

only in the ground that was prepared to receive it did it grow and produce much fruit.

Samuel P. Zavits spoke from the text, "Be ye also perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." A high plane to reach, you may say. A plane too high to reach, some of you may believe. But it is not too high to place our ideal. He who created us is all wise. I cannot conceive that he created the human race with the intention that it cannot but be imperfect. Jesus called us up to this plane and showed us by his life that it is possible for us to attain it.

What is it, then, to be a perfect man? Man is a three-fold being. All three parts are capable of development of growth. We have our physical, our mental or intellectual, and our spiritual natures. It is the great work of man in this life to develop these three natures, and he is the perfect man whose three fold nature is being fully developed.

To develop the physical part we must obey the laws that govern its development. Just so intellectually, and just, so spiritually. To develop fully we must obey the laws that govern the development of our souls.

Our Father is ever watchful over us. He supplies the proper food for each part. It is highly necessary for us to live near him, to find out his desires, to obey his laws. It is because of disobedience that there is so much imperfection, of sin, and suffering in the world.

Jesus Christ is our most perfect example. It was obedience to his Father's will in all that made him so. Behold in him the highest type of man. We see in Him the highest type of manhood possible. We recognize in him the perfect man. "Be ye also perfect."

When twelve years of age he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" What a glorious stand he took, even at that age! Are we about our Father's business this morning? Are we each day? If so,

we are perfect men and women, and God expects us to be that.

When God created all things he pronounced them good, very good. Every being that comes into the world is a new creation and is good, very good; and remains so as long as it remains in harmony with God's laws concerning it. We are, in that state, heirs of the kingdom of heaven; joint-heirs with Jesus Christ—a blessed condition.

Serena Minard then spoke at quite a length, after which there was quiet and the meeting dispersed. Her line of thought was somewhat as follows: The infinite Author and Sustainer of the universe cares for every creature of his handiwork. He is tender to the erring and just in all his ways. Whatever he gives or takes it is to our profit.

"This is life eternal to know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent." Eternal life is not only after death, but is purity, well-doing and happiness in this life. "The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace in the holy spirit." When the light of God shines in the heart of man and leads in the path of peace, that soul is enjoying eternal life. There is no true peace while in a state of alienation with Him. We have the promise of the spirit to discriminate the true from the false, the revelations of God from the doctrines of men. God will not leave us without a witness for truth in our own hearts. The same spirit of God that inspired in the past is universally present in the hearts of men now. It leads them to go forth in deeds of mercy and self-sacrifice. The work of a Christian is not different from the work of Jesus Christ. It is our work to witness for God.

Let us understand the true coming of the true Savior to our souls. It is not in pomp and splendor, but in the quiet of all outward things. It develops like the hidden realities of a new birth. The soul is quickened into life by the indwelling of Christ. Old things shall pass away and all things shall be made new and all of God.