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REMARKS

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Missionary Experiences—Effects of the Preaching of the Elders—False Doctrine Corrected—Religious Views Changed—Salvation for the Departed—Spirits in Prison—Vicarious Work for the Dead—Redemption for All Who Repent Here or Hereafter—A Glorious Divine Plan—Necessity of Present Repentance.

I cannot help expressing my gratification, and I feel that in making the expression I am giving utterance to the feelings of the great majority of this congregation, in listening to the testimonies that we have heard this afternoon. I do not know that we could get a better idea, in the same space of time, of the character of the labors of the Elders in the various fields, and the manner in which they are gaining experience and are filling their mission than we have had this afternoon. The Elders from the Southern States, one Elder from the Indian Territory, one Elder from Australia, another Elder from Switzerland and Paris, and all come back testifying of the goodness of God and of the power which God has bestowed upon them in those various fields. To me, as I have said, it is most gratifying; and if these young men will only cherish the spirit they have received and the testimony that God has given unto them, they are capable of doing great good in their various localities and in their circle of acquaintance. In this way men are raised up and spread among the people who become living witnesses of the truth of the work, who have proved for themselves its divinity, and the willingness of God to hear and answer their prayers. I am greatly pleased to know that these young men have returned bearing this testimony; and if they will continue to cherish it and live lives of purity before the Lord, there is no reason why they should not continue doing great good for the work of God.

While listening to them I have had some reflections concerning the character of the mission that the Lord has given unto us, His people. I can recall the time when in regard to many things that the world have been enlightened upon there was great darkness, and great misunderstanding, which the preaching of the Elders has helped to remove. In our Doctrine and Covenants—I think in the 19th section—before the Church was organized the Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph concerning the condition of the human family. Up to that time it was universally taught by the prominent sects of the day that there was no future opportunity for man after he left this condition—that in his destiny was fixed for all eternity. If he were a righteous man, he would go to heaven; if he were a wicked man, he would go to hell. His condition could never be changed; he would either have eternal happiness or eternal misery. There would be no relief for the one that was consigned to hell. In this way the hearts of the people were cropped, and most terrible appeals were made to endeavor to persuade them to turn from sin to righteousness. This was the principal theme of preachers, say, fifty or sixty years ago. But the Prophet Joseph Smith, inspired of God, revealed the nature of future punishment—that it was a chastening, a punishment, as all God's punishment is, for He is a God of love, and not consigned to it was not eternal, as it is believed. This revelation explained and made very clear the words of the Lord concerning every man being rewarded according to his deeds in the body. The revelation of that principle to the human family has in a great measure, if I may use the term, made the impression that God has revealed to us that every soul born on the earth must hear the glad tidings of salvation, either in this life or in the life to come. The Gospel will be preached to every one, and all the inhabitants of the earth will have the opportunity of believing in Jesus Christ, or repenting of their sins, and of obeying the principles of the Gospel. God cannot consistently with His attributes, condemn the children of men if they have not heard the truth. It is when men hear the principles which God has revealed for their redemption and then reject them, that condemnation attaches to them, and they will be punished according to their hardness of heart. On the other hand, if they obey the truth when they hear it, they will be rewarded according to their acceptance of it and their repentance.

God has commanded His servants in every generation and among all people to preach repentance. It is a solemn injunction upon us, and we cannot do our duty without fulfilling it. To repent, all ye inhabitants of the earth! is the great cry which God desires us to utter. It is by repentance that we shall be saved. We must believe in Jesus Christ, and then repent of all our sins, and forsake everything that is evil. This is the cry of angels as well as of human beings. They can repent of their sin to repent. God wants us all to forsake sin and turn unto Him; where we have done wrong, to repent of that wrong; and if we will do this, He has promised forgiveness.

The spirits of the damned—those who have committed abominable crimes—will have this doctrine preached to them, and they will be kept in torment until they repent of their sins. The labors of the men who have received the Priesthood in this life will be continued in the life to come. In this good work of carrying the glad tidings of salvation to those who are in darkness because of their sins—who may be in the condition of the antediluvians, whom the Lord consigned to prison after destroying them with a flood because they rejected the testimony of Noah and those associated with him. The Lord had promised His servants, however, that these people should be visited after they had slumbered in some cases for their violation of the laws, and this was the glorious mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus while His body lay in the sepulchre. He went to the spirit world and visited these spirits in prison, unlocked the doors of their prisons, and started again the work of preaching salvation to them, to see whether, after having endured their punishment, they would hearken to the testimony that this is a divine work and that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God, through they may think they do not remember very much, they do, in our opinion, do a great work, and some time in the great future it will be seen that their labors have not been fruitless. Although men and women may not have been converted to God, nevertheless the labors of the Elders will contribute to their salvation and their exaltation. God has revealed to us that every soul born on the earth must hear the glad tidings of salvation, either in this life or in the life to come. The Gospel will be preached to every one, and all the inhabitants of the earth will have the opportunity of believing in Jesus Christ, or repenting of their sins, and of obeying the principles of the Gospel. God cannot consistently with His attributes, condemn the children of men if they have not heard the truth. It is when men hear the principles which God has revealed for their redemption and then reject them, that condemnation attaches to them, and they will be punished according to their hardness of heart. On the other hand, if they obey the truth when they hear it, they will be rewarded according to their acceptance of it and their repentance.

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If we are losing sight of the future chide us in Revelation and set a glimpse of the promised land—Fox.

ADVICE TO SCHOOL GIRLS.

Study hard while you do study. Put your whole mind into your work, and don't dally.

Begin your studying in the morning, but stop before a headache.

Take a little recreation before retiring, to change the current of thought, and to rest your head.

Go to bed before 10 o'clock. The sleep thus obtained before midnight is the rest which most recuperates the system, gives brightness to the eye and a glow to the cheek.

Take care of your health. That is first. If you need to do more studying, rise at 4 in the morning.

OLDEST WOMAN LIVING TODAY.

(Chicago Daily News.)

If Mary MacDonald, who is in a Philadelphia home for aged and infirm colored persons, knows anything about her age, and, with the truth about it, she is the oldest woman alive today, she was born Nov. 11, 1778, and the last New Year's day was the 120th anniversary of that act she has seen, she remembers the revolutionary war and was also wont to tell how, when her mistress and her husband, to condemn them, Lee was put away prejudice, hatred, animosity, and everything of this kind from our hearts, and cleave to God. Let us do what is right, what is glorious, what is lovely, what is of good report, and if there be any virtue and anything worthy of praise, let us think of these things. God is our father, and we are his children. We should bear a spirit of charity for all our brethren and sisters, and instead for the evil day for which God help us to cherish these glorious principles that the Lord has revealed to us for our salvation, is our prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HOW TO REACH THE BEST.

The way to get the best there is in people is to give them your best. Don't expect others to be sweet and polite and thoughtful as long as you adhere to the selfish principle that people must "take you as they find you." When your friends begin to grow careless and disrespectful, stop and ask yourself whether you are not getting back a reflection of yourself. A young wife complained to her husband that he smoked in her presence. "You never used to do it," she said. "No," was the significant rejoinder, "and you never used to wear curl-papers in mine."—The Lookout.

WHEN AND WHAT TO READ.

If you are getting lazy watch James. If your faith is below par read Paul.

If you are impatient sit down quietly and have a talk with Job.

If you are a little strong headed go and see Moses.

If you are getting weakkneed take a look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart listen to David.

If you are getting soulid spend awhile with Isaiah.

If you feel chilly get the beloved disciple to put his arm around you.

Z. C. M. I. Annual Spring Opening Sale, 1899,

FOR FOUR DAYS, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.

If anyone should offer you a dollar in exchange for seventy-five cents or half a dollar, you would not hesitate to catch at the opportunity as a great bargain; and that is exactly the kind of bargains we offer in this great Sale—a dollar's worth of goods for seventy-five or fifty cents in comparison with the regular market for these goods. We are enabled to do this because we have had special advantages in buying largely direct from manufacturers for cash, and we are following our well known rule of giving our patrons the benefit in a great Spring Sale of

NEW and ELEGANT WASH GOODS.

We have demonstrated our ability to undersell all other dealers in the city, outclassing all the frantic efforts which have been made to compete with our low prices. We have had the advantage, and defeat has met all who aspired to reach us. The advantage still is ours, and we are on hand for another demonstration thereof to the public. Our experience in our Wash Goods sales of 1898 was of the most satisfactory kind, and in this Spring Opening Sale of 1899 we are determined and prepared to break the former record. The public is cordially invited to witness the event and to share in THE BENEFITS THAT COME FROM THE SALE OF GOOD GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICES POSSIBLY REACHED IN THE MARKET.

WASH FABRICS.

In this Sale we are placing a very large shipment of new goods, all styles of 1899, and desiring to make quick returns we have marked them down to figures never before equalled. Having purchased large quantities direct from the manufacturers, we are able to distance all competitors in selling new goods at low prices. We have not room to list the different classes of materials here, but must be content with general mention. Neither can we enumerate in detail the bargain prices; you can see them with the goods. We can only give a few samples, and remind you that in this Wash Goods Sale the discount varies all the way down to half the regular cash price in Cordettes, Mousseline Satin-Raye, Standard Madras, Imperial Dotted Swiss Mulle, Everett Classics, Aberfoyle '99 Novelty, Empress Cords, Oxford Suitings, Mousseline de Soie, Victoria Zephyr, Japan Madras, Silk Wefts, English Satin Twills, Sunny-side Batiste, Meadowbrook Dimity, Corded Novelties, Lochinvar Dimity, etc. And in WHITE GOODS, Welts, Piques, Dimities, Lawns, Linens, Marseilles, Swisses, Mulls, etc., in endless variety.

A Few Samples of the Bargains.

36-inches wide Sea Island Percales, perfectly lovely goods of excellent quality and sure to give satisfaction in this Sale, per yard, only	11c
36-inches wide Percales, dark, handsome shades, elegant patterns, specially suitable for Wrappers, in this Sale at the exceedingly low price of, per yard, only	8⅓c
36-inches wide Fine Percales Holding 8 yards for $1. These goods come in three lengths and are in very desirable patterns and colors. Ladies should not fail to examine this stock. Remember the low price, per yard, only	12½c
36-inches wide Merrimacs—famous for their fine laundering qualities—come in fine dark wrapper shades, and in this Sale are less than New York prices. We are offering them, per yard, for only	12½c
36-inches wide Madras Cords—a special Waist material—elegant, stylish goods, come in stripes, the delicate shades beautifully blended, in this Sale, per yard, only	12½c
Standard Prints, a very fine line that sell regularly at 5 1-2 cents per yard, will go in this Sale at half price, that is 12 yards for 50 cents, being, per yard	4⅙c
Yard wide dyed Cambrics, the best Wash Goods that can be purchased, durable and fashionable, in this Sale, per yard, only	12½c
32-inches wide Olympia Cloth, in reds, electrics, and navies, perfectly lovely goods, at bargains that are a splendid catch, being in this Sale, 12 yards for $1, or, per yard, only	8⅓c
Yard wide "N. R." Percales, choice patterns, excellent dress goods, sure to please, put down in this Sale at 12 yards for $1, per yard only	8⅓c
La Reine, 32-inches wide dress goods that give general satisfaction. We have a choice stock of this high standard material, which is offered in this Sale at, per yard, only	10c

There Are Others Innumerable.

CHILDREN'S WASH DRESS GOODS.

The beauty of our goods for dressing children is simply indescribable, and must be seen to be appreciated. With such an elaborate array of materials in all colors, tints and shades, it would be useless to attempt to enumerate them in an advertisement in a daily paper. The best catalogue we can exhibit to our customers is found on our counters in the goods offered and the marvelously low prices asked for them.

In Scotch Zephyrs we have some special goods, unsurpassed in their beautiful appearance, durability and washing qualities. Every mother should see them.

We draw particular attention to our extensive line of materials manufactured expressly for Boys' Waists, for which they cannot be excelled. Our stock is the largest and best selected ever brought to the State, and will be sold for the lowest prices ever asked.

SPRING OUTING FLANNELS.

We have just received an immense stock of Spring Outing Flannels, specially purchased for our Annual Sale.

14 Yards for $1.00.

These are all new goods this season, and the assortment which we offer in this Sale is the most elegant and extensive ever brought to this State. We are satisfied the Ladies would rather see the goods than read through a long list of articles, and as for prices, we know we can please and astonish by the exceedingly low figures at which every article is marked. Come and see for yourselves the rarest Bargains ever given in the State, during this great Sale.

Great Sale, Four Days from Feb. 1st, of Wash Goods and New Outing Flannels, at **Z. C. M. I.** T. G. WEBBER, Supt.