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of fifteen miles, in about twenty minutes. So swiftly and easily done! The use rather than the abuse of the new power made the strongest impression.

The mournful accident threw a cloud over the occasion. The Duke wished to stop the celebration, and immediately return to Liverpool. Mr. Huskisson's friends joined with him in the wish. Others felt that Manchester should not be disappointed in witnessing the arrival of the trains, and that the accident might become magnified and misrepresented, and thus operate mischievously upon public sentiment in relation to railroads; the party therefore consented to proceed to their journey's end, but were unwilling to mingle in any of the rejoicings common to such occasions.

But the railroad needed no such demonstrations to publish or proclaim its worth. It had within itself more substantial proof. Time was saved; labor was saved; money was saved. Coal, cotton, and every article of merchandise useful to men could be carried cheaper, could be had cheaper than ever before; and what was better, had in quantities sufficient to satisfy the industry and necessities of men. And with cheapness was combined comfort and safety. The first eighteen months, seven hundred thousand persons were carried over the road, and not an accident happened.

But were not people frightened by the smoke, cinders, fire, and noise of the engines, as the opposition in Parliament declared they would be? No, no. It was not long before everybody wanted land near the track; and land, therefore, near the road rapidly rose in value. The farmers who had scouted the surveyors from their fields, now complained of being left one side; and those who had farms near the stations to rent, rented them at a much higher rate than ever before. Barren lots became suddenly profitable, and even Chat Moss was turned into productive acres.

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HISTORY OF JESUS.

CHAPTER XVI.

AFTER three days, the fearful darkness passed away. The terrible earthquakes also ceased so that the earth did not shake and tremble, and the frightful sounds caused by the rending of the rocks were no longer heard, and the great chasms that had been made in the ground, closed up; and then the weeping and lamentations of the people were turned into praise and thanksgiving, to Jesus their Redeemer.

The people that were left alive were not the most wicked class of society—they were such as had never stoned the prophets, and they had never been guilty of shedding the blood of the saints; while those who had been guilty of all manner of wickedness, and had been filled with the spirit of persecution, had, some of them been sunk and buried in the earth—some were drowned—some were burned with fire—some were crushed to death by the fall of buildings—some were carried away and dashed to pieces by whirlwinds, while others were destroyed by the suffocating vapor which accompanied the thick darkness.

After these marvellous things had transpired, and all those that were spared, both of the Nephites and the Lamanites had humbled themselves before God and repented of all their sins, they were greatly blessed—they were united together and were filled with the spirit of God. Their union was so great and their faith in Jesus so perfect, that he manifested himself to them; but not till after he had ascended into heaven at Jerusalem at the time when he stood on the Mount of Olives with

some of his disciples; and it will be recollected, that, as he ascended a cloud received him out of their sight, and the angels of God appeared to those who saw him ascend, and asked them why they stood gazing up into heaven, and told them that the time would come when he would descend in the same way that they had seen him ascend. This prophecy of the angels will be fulfilled in these last days.

In the land which was called Bountiful, there was a temple which was not destroyed by any of the convulsions of the earth at the time when Jesus was crucified. A great multitude of people had gathered around the temple, and were conversing one with another about the wonderful changes that had taken place, when they heard the sound of a voice as if it came out of heaven; and with great astonishment every eye was turned to see, if possible, from whence the sound proceeded, but they did not understand the voice. It was neither harsh nor loud, but it seemed to pierce their very souls, and caused their hearts to burn and their whole frames to tremble. And they heard it the second time and still they did not understand it; and while, with the utmost anxiety, they were steadfastly looking towards heaven from whence it seemed to come, they heard it the third time, and then they understood it, and it said to them "Behold my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased—in whom I have glorified my name, hear ye him."

The people then saw a man coming down from heaven, clothed in a white robe, and he came and stood in their midst, and the eyes of the whole multitude were fastened upon him—no one spoke, for they were all filled with surprise, not knowing what it meant, but thought that an angel had appeared unto them. But it was Jesus—he had come to bless and comfort them. And he stretched forth his hand and said, "I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified should come into the world; and behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drank out of the bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in which, I have suffered the will of the Father, in all things, from the beginning."

When the multitude heard this, they all fell to the earth, remembering that it had been foretold by their prophets, that Jesus should visit them and show himself unto them after he arose from the dead and had ascended to heaven.

Then Jesus told them to rise up and come to him and put their hands into his side, and feel the prints of the nails in his hands and feet, and know for themselves that it was really Jesus, of whom the prophets had written. Filled with joy and gladness, the whole multitude shouted aloud, "Hosannah! Blessed be the name of the Most High God!" And they fell down at the feet of Jesus, and worshiped him.

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TEMPER.—No trait of character is more valuable than the possession of a good temper. Home can never be made happy without it. It is like flowers that spring up in our pathway, reviving and cheering us. Kind words and looks are the outward demonstrations; patience and forbearance are the sentinels within. Study to acquire and retain a sweet temper. It is more valuable than gold, and it captivates more than beauty.

WHO is Little Sunshine? The child who does not pout, or frown, or say cross words, but who goes about the house laughing, smiling, singing, saying kind words, and doing kind deeds,—that child is Little Sunshine. Does anybody know Little Sunshine? Where does Little Sunshine live?