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THE PROPHET JOSEPH.

Today, Dec. 23, is the one hundred
 and third anniversary of the birth of
 the Prophet Joseph, who, as an in-
 strument in the hands of the Almighty,
 became the founder of the Church of
 Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The
 day should not pass without a tribute
 to his memory and a moment's con-
 templation of the wonderful mission
 he fulfilled while in mortality. No
 matter from what point of view he is
 regarded, his greatness as a preacher
 of the gospel and a teacher of men;
 as a philosopher, a colonizer, a states-
 man, cannot truthfully be denied. In
 the short period of less than twenty years
 he published the most remarkable vol-
 ume of the age and sent messengers
 to the various parts of the world to
 proclaim its contents. He gathered
 thousands of Saints, and founded a
 large city. He evolved plans for the
 foundation of a great state in the
 Rocky Mountains. He studied and
 solved many of the problems of his
 day and left to the world treasures of
 knowledge which research is com-
 mencing to appreciate. Though his
 life was brief and though he died as a
 martyr, in company with his ever
 faithful brother, companion and friend,
 the Patriarch Hyrum, yet he left an
 impress upon the thought of the entire
 world, which time only deepens. Since
 his day theology has modified its doc-
 trines and scientists are, in some
 striking instances, following the paths
 he indicated as leading to truth. It
 is not an unreasonable prediction
 that, "from age to age shall their
 names go down to posterity as gems
 for the sanctified."

It is now sixty-four years since the
 martyrdom at Carthage, Ill., but the
 testimony of the Saints as to the di-
 vinity of the mission of the martyrs
 is stronger than ever. It rests upon
 incontrovertible evidence.

The evidence is retrospective, the
 latter-day work being foretold by
 the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah
 clearly speaks of the latter days down
 to the very end of the Christian dis-
 pensation. He speaks of the final
 conversion and restoration of the He-
 brew nation, and says that this restor-
 ation was to be shared by another
 people, too:

"Behold, thou shalt call a nation
 that thou knowest not, and nations
 that knew not thee shall run unto thee
 because of the Lord, thy God, and for
 the Holy One in Israel, for He hath
 glorified thee." (Is. 65: 5)

"The Lord God, which gathered the
 outcasts of Israel, saith, yet will I
 gather others to Him besides those
 that are gathered unto Him."

The Prophet Jeremiah, speaking of
 the restoration of Jerusalem, (chapter
 3: 18), says:

"In those days the house of Judah
 shall walk with the house of Israel,
 and they shall come together out of
 the land of the north to the land that
 I have given for an inheritance to
 your fathers."

If this restoration of Israel is not
 fulfilled in the gathering of the Lat-
 ter-day Saints, where may we look for
 the fulfillment of these predictions?

There is also prospective evidence,
 in the fulfillment of the prophecies
 given by the Prophet Joseph. Such
 evidence is appealed to by the Lord
 himself as conclusive, when He says:
 "And now I have told you before it
 came to pass, that when it is come to
 pass, ye might believe." (John 14: 29)

The Prophet Joseph, when the
 Church was still in its infancy and
 no human being could foretell with
 certainty what the fate of the new
 organization would be, predicted:

"Zion shall rejoice upon the hills
 and flourish before the final salva-
 tion of Israel." (Doc. and Cov. 35:
 24, 25.)

"Therefore, will I not make solitary
 places to bud and to bloom, and to
 bring forth in abundance, saith the
 Lord." (Is. 61: 1)

"The Church, he said, was not to flour-
 ish in the place where it was founded,
 nor was it to be overcome or destroyed,
 but it was to flourish in the mount-
 ains. Has not this been literally ful-
 filled? Again:

"For after your testimony cometh
 the testimony of earthquakes, that
 shall cause groanings in the midst of
 her, and man shall fall upon the
 ground, and shall not be able to stand
 - and all things shall be in con-
 fusion; and, surely, men's hearts shall
 fail them; for fear shall come upon
 all men." Doc. and Cov. 88, and other
 sections.)

Has this come true? Those who know
 not that the testimony of the witness-
 es of the Church was followed by the
 testimony of many manifestations in
 nature have failed to notice the signs
 of the times. There are numerous
 other prophecies, one of the most re-
 markable being the prediction in 1822,
 of the Civil War, at a time when many
 people in the Northern states looked
 upon such a war as an utter impos-
 sibility, and all give evidence of the
 prophetic mission of Joseph.

There is direct evidence, in the mir-
 acles that followed his ministrations,
 and which are testified to by all who
 knew the Prophet. Of our Lord
 Nicodemus said: "No man can do
 these miracles that thou doest except
 God be with him." (John 3: 2) This
 is sound reasoning and it holds good
 in the case of the Prophet as in the
 case of the Master himself.

There is moral evidence. The Pro-

phet Joseph was a morally pure, sin-
 cere man. He preached holiness and
 purity as conditions without which there
 can be no happiness here, nor exaltation
 hereafter. His benevolence as bound-
 less. He exhibits the most striking
 examples of humility and meekness.
 And yet his moral courage prompted
 him to face a hostile world without fear
 or trembling. Hypocrisy stood trembl-
 ing in his presence. He had enthus-
 iasm for the right, but he was far from
 being an enthusiast. The evidence
 for his divine mission furnished by his
 moral character can be appreciated by
 all who themselves are trying to do
 right according to the light they have.
 The worst slanderers of the Prophet
 have not been able to bring any worse
 charge against him than were hurled
 against the Master and His first fol-
 lowers in the Roman empire.

Add to this that the message the
 Prophet delivered to the world is in
 full harmony with the Scriptures; that
 it gives to faith a prominence not given
 to this great principle by any other
 religious teacher of our day; that
 it inculcates obedience to God, while
 it emphasizes, at the same time, the
 perfect liberty of man; that the effects
 of the message are to elevate morally
 and every way those who receive it and
 make them feel peace and joy; be-
 cause through obedience to God's laws
 they are placed in a position of har-
 mony with their Creator, and the evi-
 dence becomes unimpeachable. Add,
 further, that every Latter-day Saint
 who is willing to keep the command-
 ments of God has an assurance in his
 heart of the truth of the gospel, and
 the evidence is complete.

Such are the grounds on which the
 Latter-day Saints receive the Gospel
 message as from God. Such are the
 reasons why they with one accord sing:

"We thank Thee, O God for a Pro-
 phet,
 To guide us in these latter days."

It is but right that they should ex-
 plain to the world the reason for the
 hope that is within them. For to many
 the entire system, commonly called
 "Mormonism," appears as absurd as
 Christianity did to the Romans who
 knew nothing about it except by
 hearsay, or to the Jewish doctors who
 refused to investigate it impartially.
 We offer the same evidence for the
 truth of the message delivered in our
 age, as that which is offered to skeptics
 for the truth of Christianity. It seems
 to us in all seriousness, that both
 must be either accepted or rejected.
 To accept one and reject the other is
 inconsistent.

THE NEW CHIEF.

We hope the new Chief of Police will
 succeed in giving the City good service.
 If he will consider himself the ser-
 vant of the people and not of a party;
 if he will resist the temptation of con-
 ducting the department as a part of a
 political machine, no matter what
 pressure may be brought to bear upon
 him by party manipulators, all will be
 well.

As for the so-called red-light dis-
 trict, the new Chief is quoted as hav-
 ing said that he knows not what his
 policy will be, because he has not
 had time to go into that matter in all
 its phases. To this it is only neces-
 sary to say that he need not go into it
 "in all its phases." Our legislators
 have done that, presumably, and they
 have prohibited the establishment of
 such districts, and affixed penalties to
 the violation of the laws and ordi-
 nances relating thereto. They have,
 furthermore, imposed upon certain of-
 ficials, among whom is the Chief of
 Police, the duty to see to it that the
 laws, as existing, are maintained.
 That is the on-ly phase of it
 the Chief has to concern him-
 self about. Whether the laws are
 good or bad; whether they are practi-
 cal or impractical; whether the effects
 of them are beneficial or otherwise, is
 no business of the Chief. His only
 business is to enforce them as they
 are, to the best of his ability. Neither
 he, nor the Mayor, has discretionary
 powers in the matter. They are not
 supposed to act as they deem best, but
 to do their duty as the law requires
 them to do it.

We are sorry for the Chief if he as-
 sumes the office without a perfectly
 clear understanding of the limitations
 placed upon his authority, by the law
 itself. Unless he takes a firm stand
 against the establishment of any stock-
 ade in the City, his usefulness in the
 public service will soon be gone.

THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Senator Bourne, of Oregon, has in-
 troduced a bill in Congress providing
 for the increase of the President's sal-
 ary from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

It is urged in support of the measure
 that this country is paying its chief ex-
 ecutive a ridiculously small salary,
 compared with the stipends that are
 received by the rulers of other world
 powers. Even if it could hardly be
 three or four times it could hardly be
 compared with government incomes of
 the kings, the emperors, the czars and
 the other rulers of the earth. The
 maintenance, it is said, of a presiden-
 tial household in this country in a fit-
 ting manner is such that even the
 most frugal of those who have held it
 have never been able to save much
 from their salaries.

Some people, possibly, are not aware
 of the fact that the president's salary
 is considerably more than \$50,000. This
 is how a San Francisco paper a few
 years ago corrected that erroneous im-
 pression. Thirty-six thousand and
 sixty-four dollars is given him, in ad-
 dition to his salary of \$50,000, to pay
 the salaries of his subordinates and
 clerks. His private secretary is paid
 \$3,250, his assistant private secretary
 \$2,250, his stenographer \$1,800, five mes-
 sengers (each) \$1,200, a steward \$1,800,
 two doorkeepers (each) \$1,200, four other
 clerks at good salaries ranging from
 \$1,500 to \$2,000; one telegraph operator,
 two ushers, \$1,200 and \$1,400; a night
 usher, \$1,200, a watchman \$900, and a
 man who takes care of the fires, who
 receives \$864 a year. In addition to this
 there is given him \$8,000 for incidental
 expenses, such as stationery, carpets
 and the care of the presidential stables.
 And under another heading there is
 given him nearly \$40,000 more. Of this
 \$12,500 is for repairs and refurbishing
 the White House; \$2,500 is for fuel;
 \$4,000 is for the greenhouse; \$15,000 is
 for gas, matches and the stables. The

CELEBRATION OF AN ANNIVERSARY

To the Editor.

On this the 23rd of December is the
 anniversary of the birth of the Pro-
 phet Joseph Smith, which should be a
 great day to the Latter-day Saints. In
 the year of 1874 I first celebrated the
 anniversary of the Prophet. We held
 our celebration in the Fourteenth ward
 assembly room, and by the kind per-
 mission of President Brigham Young
 we had the paintings of the Prophet
 and Patriarch Hyrum Smith made size
 bust from the President's office. We
 had other decorations also. Sisters
 Elizabeth Stephenson and Wilmarth
 East assisted me. Through the kind
 permission of Sister Priscilla P. Jen-
 nings I made a large cake for the oc-
 casion and baked it at Mrs. Jennings'
 residence because I had no oven large
 enough; also made a small one from
 the same mixture, food and decorated
 with the name, age and birth of the
 Prophet written in the icing with small
 seed candies, the edge of cake being
 ornamented with the finest cream can-
 dies I could obtain. This cake was cut
 during the evening and distributed to
 all present.

We had with us Judge Elias Smith,
 Apostles Orson Pratt, John Taylor, J. C.
 Rich and I believe, Wilford Wood-
 ruff, Sisters Eliza R. Snow Smith, M. L.
 Horne, Phoebe Woodruff and the wives
 of the rest of the apostles who were
 present. Brother George A. Smith was
 in. At 7 o'clock, Wilford Woodruff
 We sent the small cake to St. George,
 which was highly appreciated by Presi-
 dent Young and party. Since that time
 until the past few years, this anniver-
 sary was simply kept every year at
 my own home, or Sister Eliza kept it
 at her room quietly. In the year 1879
 we kept it publicly in Wanship, Sum-
 mit county; 1880 and 1881 we kept it
 in the Sixteenth ward. In the year
 1884 we kept it in St. David, Arizona,
 and after my return it was kept in
 Provo, and St. George; also in Snow-
 view, and at my own residence to
 which the immediate family of the
 Prophet and a few intimate friends of
 his were invited. After the new as-
 sembly hall in the Sixteenth ward was
 completed, Bishop F. E. Keane asked me
 to have it celebrated again in the Six-
 teenth ward, and said he would help
 me with means for the occasion, which
 he did. We had the dinner at my

White House, all told, costs the coun-
 try, in connection with the president,
 considerably over \$125,000 a year.

Even this salary is, of course, insignif-
 icant, as compared to the incomes
 of some European monarchs. But,
 somehow, the low salary does not pre-
 vent capable statesmen from aspiring
 to the office or engaging in strenuous
 campaigns for it. It is not the salary
 that is the most attractive feature of
 that office, and it is to be hoped that it
 never will be.

The gentler sex—the obedient hus-
 band.

A useful gift is one that you can
 borrow.

Things might be worse in Hayti, if
 Hayti were only bigger.

At Caracas Gomez and not Castro is
 the real charge d'affaires.

Tuberculosis in this country is not
 due to the great consumption of sugar.

Every fellow with a feghorn voice
 thinks he must sound a note of warn-
 ing.

Some capacity in mind reading is of
 great assistance in selecting Christmas
 presents.

Castro is taking things quietly in Ber-
 lin. Gomez is taking them forcibly in
 Caracas.

A public official does not regard do-
 ing him a "secret service" as doing him
 a kindness.

Mrs. Langtry is going to write a nov-
 el. Facts are what is wanted; cold
 facts, but not too cold.

Mr. Carnegie gives evidence that he
 would have succeeded equally as well
 in vaudeville as he did in steel.

Mr. Carnegie's testimony before the
 House ways and means committee
 shows that he is in very deed a merry
 Andrew.

The way the "American" adminis-
 tration is raising salaries looks as though
 it were bent on making hay while the
 sun shines.

Pittsburg's great municipal scandal
 will give her comfort in the thought
 that it promises to be infinitely greater
 than San Francisco's.

Steps have been taken to conserve
 the water power of the country. Is
 it feared that some combination will set
 North river on fire?

According to the secretary of the
 Panama canal commission, the canal is
 to be opened January 1, 1915. This in-
 formation being definite should be sat-
 isfactory.

Witnesses should not only be ad-
 monished to tell "the truth, the whole
 truth and nothing but the truth," but
 also to tell their story right side up
 with care.

Is the editorial entitled "The De-
 praved Perversion" that appeared in
 the Tribune yesterday an attack on the
 "hierarchy," or an attack on the
 "Mormon" Church?

The Maine has been sent to Venezue-
 lan waters. In their ups and downs,
 in their revolutions and counter-revol-
 utions, the Venezuelans will please
 remember the Maine.

Before the House ways and means
 committee concludes its tariff hear-
 ings, it is to be hoped that it will de-
 finitely establish what constitutes a good
 trust and what a bad one.

A head-hunter from the savage Fili-
 pino tribe of Pinguianes has arrived
 in this country. The approach of a
 change of administration usually pro-
 duces a large crop of head-hunters.

Since it has been decided that Elihu
 Root is wanted in the Senate, the selec-
 tion of Senator Knox to fill the place
 of Secretary of State now occupied
 by Mr. Root, cannot but be regarded
 with satisfaction. Mr. Knox is one of
 the foremost statesmen of the country.

house, and then repaired to the meet-
 inghouse for the evening. I was told
 by President John Taylor, Wilford
 Woodruff and others of the leading
 brethren to keep it up until we made
 it general which I endeavored to do,
 and I hope it will be a great day of re-
 joicing in all the cities of the Saints.

The Prophet did not come to us
 with high sounding titles, or great
 swelling words of his own making, but
 he came humble as a little child, de-
 claring in simple and candid the mes-
 sage given him by the Father and
 the Son. He told us that if we would
 obey the call we should know of the
 doctrine whether it was of God or not.
 assuredly! as tens of thousands have
 borne testimony to. Therefore we
 know and proclaim to all the world,
 that he was a true prophet chosen of
 God to usher in this last dispensation
 of the fulness of times. Joseph Smith
 was called by God's own voice to
 make known the gospel, the great plan
 of redemption for the living and the
 dead.

He was most sympathetic in his na-
 ture, and set us the example to soothe
 and relieve the sufferings of our broth-
 ers and sisters, sympathize with their
 misfortunes, relieve their distress, and
 help restore peace to their troubled
 minds.

He taught us the necessity of posses-
 sion of the virtues of love, fortitude,
 prudence and justice, and also to keep
 our actions within the bounds of prop-
 erty and square them with all man-
 kind; to keep strictly every day
 this promise faithful to every obli-
 gation to the Lord, our neighbors, and
 ourselves, to shun the appearance of
 evil and walk uprightly before our
 Creator, and our fellow men, and to
 spread the gospel of brotherly love
 and affection in all our dealings with
 mankind.

These are a few of the teachings of
 this great and good man. Let us emu-
 late his example in practice by every
 day lives the virtues and principles
 he taught while present with us,
 be fervent in our love to God and His
 Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 Have the canopy of brotherly love
 representative of truth, so let us be
 true and faithful in friendship and be-
 nevolence to all mankind.

E. J. D. ROUNDY.

As an attorney-general, a senator, and
 a constitutional lawyer, he has demon-
 strated his great ability. There are
 many international complications ex-
 isting at the present time and others
 of a serious nature ap- pending, which
 will require the genius of a man like
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