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Appendix A

Thomas Smart’s Vision

Nov 5, 1903
W. H. Smart,

Dear Brother, I have been wishing to see you very much. I have had something very wonderful come to me & it is this in part: when I was shipping sheep and just arrived at Stockdale with a train load. The sheep were being unloaded and I went into the hotel and got supper. It was about 9 O.C. p.m. After supper the cook asked me if she put lunch on the table if that would do for the other boys when they came in. I said it would. I was the only one in the hotel after they left. As soon as they left there was a loud knock—the door, and then you and all the family appeared at the big glass window and said to me: “We have come after you to get you to join us as we find out by father your name is not on the records” I saw there was a place for all the family and they were all in their place. I also saw my place and it was vacant. You showed me up in the worst light possible, and the outcome of me if I did not repent and be baptized, and if I would obey that and go on a mission and gather sheep unto the fold of the Lord my sins would be forgiven and I would have a clean sheet. I was raked over as hard as a man could be for breaking the word of wisdom, and a promise made me if I did not keep the word of wisdom I would gradually go down, and if I would go up and become very wealthy. Since the 10th of Oct. I have not taken it, I have observed it to the very letter and was baptized shortly after I came home. I feel well. The appetite for tea & tobacco was taken away. When my mouth commenced to parch and dry up there would rise in my mouth a substance like salt peter water and my mouth would become moist, so I had no trouble in overcoming the habit. After I went to bed a heavy sweat broke out on me, and the discharge of my body I could hardly stand the smell and my body for three days was going under a great change. It seemed like I was sweating drops of blood for one day, and for two days it seemed like it was discharging matter of some kind. I
can’t understand how the Lord would be so merciful to me without he has got a work for me to do. I tried to get out of the mission and explained how ignorant I was and knew nothing of the principles of the gospel, and I could do more good somewhere else. But that would not do. I was told I had been gathering sheep to myself all my life, and now I was wanted to gather sheep into the fold of the Lord. This is only a very little I saw. I was showed I think about everything how things was after the resurrection and in the spirit world. I was told I was like Thomas Adidamas or I was as hard to convince. I saw all the Presidents and Apostles from Pres. Jos. Smith down, when I see you I will tell you more. I am worried about the mission as I don’t know much. Dear Brother, I would like to see you so much and talk over the mission. When you come to Salt Lake telephone me at my expense and I will meet you there. Or if you have no business there and you know the time I will pay your expenses to Salt Lake and return. I must do something and I feel too weak myself. I will have to have help from you and the Almighty. You may wonder if father and mother were there. They were, and Bro Webster and all the old friends of ours.

Resp. yours, Thos. Smart