

IMPORTANCE OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS—THE GOOD WORK DONE BY THEM IN QUALIFYING YOUNG MEN TO BE MISSIONARIES—NECESSITY OF TEACHING OUR CHILDREN THE PRINCIPLE OF VIRTUE—DETERMINATION OF OUR ENEMIES TO DESTROY THE WORK OF GOD—THE LORD WILL BUILD UP HIS KINGDOM IN HIS OWN WAY—HE WILL STAND BY US IF WE ARE VALIANT—GOD RAISED UP MEN TO FORM THE CONSTITUTION AND ESTABLISH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES—SELF-PRESERVATION REQUIRES US TO BE UNITED—ALL REPUTABLE MEN AMONG THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS HOLD THE PRIESTHOOD—WE HAVE TO CONTEND WITH MOBOCRACY IN LEGAL FORM AND GUISE—THIS WORK DEPENDS UPON GOD—OUR ENEMIES HAVE NO POWER TO INJURE US—NO ONE HAS PROSPERED IN OPPOSING THE WORK OF GOD—THE LORD WILL STAND BY US IN THE HOUR OF NEED—CONCLUSION.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, OGDEN, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18TH, 1885.

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I am pleased to have the opportunity of meeting with the Latter-day Saints this morning in Ogden, and of listening to the reports which have been made by the brethren respecting the Sunday Schools, and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Associations. These institutions furnish an index to the growth and development of the people, and the future character of those who are now and who will be members of the Church in years to come. I think a very fair estimate can be formed of what our people will be by closely observing the condition of the Sunday Schools and the Mutual Improvement Associations; because those children and those young men and young women who are now members of these schools and associations will in a very few years take their place as active members in the community, and the character of the community be largely dependent upon their characters and upon the development which they have made in the directions that these institutions seek to form them. I look upon it myself as exceedingly important that our schools should be properly conducted, and that our associations should receive that attention from those who have influence and knowledge that will make a proper impression upon the minds of those who are members. In whatever capacity I might be acting in the Priesthood, with the proper feeling of anxiety about the