

of its glory, some will abide the terrestrial and some the teſtial, and others will receive a glory. Our brother is living today, and is bright with intelligence to preach the Goſpel in the ſpirit world. We know where his remains are. They are here. But where is his ſpirit? He is in the line of his duty, and prepared to do more good than if he were upon the earth. As quickly as the ſpirit is unlocked from this houſe of clay, it is free to travel with lightning ſpeed to any planet, or fixed ſtar, or to the uttermoſt part of the earth, or to the depths of the ſea, according to the will of Him who dictates. Every faithful man's labor will continue as long as the labor of Jeſus, until all things are redeemed that can be re-

deemed, and preſented to the Father. There is a great work before us. We plant the ſeed in the ground and it comes forth, being warmed by the ſun and nourished by the earth. By the ſame great laws of God the earth and its fullneſs have been produced, giving various degrees of intelligence. The Lord is raiſing a crop, and He will continue to labor until the work is finiſhed.

May we all be faithful as brother Spencer was. I ſay to his family, God bleſs you. You have cauſe to rejoice. In 1840 he was ready to go into the grave with conſumption, but he embraced the Goſpel, health was reſtored to him, and he has lived to a good old age and has done a good work. May God bleſs you. Amen.

HISTORICAL DISCOURSE.

BY PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH, DELIVERED IN THE NEW TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, JUNE 20, 1869.

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When Joſeph Smith was about 15 years old there was, in the weſtern part of the State of New York, a conſiderable excitement upon the ſubject of religion. The various denominations in that part of the country were ſtirred up with a ſpirit of revival. They held protracted meetings and many were converted. At the end of this excitement a ſcramble enſued as to which of the denominations ſhould have the proſelytes.

Of the family of Joſeph Smith, his mother, his brothers Hyrum and Samuel, and ſiſter Sophronia, became

members of the Presbyterian Church. Joſeph reflected much upon the ſubject of religion, and was aſtoniſhed at the ill-feeling that ſeemed to have grown out of the diſviſion of the ſpoils, if we may ſo uſe the term, at the cloſe of the reformation. He ſpent much time in prayer and reflection and in ſeeking the Lord. He was led to pray upon the ſubject in conſequence of the declaration of the Apoſtle James: "If any of you lack wiſdom, let him aſk of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not." [James, 1ſt chap., 5th