

and am pleased with the opportunity of saying so once more to you, and I desire to live in harmony with it, and be saved in the kingdom of God. I know of no greater reward to strive for than this, and with all my soul, I desire to overcome the weaknesses and imperfections of humanity and at the last be received into the kingdom of our God. I hope that I may have strength to do so, and that the same strength may be given to the Saints of God and that the kingdom of God may come on the earth and His will be done here as it is done in heaven; all of which I pray for in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER GEORGE REYNOLDS.

The wonders wrought by the Saints through the power of God—Completeness of the keys and authority of the Priesthood.

It affords me great pleasure this morning, my brethren and sisters, to be present with you in this vast congregation, to worship the Lord our God, to learn of His ways that we may walk in His paths; and it gives me still greater consolation to know that His people are still led by the Spirit of divine revelation, that notwithstanding our weaknesses, our shortcomings, our lack of faith, God is still with us. He is still guiding His people, and with me there is not the slightest shadow of a doubt but what all His holy purposes will be accomplished. I know that this is the work of God, I know that He is guiding His people. Of this I am more satisfied than of any other fact with which I am acquainted. I have no fears on this point, for the Holy Spirit has witnessed from the beginning, that God is with us, that this is not the work of man. Had it not been so, it would have failed long ago. It would never have brought to pass the wonderful, the miraculous results, I might say, that we see have been accomplished by the revelation of God to Joseph Smith and to His people. No earthly power could have accomplished what has been done by the people who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ. The results are marvelous, not only in the building up of this commonwealth in these valleys of the mountains, not only in the preaching of the Gospel to so many of the nations of the earth, but also in the

indirect results that have followed the ministry of the servants of God, the results that have followed materially, spiritually, intellectually, and in every way that I can think of.

Our influence in the history of the world in this century is marked, and will be still more marked as the centuries roll round; and from a distance men will be able to perceive what has been really accomplished by those who for so long were despised, of whom so little was thought, and to whose message such a deaf ear was turned by the greater portion of the peoples of the world. And I can say, while I feel my littleness, while I acknowledge my insufficiency, yet I do greatly rejoice that God has accounted me worthy to be one of His people, to be one of the workers with Him in the great work of the regeneration of the world, in the fulfillment of His purposes, and in the bringing about of that reign of righteousness upon the earth, when all shall know Him, and when every man in every place shall meet a brother and a friend; for I desire to see righteousness brought about, I desire to see peace established upon the earth, I desire to see love abound amongst all the sons and daughters of Adam. I have no pleasure in iniquity, no pleasure in turmoil, in rioting; no pleasure in contention; but I desire to live to see the name of God glorified, to see the principles of eternal truth vindicated, to see Israel become God's first born upon the earth, and occupy the position God has intended for His people; and I desire to see this earth prepared for the coming and reign of the Prince of Peace, of Jesus, our Redeemer, the Son of God.

And these things I know will be brought about, will be accomplished by the labors and ministry of the servants of God, under the direction of those who hold the keys of power in the midst of His people, to whom He reveals His mind and will. And I am doubly thankful to know that there is not one key of the Holy Priesthood, not one power belonging to God's kingdom, not one key of authority, not one principle pertaining to the building up of righteousness upon the earth, that God has withheld from His people, in these the latter days. I

realize that all these things have been given unto us. There is nothing lacking, but all that is necessary, if we will obey, to give us power to return into the presence of God, and to enjoy the blessings of the celestial kingdom throughout the eternities to come, are ours, are with this Church, have been revealed of God. We have been made partakers of all these things. There is nothing wanting. Not one link is left out. They are all ours if we will be faithful to God and to His cause; and this is my testimony, my brethren and sisters. I know it is true, and I bear it in the name of the Lord Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

ELDER JONATHAN G. KIMBALL

Laborers in the South—The Mutual Improvement cause—Necessity of study and reflection—The great sin of unchastity.

I feel very humble, my brethren and sisters. I have discovered in my short career that I don't amount to very much; that all that I have tried to do within myself I have failed in. The only blessing of real comfort that I have received is in laboring in the ministry. Some men are more easily tired than others, and as far as I am concerned, I desire to be free in what I say, and I hope that I may be moved upon by the Holy Ghost, for I can testify to the children of men that I know what the Holy Ghost is, that is, I know what its influence is. I know that I have felt that joy, that peace, that satisfaction, that burning within me that comes from the influence of the Spirit of the Lord.

I have labored for the past six weeks in company with Apostle Lyman through the southern part of the State, largely in the interests of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, and I discover in associating among the people that there is a great missionary work to be performed here at home. There are something over twenty-five thousand young men, from fourteen up to my age, and only a very small percentage of that number are laboring earnestly and ardently to gain information and knowledge pertaining to this great work. Talk about your missionary fields of

labor, talk about the nations of the earth; I comprehend that the angel came with its message that the Gospel might be preached to every nation, to every kindred, to every tongue and people; but I want to testify to you, my brethren and sisters, that the rising generation at home are being neglected. They are not being reached by the Priesthood of God; and if there is any place on the great earth where there needs an awakening and an uplifting, it is right here in Zion, and, I want to say to you, the fathers and the mothers are helpless, and they know not what to do. I know the cause, too, and the sin will rest upon the parents. They have not followed this counsel, to instruct their children when they are young. President George Q. Cannon said we were in bondage, to a certain extent, because we had not followed counsel, and I want to testify that it is true, and I want to say that there is a great sin resting upon some of the fathers and mothers, because they have not taught their children faith, repentance, baptism, and the reception of the Holy Ghost when they were eight years old, and they are now reaping the sorrow of their neglect. We need missionaries. I take the position that we need one hundred to start out with, to commence this mission here at home; and I don't know, before they get through with it, but they will have to preach on the street corners like the Elders do in the states and in Europe.

A part of our labors in the southern part of the State were in the interest of a new magazine; for the general board of the Young Men's Associations have discovered that it is absolutely impossible to reach the four hundred and ninety-one associations in the Church without a magazine. But in that number of associations, we have 16,580 young men that are enrolled, with an attendance, perhaps, of eight thousand. There is something like ten thousand that are not enrolled, and this missionary work must be begun.

In our associating among the people, we discovered, and I want to testify to what one of the brethren spoke in reference to that matter, that our people are not a reading peo-