or two after election. It is expected that she will make her debut in the leading role of "As in a Looking-Glass," a piece in which she has already appeared a great many times in England. Besides this play she has a new one by Moreton Harrigan, who will be her leading man, and a new comedy which Mr. Mayer has secured for her on the other side. She has been playing recently in Australia, and expects to return London in the 19th of September, when she will be met by Mr. Harrigan, who has gone over to consult with her in regard to her new play and other matters of importance. Her pieces will be put on the stage under the direction of Mr. Marius, who was brought into unpleasant notority in London some months ago. Mr. Marius has a reputation of knowing more about the attitudes of stage craft than any man in London, and he is also a character actor of great cleverness.

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