BURIAL SERVICES, AN ANCIENT PRACTICE—GOD, THE
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POWERS OF THE RESURRECTION—SCRIPTURAL,
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After the reading of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, commencing at
the 20th verse, by Elder David McKenzie, Elder Taylor said:

It is a sad thing to meet together
as we have done on the present occa-
sion, and to find here two of our friends
from different families who have been
smitten by the hand of the destroyer,
thus having to attend to a double fu-
neral ceremony. It seems to be my lot
today to be mixed up with these mat-
ters, for I have just come from attend-
ing to one funeral in the 14th Ward; and
now I meet again with you to join in
paying our last sad respects to the de-
parted dead. There is something about
these things that touches the most sym-
pathetic feelings of human nature. God
having planted these things in our bo-
soms, I presume it is right and proper
that they should be exercised and cher-
ished.

In reading the history of some of
the ancient men of God, such, for
instance, as Jacob, Joseph, Abraham and
others, there was great reverence and
respect evinced towards them, not only
by their friends and relatives, but by
strangers. On the death of Jacob there
was a very large concourse of people as-
ssembled from the land of Egypt, includ-
ing "The servants of Pharaoh, the El-
ders of his house, and all the Elders of
the land of Egypt, and all the house of
Joseph and his brethren and his father's
house. And there went up with him both
chariots and horsemen, and it was a very
great company, and they mourned with
a great and very sore lamentation." The
Egyptians joined with the relatives in
mourning his death. The same feeling
was manifested when Joseph and others
died. Then were feelings of sympathy
manifested towards the bereaved and
also towards the dead. These feelings ex-
ist more or less among us. We, like them,
have ideas pertaining to the future, that