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AN EPISTLE To the Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

INTRODUCTORY. Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It appears proper, at this Fifty-eighth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that an Epistle should be addressed to the members of the Church, in conformity with the custom which has been observed at the past five General Conferences.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT TAYLOR.

As some of the Apostles are prevented, by circumstances well known to the Saints, from appearing in pub-lic, the Church will naturally look for some expression from them concerning their feelings and hopes respecting the work of our God. Especially at the present time is deep interest felt in the utterances of the Apostles, because of the loss which the Church has sus-tained in the death of PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR. Twice before has the Church mourned the death of its President, and each time the event has produced a profound impression upon its members. In this instance this sad event is invested with more significance than it would have been had it occurred in the ordinary way. President Taylor died in exile. For a out two years and a half be had been compelled to ave in sectuation, and to refrain from all public association with the people whom as loved more than he did life. Through his decease the Church is called the third time to mourn the departure of the man who has stood as its President and as the Prophet, Seer and Revelator to this generation. The experience which the Saints have gained in passing through these trials has been of exceeding value to them. They have learned that God can take care of his own work, and that they need not worry nor yield to anxiety or doubt concerning its management.

After the martyrd on of the Prophet Joseph there were pretenders who as-sert d that they had the right to take his place at the head of the Church. Some were deceived by their pretensions, not being familiar with the order of the Priesthood.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APUSTLES.

For some time before his death the mirable. They have displayed great qualities. The forbearance, patience Joseph was inspired of the 1. tobu ord to anticipate his own departure and fortitude which they have ex-hibited are proofs that God has been from arthly scenes. This was shown in valious ways; out especially in the Outrages which would with them. great asxiety which he displayed to bestow upon the I welve Apostles all have goaded any other people into acts of violence have been of frequent octhe keys and authority of the Holy Priesthood which he had received. He declared in private and in public that were equipped and fully qualified, and that he had rolled the kingdom of God on to the shoulders of the Twelve Aposties.

should be discountenanced. The spirit and teachings of the Gospel should hold undivided control in all members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles at the time they were chosen to be members of the First Presidency, have, since his death, taken their place our ministrations connected with this again as members of that Council. Fifty seven years and a half have elapsed since the Church was organ-ized. In looking around among those with whom we associate to-day, how few there are left of those who, under he Lord, helped to lay the oundation of this work and were the Lord. companions of the Prophet in the early labors connected therewith! 'o day there is but one Apostle left f those who belonged to the Council gress. But the Lord has revealed of the Apostles during the lifetime of he Propuet Joseph, or, indeed, at the time these valleys were first settled. The other faithful Apostles who were

be useful in the labors devolving upon us here, that we need not enter into ordained under the direction of the Prophet Joseph have all passed behind he vail. Since the death of President Young four have joined him in the

other world, and in the same period six bave been ordained as members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. This gives some idea of the changes which are occurring, and how rapidly

a new generation is taking an active part in the building up of Zion.

THE LABORS OF THE APOSTLES. Those of us who have been at liberty to travel, have devoted our time to visiting the various Stakes, and in secting with them at their Quarterly conferences. Some of us have been laboring in Mexico, others in Arizona besides visiting the Stakes in Idaho and in Utah. These Quarterly Confarences are attended with excellent

results. The people come together and receive instructions and coun-

sel upon leading topics, and much good is derived therefrom. Though it involves considerable labor for the Apostles to visit them, yet we are encouraged in doing so by the ad vantages which those visits bring to the people in keeping them informed concerning general movements and counsel. In these labors we have had much joy and satisfaction, especially in witnessing the increase of faithful ness on the part of the Saints.

THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS.

Though many of the leading men have been compelled to be absent, some of them having been incarcer-ated in prison, the people have, never-tucless, been steadfast, and have sought with increased diligence to per form their duties. The persecution to which they have been subjected has ed the people to think and act for themselves, and not to depend so nuce upon others for guidance. This can not fail to be attended with good esults. It is necessary that all the nembers of the Church should exer cise their powers of reason and reflec tion and thoroughly understand why they take the course which God points Intelligent obedience on the par of His Saints is desired by our Fathe in heaven. He has given us our agency think and fact for ourselves, on our own volition, to obtain a testimony for ourselves from Hin concerning the truth of the principles which H+ teaches, and then be firm and unshaken in the performance of

all which is necessary for salvation. We have felt great satisfaction i witnessing the dignity and courage which the Saints have exhibited through the trials of the past three years. Their conduct has been admanity.

The ent system of affairs, those who ac cumulate wealth and are able to supply themselves and their families with luxuries and advantages that are de cause. In the theological and other nied their neighbors, are in danger of classes all discussions should be becoming separated from the b avoided as much as possible on sub-jects which God in His wisdom has not class. But the day will come when a yet fully revealed. We know there are more perfect order will be introduced. many persons who appear to take more | Then it will be said there are no poor delight in dwelling upon questions and no rich in Zion-that is, we shall which are mysterious and cannot very | not be divided into classes, but shall well, in our present state of knowl-edge, be answered than they do upon those subjects which are plain and piness. But until then, it we wish our those subjects which are plain and piness. But until then, it we wish our simple and essential to present pro- families and ourselves to remain Latter-day Saints, we must be especially so much that we can understand careful to guard against the deceitfuland that we ought to learn in order to ness of riches.

THE DUTIES OF THE SAINTS.

The great labor which devolves upon discussions on subjects which in no way affect our happir ess here or eter-nal salvation hereafter. In our theous, as members of the Church, is to build up Zion. God has founded Zion, logical classes, quorum meetings and and we should seek to extend its beneother assemblies, therefore, these debatable questions need not be dis-cussed or be dwelt upon to occupy the time of the members, to the exclusion of more profitable topics. In the the should be our constant care to do nothing that will weaken its influence or power or retard its growth in the earth. This we should constantly im-that of brotherly and sisterly affection the Sunday press also, upon our children, that

Primary Association's, they may grow up filled with an abid-ing love for the work of God. chools and the Mutual Improvement Associations, singing should receive a large share of attention. Singing ex-

There has been too much neglect on this point. Many have pursued a short-sighted, selfish policy: and have worked to that which they believed ercises can be made a great attraction and also a valuable addition to the ed-ucation of the young. The interest that is now taken among us in vocal was their own individual advantage without regard to the effect their acand instrumental music is a marked feature of the times, and this taste tion would have upon the work of God finds increasing opportunities for its Their eyes have not been single to His development in the facilities which are now being furnished to all who desire its cultivation. Instead of having a select few act as choirs in these institutions to do the singing for the whole, the voices of all should conduct has had upon Zion.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF MARRIAGE be united in harmonious melody

in giving utterance to the feelings of The Lord has informed us that martheir hearts in hymns and songs'. This riage is ordained of God unto man. will increase the pleasure of the meetings, and make all feel that they have an equal interest in worship and re-

THE RELIEF SOCIETIES. The mission of the Relief Societies

as organized among us, is truly grand and beneficent. There is no limit to their labors and usefulness while suflering and want exist in our midst. To aid the needy by feeding the hungry and clothing the destitute is distinctively and peculiarly their mission. In the energetic performance of their of God and of our tellows is clearly manifest. It is more praiseworthy for a relief society to be able to say "There are none in our Ward in need of food, raiment or shelter," than to report thousands of dollars in hand, generation the advantages which foilow well-arranged marriages. while the needs of the poor are unsupplied.

amount of good among us, and the members have been of great service in assisting the Pricethood in the wards assisting the Pricethood in the wards in caring for the destitute and in sup-plying the wards of those who have been in need of help. In these labors we desire to give them every encour-agement and to invoke the blessing of the manual to invoke the blessing of the interval of the price the interval to prevent its existence. The young of both seves should be taught that it is not necessary to happiness in marriage to the interval of the price the prevent the provide the price the provide the price the price the provide the price the sevent price the heaves upon them, and all their exer- be in the possession of wealth. In ions for the benefit of suffering hu- this country an industrious, economi cal married couple canlsoon surround themselves with all the conveniences

THE CARE OF THE POOR.

and comforts essential to life and hap-As the winter season is approaching, piness. ave in after years in the enjoyment t is proper that each Bisnop and his Counselors should take the necessary of the fruits of their joint industry and hrift will amply repay them for any insteps to properly gare for the poor who live in their wards. They should conveniences or privations they may have been subjected to in the early days of their married life. The comcall the Relief Societies to their aid in this labor. The reasonable wants of currence. In other communities men and women would be desperate under such treatment. But the Lord has given His people power to control blessed us in the fruits of our fields sweetened unto them by the recollectained. Riots and bloodshed have and in giving us comfortable habitaand gardens, in our flocks and berds, een avoided, and even under strong tions and means to sustain ourselves,

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF'S PERSONAL provocation, when blood was shed, the and we should always remember the community restrained itself. Preju- words of the Apostle James: "Pure

If our religion does not lead us to ove our God and sur fellow man and Frequent reference has been made in to deal justly and uprightly with all men, then our profession of it is vain. The Apostle says:

We can best exemplify our love for our God by living our religion. It is vain to profess a love for God while speaking evil of or doing wrong to His children. The sacred covenants we have made with Him strictly impose upon us the duties we owe to one another; and the great office of religion is to teach us how to perform tuose duties so as to produce the prestest happiness for ourselves and for our fellow-beings. When the obligations of our religion are observed, no words are spoken or i cts are committed that would injure a neighbor. If the Latfits and blessings unto all mankind. It ter day Saints lived as they should do,

> and love. Backbiting and evil-speaking would have no existence among us; but peace and love and good will would reign in all our hearts and hab itations and settlements. We would be the happlest people on the face of the earth, and the blessing and peace of Heaven would rest upon us and upon all that belongs to us.

If there be unhappiness and heartburnings and quarrelings and hatreds. glory. Such a disposition has proved a snare to those who have indulged in it; they have wrought injury to them-selves, not to mention the effect their conduct has had upon Zion. ured by the words or acts of their rethren or sisters, the Gospel points ut and furnishes the way by which

this injury may be repaired. Instead The institution of marriage, in some of talking about this to others they communities of which we read, is fall- should go to the person or persons ing almost into disrepute. It is al-leged that there is a growing tendency in this direction among us. The cause is then made, that ought to end the is doubtless, traceable to the jn-crease of wealth and the dis- to the proper officers of the Church for inclibation of young men to take them to take the necessary steps to

upon them the burdens of a wife and terminate the difficulties. In this way family. As we depart from the sim- animosities and disunion can be prepilcity of early days, we may naturally expect that this tendency will increase as young men may be restrained from PARTAEING OF THE SACRAMENT.

As Latter-day Saints, it is our genoffering marriage to young ladies un-less they can give them something like eral custom to partake of the duty human sympathy and divine as comfortable a home as they enjoy sacrament once a week. If mercy are beautifully harmonized. In under their parents' roof. Extrava- the teachings of our Lord, extending relief to the poor, the love gant or luxuriant habits or training on in remembrance of whom we observe the part of the girls will also have the this sacred ordinance, be regarded, no effect to deter young men from marryone who has trespassed can be pering. Care should be taken by every mitted to share in it until he has made person of influence to counteract this reconciliation. It is the express com nandment of the Lord Jesus that no foi-one shall be permitted to partake of His flesh and blood unworthily. A These societies have done a vast a high s andard of morality where existence of improper feelings and there is a large percentage of unmarwrongs among brethren and sisters can not be imagined. If the Saints do ried young men and young women.

We should deplore the increase of their duty, difficulties do not remain such a class among us, and all honor- unsettled beyond the Lord's day when unsettled beyond the Lord's day when they assemble to eat and drink in remembrance of Him. TEMPLE WORK.

Notwithstanding the difficuities that re Saints have had to contend with of late, they have pursued their labors in levery direction with unabased z al. This is particularly noticable in their attendance at the Temples. The wish to avail themselves of the opportuni-ties for attending to the ordinances for themselves and their deceased friends has, if anything, increased, and those employed in these sacred buildings have their time fully occupied in perforts thus accumulated will be daubly forming their duties there. It is evideut that the Latter-day Saints ap tion of their exertions in common to preciate the blessings to be obtained procure them. No rightly constituted through this Temple work. When we and educated young woman will refuse an offer of marriage from a worthy, in this character already completed, dustrious young man for no other rea- furnishing abundant facilities for selfishness. son than that he is not able to surround all who choose to go there to obtain the ordinances of house for themselves and these in whose salvation they take so deep an interest, and that'we have which we hope to see finished before long, our hearts are filled with glad ully bear their part of the burdens of ness and we cannot refrain from prais if without repining when coufident of ing our God for His goodness unto His ness and we cannot refrain from prais the love and supportinghand; guiding people in permitting them, notwith standing the opposition and many difficulties they have had to contend with, to erect such structures and to dedicate them, according to the pattern He has given for these sacred and. Our farms are moderate in ex-No right feeling Latter-day Saint can think upon this subject without being thrilled with beavenly joy for tent. This being the case, they should be cultivated in the most approved style, and the whole business connected with a farm should be conwhat God has done for us in our generation, furnishing us, as He has done. ducted in a manner to bring the best resul's. with every facility to prepare us, our increase, there undoubtedly will be a posterity and our ancestors for that marked improvement in the manage eternal world which hes beyond the ment of all these branches of busipresent life. The Latter-day Saints are, in truth, a highly favored people, and praise to God should ascend from PRACTICAL EDUCATION every heart and habitation in our land It is gratifying to notice the interest for the great mercy and goodness which He has shown unto us. He has hat is being taken among us in educamade us promises of the most precious lon; yet there is great room for imcharacter, and he has fulfilled them up to the present time. We would be the provement. As the taste for what may be called book-learning increases, most ungrateful and unworthy people manual labor should not be neglected that ever lived if, after receiving such

HOME MANUFACTURES.

past teachings and in former Epistles to the subject of home manufactures. brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

ities for the employment of the people It is pleasing to note the progress which is being made in some direc-tious. Our woolen manufactures are gaining credit for their excellence in other communities as well as our own But we export considerable wool even after all our factories are well sup-plied. If this could be manufactured at home, it would add greatly to the wealth of our community, not only in the profils which would accrue from the use of machinery, but in the employ-ment which it would furnish to many of our citizens Besides the manufac ture of woolen cloths, there is considerable home-made hosiery of excellent quality which is placed on the market.

The range of articles which are manufactured in this Territory is gradually increasing; and from the eeling which now prevails we judge hat many more branches will soon be added to those already in operation. The manufacture of soaps of various

grades bas now become a settled and paying business. A fine quality of hats is also made. Boots and shoes and clothing, glass, white lead, lead of acting in the capacity of a school pipe, native paints, brushes, trustee or teacher, and no one with paper, printing type, starch, pearl barley and oatmeal are all manu factured in the Territory, and wany of these articles in sufficient quantities to supply the local demand and to ex-port to some extent. It is an encour American citizens through the infaaging feature in the most of these enterprises that those engaged in them with the view to increase their production. We have a large number o children growing up smong as who should be furnished with opportuni-ties to acquire skill in mechanism, manufactures, and other pursuits

which are necessary for the comfort of man lf is not only incumbent upon parents to seek for avenues of proftable employment for their children, out it should be kept in view by the leading men of the Church in all our settlements. An idle man's brain, it is said, is the devil's workshop, and no community can prosper and maintain a high standard of morality that does not furnish employment for its members. Far better to work for low wages than not to work at all," But with proper care, and by putting in use the experience that many individuals in every settlement possess, there need be no want of remunerative em-pioyment for the rising generation, and for others who may come in from abroad. It may not always be kept in mind, yet it is a fact, that any percentage of idle persons in a comm

nity is a direct loss to the whole It is unfortunate, also, for a community, when the young and enterprising are compelled to leave it and go elsewhere to find employment or room for the exercise of the talent of which they feel them-

selves possessed. Settlements that are in this situation will languish and

go to decay, while others that furnish facilities for employment will become thrifty and prosperous. The combi-nation of capital by means of co-operation would, in many instances, enable settlements to start branches of manufacture and conduct them successfully. Chimerical schemes, however, should not be encouraged, as heir failure destroys confidence and makes it more difficult to obtain aid for worthy enterprises which might be made successful. Where co-operation has failed among us, it has been because the principle is defect ive, but because of mismanagement, sometimes from ignorance and carelessness, and sometimes, perhaps, from

I's history has it owned any real cs- salvation. Since then viscissitudes tate, or any personal property, save sufficient for its absolute needs each temper of our faith. If the blessing of The Courch on the God had not been enjoyed the Saints succeeding year. other hand has been the owner of could not have withstood the property, the gifts and bequests of an storm of adversity that has exearnest, sincere people, made for the purpose of alding in the propagation of the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ. The effort now being made by our government to dissolve closer adherence to the Gospel. There or wind up these associations and is an apparently easy way out of escheat their property, is the first of trouble, but the truth is more precious the kind in the history of our people, than immunity from difficulties and and is believed to be wi hout histori-cal precedent in this country. When ted in the Gospel of Christ. This is we say we shall watch these cases with a glorious day for Zion, because it is deep interest, the Saints will readily a good time for the education, by ex-believe that it is not alone for the perience, of the the Latter-day Saints. property involved in these suits, but God is near and laboring in our midst also for the principles and rights that through His servants and by whisperings of the Holy Spirit. It is are at stake. desired by those who teach us that we keep the commandments OUR SETTLEMENTS IN ARIZONA.

The intelligence which reaches us from our settlements in Arizona is en-couraging; and we note with pleasure that the people of the settlements at to keep Thy commandments. We have St. Johns and Woodruff have conquered failed somewhat through weakness some of the difficulties with which pevertheless will thou strengthen us. they had to contend, and which made If we serve God we have a right to their position very trying. Indeed, illis blessing. We should abolish the news from all the Stakes there is every evil from our thoughts and praclice, that the Spirit's influence may be gratifying. the to do good in the midst of Israel

IN IDAHO.

In Idaho, though our people pay taxes and support the schools, everyone of our faith is denied the privilege our belief can take the fest oath that has been prescribed by the Legislature. The situation of the people there is one that excites great sympathy. They mous test oath law which was enacted on them. But the day must come when they will be relieved from the operation of this infamous law.

IN COLORADO.

In San Luis Valley, Colorado, the efforts of our people to open and culivate farms, and to surround themelves with the necessaries and comforts of life, are meeting with gratitying success. This is the more note-worthy because of the fact that the great bulk of settlers there have moved from a warm climate and have not had experience in battling with the difficulties that have to be met in the building up of new settlements in an untried soil and climate. Like the Saints in Wyoming, those who reside a Colorado have always received fair reatment and encouragement and

kind consideration from their neighors and the officials of the State. IN MEXICO.

Our settlements in Mexico are proressing favorably and are gradually eing strengthened, both at Diaz and luarez. At the places named and in the Sierra Madre Mountains near the latter, we have nearly one hundred and fifty thousand acres af grazing, timber and agricultural lands. The country is well adapted to stock-

raising, as the grasses are of good quality and great variety, while the imate is uniform, the temperature seldom reaching higher than 85 degrees or lower than an approach to the freezing point. The facilities for making comfortable homes there are excellent, the land, water and timber neing good. A fine steam saw, shingle and lath mill, and a planer and cheetful, and his words were wise moulder, are in operation, affording and instructive. Those who go to prison for the Gospel's building material within easy reach of to Juarez.

The treatment of our people by the national and state officials in Mexico boy. There were not, at that time, the cordial and hospitable. By word and act they have encouraged colonization and allurements had not been introis the Republic. The settlements in Chihuahua afford abundance of room for several hundred families and they could live there in peace, and hyordin.

The liberty which the reception and practice of the Gospel of Christ brings is so great as to be beyond expression. It men are ignorant of those things which God reveals there is an absence of faith, but when those things are comprehended there is light and liberty. The speaker tes-tified that this is the work of God, es-tablished by His power. He had been long conscious of this fact. The work will grow and spread abroad, ustil the words of the Lord in reference to it by the Legislature. It is very trying shall be fulfilled to the letter. It is are seeking to enlarge their facilities to their patience and bears heavily up- not the hearing of that which is true that will benefit us, but that which is understood and intelligently acted upon. We are accused by our oppon-ents of thinking but very little. It is said that when we are told to go we go, and when directed to come we come. This is in part true, when we recognize the fact that it is God who lirects us. He concluded by praying for the blessing of the Lord upon all.

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felt picasure in being able to say that the greatest wish of his heart was to have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and of the faithful. The hand of God Lad been over this people. It was but seventy years since Joseph Smith, an illiterate youth, declared that the Father and Son, in form and shape like unio man had appeared unto him and announced that no denomination was worshipping aright. This was an assertion to the effect that the reli-gionists of the world were not worshipping that being who made heaven and earth. Since then thousands of people had gathered in one people had gathered in one in obedience to the command of the Aimighty. The Gospel

delivered to the great prophetsof the 19th century, unfolded great and com-forting truths. We learned from it that all the endcaring family ties formed here would be renewed ineterfilty. We should be a hapyy peo-We had to pass through trouble What of that? The object of which we were in pursuit would compensate for all. We had seen Brother Snow, for all. We had seen Brother Snow, who new presides over this Conference, in prison, and never heard him complain of his lot. He was always cheerful, and his words were wise prison for sake are sustained by the spirit of the Lord. He came to Utah when a conditions to offend the moral sense that exist now. These corruptions

I, Wilford Woodruff, being the last man living in the flesh who was present upon that occasion feel it a duty l owe to the Caurch of Jesus urist of Luese Latter day Saints, to the House of with the strong provocations Israel, and to the whole world to bear which they have had to indulge in this my last testimony to all nations, that in the winter of 1843-4, Joseph Smith, the Prophet of God, called the Twelve Apostles together in the City of Nativoo, and spent many days with us in giving us our endowments, and out this entire pe. secution. teaching us those glorious principles wulca God had revealed to him. And upon one occasion he stood upon his

feet in our miast for nearly three hours declaring unto us the great and last dispensation which God had se His hand to perform upon the earth these last days. The room was filled as if with consuming fire; the Propnet wasclethed upon with much of the power of God, and his face shone and was transparently clear, and he closed that speech, never-to-be-forgotten in time or in eternity, with the following language:

"Brethren, I have had great sorrow to life here and life hereafter, it is be of heart for fear that I might be taken from the earth with the keys of the Kingdom of God upon me, without scaling them upon the heads of other men. God nas sealed upon my head all the keys of the Kingdom of God necessary for organizing and build-ing up of the Churco, Zion, and also have Sunday schools for the training and education of those of Kingdom of God upon the earth, and to prepare the Saints for the coming of the Son of Man. Now, brethren, I larger growth. In them they can learn the doctrines of salvation and the nisthank God I have lived to see the day tory of the work of God, and be prethat I have been enabled to give you pared for greater progress Then we have the Young Mens' and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Asso-ciations, which have been organized, as your endowments, and I have now sealed upon your heads all the powers of the Aaronic and Melchesidek Priesthoods and Apostleship, with all the keys and powers thereof, waich G id their names unply, for the development of the young people of both sexes and their advancement in every thing that has sealed upon me; and I now roll off all the labor, bursen and care of this Church and Klegdom of God upon will qualify them for lives of useful-ness and honor. But besides these oryour shoulders, and I now command ganizations we have the various coun you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to round up your shoulders, and cils of the Priestbood, to some office bear off this Church and Aingdom of God before heaven and earth, and be-fore G d, angels and men; and if you don't do it you will be damned."

And the same spirit that filed the ganized for he purpose of assisting the Bishops and Counselers and room at that time burns la my bosom while 1 record this testimony, and the Teachers of the Wards in caring for the poor and relieving the wants of the Prophet of God appointed no one else but the Twelve Apostles to stand at the uead of the Causen and direct its means of these organizations, which anall's.

THE PRESIDENCY IN THE APOSTLES.

When the Prophet Joseph had passed away by foul assassination, those who possessed the spirit of God and were living in close communion with the box and the second When the Prophet Joseph had passed away by foul assassination, with it, knew the voice of the true shepherd and were not deceived by the claims of men who pretended to have authority. The body of the Church followed the leadership of those whom God had chosen, and whom His servant Joseph had been instructed to prepare for this great responsibility. ie fwelve Apostles, with President settlements these associations will re-igham Young as their head, became ceive the constant care and attention righam Young as their head, became the presiding council of the Courch.

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should live in constant expectation of of our wise and judicious sisters. The to the Bishop of some contiguous The lessons which the Chargen then seed sown in the hearts of the children the Elders who zealously enter into this great event, and seek, with all the testimony of all the faithful Saints art and their associates, these schools learned is regard to the Priesthood, by the instructions imparted there ind the rights of the Priesthood, have will produce in years to come an never been forgottes. When Presi-abundant farves that will gladden the ward which has more peor within its the labors of the ministry find abund energy and sower that we can exercise who have watched the progress of events among as? Had we observed events among us? Had we observed these counsels, how many of the evils from which we now suffer would never have been known among us? Throughout the Swiss and German Our neglect of them has brought its punishment, and the faithful can see have cone, and are now coing, a great and obtain, to prepare ourseives, our households, and, as far as we have inwork in educational advancement, by will supply. In this way all the peo-ple can have an equal opportunity of doing their duty to the poor. instilling a knowledge of the princi-ples of the Gospel of life and salva-tion into the minds of our children, dent Young was taken from us, there was no jar sor division of sentiment hearts of the Saints who witness it. fluence, the inhabitants of the earth, for His glorious appearing. Your Brother, OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ETC. among the Apostles; and among the upon whose shoulders the Kingdom of THE LESSONS OF LIBERALITY. people there was scarcely a question as vian Mission presided over by Elder N punishment, and the_faithful can see WILFORD WOODRUFF. God must rest in the near future. The progress of the Sanday School to where the right of Presidency rest-C.Flygare, the Elders are laboring also with commendable zeal and with Experience has abundantly proved In behalf of the Council of the cause in Zion continues satisfactory, t. But shall we not profit by the ened. President John Taylor took the though undoubtedly somewhat re-We trust it will not be long before that those who are attentive to those perience of the past and act more wise-ly in the future? As the Lord has said Twelve Apostles. position which belonged to him, and the work of God moved forward withchools of this kind will be established and all other duties required by the gratifying results. An effort is being tarded by the enforced absence from in every city and village where the Lord receive His blessing. God does made at the present time to preach the Goepelin Turkey, where Elders Jacob (Doctrine and Covenants, sec. 90, ver. its labors and associations of so many Latter-day Saluts reside. In the bless those who devote themselves out interruption, and with a union and prethren and sisters who have in 86-87), meantime, however, the Saints should not fail to avail themselves of the harmony on the part of all connected with it, most delightful to wit ness. He has stood at our head with singleness of purpose to His work. If proof of this were needed, one has only to notice the condition of Spori, J. M. Tanner and F. F. Hintze have been, and are laboring, and even GENERAL CONFERENCE. "But yerily I say unto you, that I, the Lord, will contend with Zion, and plead with her strong ones, and chasten her until former years taken an active interest In its welfare. We notice, with pleas-ure, the constantly increasing number privileges that are now offered them in the Provo, Logan, Beaver, Fillmore, the land of Palestine has been visited, and in the late company of emigrants SECOND DAY. Elders in the various settlements who have spent years of their lives upon for nearly ten years, and during that she overcomes and is clean before me For of schools, teachers and scholars reand Salt Lake Academies. she shall not be removed out of her place, I, the Lord, have spoken it." period he has possessed the glits and qualifications which belonged to his high office and calling. His entire which reached this City from Europe, AFTFRNOON SESSION. ported by the officers of the Union and missions. Though their home affairs bine persons were gathered who had THE "CHURCH SUITS." the evident care taken by the presiding Opened with singing: received the Gospel in that land, a land hallowed to may have been left to the care of their Congress, at its last session as you We should begin to understand that local authorities in our settlements to wives and children, they are not dis-tinguished by their poverty from their career is one that can be cont-mplated God's ways are infinitely superior to our ways, and that His counsels, land, a land hallowed to us as the earthly home of our Redeemer, and the soil of which are aware, passed a law entitled "An O Jesus! the giver have a Sunday School as one of the of Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to hich amend Section 5352 of the Revised with the utmest satisfaction and pleas ure by all who love the truth and ad-mire integrity in those who are called to be servants of God. From the time that he was handled a memory of the with the utmost satisfaction and pleas Of all we enjoy, Our lives to thy honor We wish to employ. fellow-servants who have remained at chough they may seem to call for Statutes of the United States, in referhome. his sacred feet trod. sacrifice, are always the best and the We have only to look around us to safest for us to adopt and carry out. Thousands among us can testify to the On the Sandwich Islands the Elders are laboring faithfully under the direcence to bigamy, and for other pur-Prayer by Apostle John Henry that he was baptized a member of the and Caurch uatil his spirit took its flight are poses," etc. satisfy ourselves also, that those who Improvement Associations are generous in contributing to God's truth of this from individual experition of President William King, and Under the 15th and 17th sections of being organized wherever fiom earth, he never wavered in bis ad-vocacy and defense of the principles of vocacy and defense of the principles of vocacy and defense of the principles of timental Europe, in New Zealand, and Singing: work are favored of the Lord. This was the experience of ancient Israel, and it is our experience. Yet in re-gard to voluntary donations there is tighteousness. Under all the varied in the Sandwich Islands, as also in the clicumstances through which he and branches scattered throughout the Walked with God in streets of gold. the people of God were called to pass, too much carelessness, notwithstand- upon our children and the inexperimissions in the United States, these in this Act it is made the duty of the The plantation at Laie is still mainin the midst of the deepest trials and isg all the precious promises con-nected therewith. The Saints should be reminded of the obligation which tained, and the Elders who have laenced among us. ELDER WILLIAM BUDGE, afflictions, his voice was always raised their i. fluence in instructing and Attorney General of the United States had gathered out of the world under formidable difficulties, many of them to cause proceedings to be taken in the Supreme Court of the Territory of Utah to wind up the affairs of said as-was deeply impressed with the imporbored and who are still laboring there in tones of encouragement and hope; forming the character of the children THE GLORY WILL BE THE LORD'S. enter with spirit into the management and when the storms were the florcest, rests upon them. Our children, also, should be taught this duty, that it may Utah to wind up the affairs of said asnever reaching their destination, being of the Latter-day Saints. We also should learn this great of that property in a way to benefit as he rose to the occasion and always . The Mutual Improvement Societies buried by the wayside. Instead of recognizing this sacrifice, many much as possible the native Saints. The attention of the Eiders there is didisplayed undaunted courage and un- are also accomplishing great good truth, that God will have all the glory sociations. tance of the occasion, in consequence flinching devotions to the Zion of God. throughout our settlements. In connecbecome a fixed habit with them to and honor for the establishment of Pursuant to the duty thus imposed of the excellent instruction already punctually attend to these matters. His Church and Kingdom on the Is the providence of God it fell to his tion with them and the Sunday Schools, rected at present to the Navigator upon the Atterney General, on the 30th day of July, 1887, proceedings were be-gun in said court by the United States against the Perpetual Emigrating Fund among us were selling their inheritances, thus entailing the lot to be with the Prophet Jeseph and we desire to remind our brethren and Islands, where some few years ago two native Elders from the Sandwich Islands were successful in baptizing a Phose who have strictly observed earth. Man cannot claim it in this or risk of placing a corrupt neigh-bor along side of their brother's family. If such a thing should occur and the Patriarch Hyrum when they were martyred for the truth, and he mingled martyred for the truth, and he mingled martyred for the truth, and he mingled martyred for the truth and he mingle these requirements can testify to the great pleasure and many rewards they have received from their observance. any other age of the world. Nothing but the power of God could have brought forth the fullness of the Gosagainst the Perpetual Emigrating Fund his own blood with theirs. Though severely wounded on that occasion, organizing Sunday Schools and imlarge number of natives and organizing ompany and its trustees, and the contemplate true doctrine and the evchildren of the Saints be thus led astray, the responsibility of the evil would largely lie at the door of the person who was instrumental in in-This law of liberality appears to be pel, organized the Church, gathered one of the safeguards which the Lord His people to Zion in fulfilment of them into branches. These Islands Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day severely wounded on that occasion, he miraculously escaped death. He was a man whom the Lord loved. The evidence of this is to be found in the fact that He chose him to preside over His Church at the departure of His servant Brigham. We feel thank-for the fact that He there is a mong us was, that the children and youth of the principles of the Gospel and their faith be developed in the revelations of God. This the officers and teachers should keep constantly in mind. The ery-day duties devolving upon them. nave not been visited by any of the Many matters engage our attention. Nothing is so profitable as instruction Saints and its alleged trustees for the has adopted to avert from his people the evil consequences which follow the possession of wealth. He has told the possession of wealth. He has told obliged to acknowledge the hand of obliged to acknowledge the hand of has adopted to avert from his people revelation and performed the work white Elders, but it is probable that some of our Elders on the Sandwich purpose of disposing of the property of the one and winding up the affairs of the pertaining to practical duties. We can-Islands may in the near future make a not keep God's commandments except we understand them. We must serve Him intelligently to do so acceptably. We have the Priesthood in our midst other: asking in these suits to escheat speaker desired it to be understood that he did not wish any of this to visit there. to the United States large amounts of property alleged to be held by these God in all the blessings we enjoy. apply to those who came honestly among us to develop the resources of the country and act with probity and The letters which we receive ful to God our Eternal Father that we should keep constantly in mind. The have been permitted to live with and books used should be almost without ware of pride, lest we become as the Nephites of old. We know the ruln it THE CONDUCT OF OUR LIVES. from New Zealand where Presitwo defendants. At the time of this dent William Paxman presides, continue to bring us gratifying intelliwriting nothing has been done in these to teach us, and therefore if we fall we wrought for them, and we should eploy the society of President John exception, the revelations of God as writing nothing has been done in these cases further than to appear and an-swer the complaints. What the result of these cases will be, we, of course cannot now say. It is proper, how-ever, that we should speak upon this important proceeding and let the Saints knew how the cases stand. Two Perpendial Two Perpendial Cases further than to appear and an-stances through which the Saints knew how the cases stand. Two Perpendial Cases further than to appear and an-stances through which the Saints knew how the cases further the Saints knew how the cases further the Saints knew how the case further t It should be the aim of all the memeploy the society of President John Taylor and be his fellow-laborers. Our association with him and the Presidents and Apostles who have gone before him into the spirit world, we esteem as a great honor. We take delight in anticipating the rejoicing that we shall have when we shall be permitted to mingle in their society. spare no precaution to prevent wealth having a disastrous effect upon us. Many can endure poverty and be humbers of the Church to carry out prac-tically in their lives the principles of gence concerning the condition and progress of the work there. The Elders are very successful among the Maories. Many of the white brethren have succeeded in acquiring the lanthe Gospel. In no way can we better ble and live near the Lord whe cannot bear riches. They become lifted up in pride and become covetous, and for-get their God. Those, however, who remember constantly the teachings of the Lord concerning the earth and its innabitants, and who contribute of the ie and live near the Lord who cannot Saints knew how the cases stand. The Perpetual Emigrating Fund Company, as all of you well know, was conceived and organized for but one purpose, namely, to ald the poor of our peeple in their humble afforts to guage of that race, which is cognate to that of the Sandwich Islands, and two of them, Elders Ezra T. Richards and permitted to mingle in their society. Once more, the responsibility of presiding over the Caurch has fallen upon the Council of the Twelve Apostles. The Counselors of Presi-dent Taylor, Brothers George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, being permitted to mingle in their society. ful hearers toward the divine princiour people in their humble efforts to gather with their brethren. It has been for this charitable purpose, the object of the generous bounty of the Latter-day Saints, but at no time in

ice may prevent our nation and its religion and undefiled before God and rulers from acknowledging, at the the Fatner is this, to visit the fatherpresent, how noble the demeanor of less and widows in their affliction, and been under to keep himself unspotted from the people has trying circumstances, and the strong provocations world." While it has always been the policy of our people to encourage inoutbreaks; yet the time will com dustry and to repress idleness in every when all this will receive its proper form, and to expect all persons to recognition and due credit will be ac-

contribute, according to their ability, corded the Latter-day Saints for their to their own support; still there are magnanimity and self-control throughmany cases where the aged and the in firm, or the unfortunate, cannot, with the utmost exertion and economy, ob-PRIMARY ASSOCIATIONS, ETC. tain through their own labors

ent to sustain themselves. It would In the organizations which have een established among our people in he a great evil among us to encourage any class in living upon the benevo-lence of the community. No system of begging should be permitted. all our settlements in these mounains, the advancement and training and benefit of all classes are amply provided for. Among no people of Those able to work should be furwhom we know anything have such nished employment. Persons who are provisions been made for the salvation properly disposed will be glad to ob and care of the members of society of tain it in preference to being fed with all ages as among the Latter-day Saints. If we and our children do not the bread of charity; and all should be encouraged to labor according to progress in intelligence and in the their strength. This policy, if wisely

mowledge of all principles pertaining pursued will prevent pauperism, de velop self exertion and confidence, and cause we do not avail ourselves of produce self-respect. It is a cause those facilities which are placed within our reach. We have the Primary As-sociations provided for the benefit of the young children of our Church, and one, however destitute, to publich their instruction in those simple prin-ciples which they can understand. We case, the sensitive and those who shrink from asking aid, who conceal, in some instances, their poverty, should be carefully looked after by the Relief Societies under the direction of the Bishops of the wards, so that there may be no individual in any of our wards suffering for the want of food or any other article necessary to sustain or preserve life. The community whose hearts are open to the cries of distress, who are ready to administer of the substance which the Lord gives them to relieve their feilow creatures, may always depend upon the favor of the Lord, for he loves those who are kind to their fellow-men, and who adminin which every young man who is worthy can be ordained. The young are tender, and who readily respond to also find a sphere of usefulness in the Relief Societies which have been or-ganized for he purpose of actions. FAST OFFERINGS

In some of our wards there is not proper care taken in the collection of suffering and distressed. So that by tue fast offerings of the people. The first Thursday in the month has been are of vast interest to us as a people, set apart in the Church as a day of very one from earry childhood to mafasting and of prayer That day should be strictly observed. Fast offerings should be brought with a liberal hand urity, can be led forward step by step, Fast offerings to the Bishop of each ward, that he may be prepared to supply those wh are dependent upon the ward for sus-Sofar as we know the sisters who tenance. Some wards require considbave charge of the Primary Associaerable aid from the Church to help tions are doing a most commendable

work in arousing interest in the lit-tle ones and in teaching them tle ones and in teaching them in simple style those lessons which are adapted to their underwhile sometimes in the same Stake there are other wards where there are few, if any, dependent poor. Presidents of Stakes should make arrangements We hope that in all our wards to transfer their fast offerings

her at first with the comforts which he may think she ought to have. Young men, who have a due share of the qualities which women esteem in a husband, need not be afraid that girls another Temple at Mantinearing com-of that kind will refuse them, because pletion, and one in Sait Lake City, of that kind will refuse them, because they may not be well endowed with his world's goods. They will cheer

hand of their husbands.

The satisfaction each will

AGAINST INCURRING DEBT.

We feel led to caution the Latterday Saints against forming the bad tern habit of incurring debt and taking uses. suffi upon themselves obligations which frequently burden them heavier than the can bear, and lead to the lors of their nomes and other possessions. We know it is the fashion of the age to use credit the utmost limit, and it is cus omtry for nations, states, countles an ities to borrow money, issue bonds and thus load themselves with taxes to such an extent that large numbers of the people are prevented from ownng land or even the houses which they ccupy. Thus the masses become tenants and have to pay rent for land and nelter. This is a great evil and one that we as a people and as individuals, should carefully shun. Our business hould be done, as much as possible, on the principle of paying for that which we purchase, and our needs wonderful manifestations of His good. should be brought within the limit of our resources. The disposition, to speculate and to take chances upon entures of one kind and another should be repressed. There are many people who have been rendered home ess in our Territory by the neglect of this precaution. To raise funds to in-vest in some scheme which has appeared promising they have mortgaged their homes, only too often, to be dis-appointed and to find themselves without a place of shelter for themselves and their families. All this is wrong If the penalty for such unwisdom fe upon the one through whose acts and influence it is brought about, the con sequences would not be so deplorable very frequently families suffe and the bad results are widely feit. We, therefore, repeat our counsel to the Latter-day Saints, to shun debt. Be content with modfelt.

erate gains, and be not misled by illusory hopes of acquiring wealth. Re-member the saying of the wise man: "But he that hasteth to get rich shall not be innocent." Let our children also be taught habits of economy, and not to indulge in tastes which they cannot gratify without running in debt.

ZION SHALL NOT BE REMOVED.

We have been favored, as no other people have, with wise counsels. Their extent and variety are immeasurable. They cover every department of human life. So far as we have observed them, prosperity and happiness have been the results. Whatever difficulties we may have to contend of Stakes should make arrangements with to-day are due, if not wholly, at with the Bishops of the last named least in great part, to our disregard of them. Is not this the experience and

ness, we slackened in our diligence or tailed in our obedience and devotion to Him and His great cause. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The treatment which the Elders have received in preaching the Gospel broughout the Southern States, as we are informed by President John Morgan, has been much better of late han it has been at some other periods The Elders are listened to with more patience and do not meet with so much of the spirit of mobocracy and unreasoning hate. Additions are being made to the Church, and those who emigrate from that region have gener

Ilv settled in San Luis Valley, Colorado. The Elders in the North Western States under the direction of President W. M. Palmer, pursue their labors with undimisished zeal and with modche Church. These fields of labor the Church. have furnished opportunities for numbers of our young men to gain experience in missionary efforts, and those who have this privilege return home, in the most of instances, better quali-fled to assist the local authorities where they reside in the labors of the ministry.

In Great Britain the Elders meet with considerable opposition in places, principally, however, from apostates. They find that field a much more difficult one than it was in former years. The hearts of the people seem to have become bardened, and great indifference prevails in regard to religion. Still we learn from. President George Teasdale, who presides at the present time over the European Mission, that

could live there in peace, and by ordin-Our country abounds in useful men's. We have a fertile soil, when ary habits of industry would soon make themselves prosperous and happy. properly cultivated, and an admirable The Mexican Mission was opened in limate. Grains, fruits, and vegeta 879, and the Church now has quite a bles, as well as all kinds of stock, can large following of native Saints, mainly be raised here, and as superior in ocated in and about the national capquality as can be found anywhere on the earth. Care should be taken to ital The Book of Mormon, Voice of showed Saints raise the very best varieties. Our have been published in the Spanish horses, cattle, sheep, and poultry, as language and are being distributed acwell as our grains, and fruits, and cording to ancient predictions. Thus vegetables, should be of the very the truth is being spread abroad among pest kinds, and no pains should be he seed of Israel through the means spared to keep them pure. Our sys-tem of irrigation does not admit of the record of their fathers, as well as by the preaching of the Elders. of the cultivation of large areas of

THE ALBERTA COLONY.

Recent letters from President Charles). Card, in charge of our colony in Canada, contain information of a grati-ying nature. The soil upon which

As facilities for education they are located is said to be very productive, and the grain and vegetables produced are of excellent quality, and range for stock is abundant and nutridous. The colopy is preparing for winter, and the families composing it will soon have their houses completed. They have opened a fine vein of coal within three miles of their settlement. which is on Lees Creek, Alberta, Canada

The treatment accorded the Saints considerate and kind, and the pros-The education of the mind and the pects for improvements and prosperity education of the body should go hand are good. Brother Card would be glad in hand. A skillful brain should be joined with a skillful hand. Manual to have any of the Saints, contemplatlabor should be dignified among us ing a change of location, to join him. in that land, and we will gladly apand always be made honorable. The prove efforts in that direction. We may be led, hereafter, to call tendency, which is too common in these days, for young men to get a

some of the brethren to go there with their families, to a d him in developing the resources of that goodly land.

CONCLUSION.

to grow among us. Of course it is necessary as society is now organized, We cannot refrain from expressing that the professions, as they are to you our own feelings of thankful- times to glorify ourselves rather than termed, should receive attention. But ness that we live in such an age, and to magnify our Master, any effort to every one should make it a matter of pride to be a producer, and not a be taught to sustain themselves by their own industry and skill, and not only to do this, but to help sustain others, and that to do this by honest. onsumer alone. Our children should only to do this, but to help sustain others, and that to do this by honest

toil is one of the most honorable means which God has furnished to his children here on the earth. The sub ject of the proper education of the youth of Zion is one of the greatest mportance.

smattering of education and then

think themselves unsuited for mechanical or other laborious pur-

suits is one that should not be allowed

name of our Lord and Master, Jesus, President Brigham Young during his that this is the great work of which ifetime established schools in Provo and Logan, where the principles of the Jospel have been taught in connection with other branches of education, and more recently similar schools have been commenced, and conducted with

marked success; in Salt Lake, Beaver t is our continual desire unto God that His people may be faithful in keeping and Fillmore Cities. His commandments and doing His will, so that they may be accounted The good results arising from teachngs received in the Provo and Logan worthy to stand, and their coildren Academies are very apparent and pleasing to all who have the interests of the young at heart, and we regret after them, and toherit the great blessings which He has to bestow upon the faithful. The day is not far disthat such institutions are so limited in tant when our Lord and Savior will be number.

Through the indefatigable labors revealed from the heavens, and we Professors Karl G. Maeser, J Z. Stew-

gence and virtue form the ground work of exaltation in the presence of God. It is the principles incorporated in the Church of Christ which had brought the thousands of people who throng this building together with one common impulse, showed the nece The speaker usity of the Saints sustaining their friends in preference to giving supnecessity port to their enemies. Next to his religion he prized the Consti-tution and Institutions of the government of this country. His religion taught him to venerate them. The power of the Latter-day Saints is not wanlog. There are many thousands who have not bowed the koee to Baal, and never would. He testified that the Church had been established by divine revelation and command-

ELDER ANGUS M. CANNON,

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President of Salt Lake Stake, next addressed the assembly. His heart had been filled with delight at listenhad been miled with inspired words of ing to the inspired words of bis brethren. Considering the pro-fuscions we make we are led to fessions we make we are ask whether we are justified by our practice. We are approaching a lime when the Lord will appear to judgement. The speaker was anxious to there, by officials and people, has been know how his own record would appear when that should take place. Christ taught that our conversation should be yes, yes and nay may. Any-thing more or less came of evil. There was to be no hypocrisy or deceipf. We are the ministers of God, and therefore should be careful of our acts. What about our speculations to popularize ourselves with the world? These things remind us of the saying of Malachi—"Who shall abide the day of His coming." When we think of the Messiah whose authority we have used and reflect that we have sought some-times to glorify ourselves rather than that God has bestowed upon us His seek the praise of men should be laid Holy Priesthood and has permitted us to take part in His great work. We midst. Men amongst us build and Prophets and Apostles unverse each raised up in the Church of Christ; and that God has stretched forth His hand to fulfil His great and marvelous pur-poses which have been redicted by fulfil His great and marvelous pur-poses which have been predicted by evil, the excuse being that they must the mouths of the holy prophets since have sustenance. This does not the world began. We testify in the constitute a proper or consistent Some makapology under the Gospel. Some making profession of better things had, to the prophets have spoken, that God is the founder of it, and that it will stand forever, and accomplish all that has been predicted concerning it. Zion is established and will be redeemed. And it is our continual desire unto God that

It had been cast as a reproach upon men who had gone to prison for con-science' sake, that wives were separated from husbands, and fathers from children, etc. Mothers who, in conse quence of hardships, entailed by per-secution, were bereaved of their children, would receive them again. The Prophet Joseph told a sister who had lost a child by death that she would again receive her infant by the power of the resurrection. It would nestle in her bosom and grow to the full stature, it would have reached had it attained maturity in mortality. When we are separated from relatives by adhering to duty and principle we are situated similarly in that respect to the Son of Man, with whom there was never any symptom of com-

promise. In regard to the spirit of revelation of which Elder Taylor had spoken, it is the privilege of every head of a family to possess it in that capacity. To those whom the Lord gave him he was a patriarch, and he had a right lf he was faithful, to the light of revelation to enable him to teach and direct them in righteousness.

The speaker related an incident involving a terrible encounter between several men, some of whom lost their lives and another was on crutches in this city. this city, through having been shot. He signified his idea as to who was responsible for these things in order to show how carefully the results of men's acts should be scanned beforehand, that they may hesitate to do things entailing serious consequ

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uprightness. He dwelt for some time upon the depth and breadth of the results of the actions of professing Latter-day Saints when they elected to do wrong. These effects were not only immediate but also consequential, leading from one stage to alother, until they were overwhelm The choir sang the thanksgiving anthem: Praise waiteth for the Lord. Benediction by Elder Seymour B Young.

troducing the canker of iniquity.

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