

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG,

DELIVERED AT A SPECIAL CONFERENCE HELD AT FARMINGTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A STAKE OF ZION FOR THE COUNTY OF DAVIS, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 17, 1877.

(Reported by Geo. F. Gibbs.)

TRYING TO BE SAINTS—TREASURES OF THE EVERLASTING HILLS—THE HILL CUMORAH—OBEDIENCE TO TRUE PRINCIPLE THE KEY TO KNOWLEDGE—ALL ENJOYMENT COMES FROM GOD—ORGANIZATION—DUTIES OF OFFICERS—FINAL RESULTS.

I esteem it a privilege to meet with the Latter-day Saints. I have visited Farmington many times, and I can say that, as a general thing in attending your meetings, I have felt much of the peace and blessings that flow from heaven to this people.

I have no doubt that the majority of the people called Latter-day Saints desire really to be Saints; were it not for this I might feel partially discouraged. The people who are honest, who are seeking to know and to understand the truth, they are the ones who, so far as their faith and good works, and their influence and ability are concerned, sustain the kingdom that God has commenced to establish on the earth. When we consider the condition of the Latter-day Saints, and see how many there are who seem to have their eyes fixed upon the things of this world, things that are not lasting, but that perish in the handling, and how anxious they are to obtain them, how do you think I feel about it? We see many of the Elders of Israel desirous of

becoming wealthy, and they adopt any course that they think will bring them riches, which to me is as unwise as anything can be—to see men of wisdom, men that seem to have an understanding of the world and of the things of God, searching after minerals throughout these mountains; they traverse the hills, and they dig here and there, and keep digging and picking, and rolling the rocks from morning till night. This chain of mountains has been followed from the north to the south, and its various spurs have been prospected, and what do they find? Just enough to allure them, and to finally lead them from the faith, and at last to make them miserable and poor. Ask the brethren why they do this, and the ready reply will be, "Is it not my privilege to find a gold mine, or a silver mine, as well as others?" As far as I am concerned I would say, "Yes, certainly it is your privilege, if you can find one." But do you know how to find such a mine? No, you do not. These treasures that are in the earth