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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

the Territory, returned this afternoon. During their absence they have travelled about twelve hundred miles, and have enconstered much severe and snowy weather, which must have rendered their journeyings offentimes far more toilsome than pleasurable. However, the latter is of such a journey at his advanced age-nearly sevency years-at such an unsettled portion of the year.

have and characters have been industriously circulated, the falsity of which has day. The demonstrations of welcome extended to the President on his return this alternoon are suggestive of one fact- His own mind for the performance of faise and reereant to every principle of honor, and totally regardless of truth, the ter day Saints, and are ready to do honor to him who stands at the head of the Kingdom of God upon the earth, whose whole course through lits has shown that the interests of that kingdom and of its true-

hearted citizens are first with him. were never more numerous and enthusiasthe, citizens of all classes, and in very great and hundreds of Sunday School children giving the most unequivodal expressions pleasure in chronicling the fact.

APOLOGY .- The dispatches from the East this morning were unusually abundant and interesting, but lack of space to-day compeia us, we regret to say, to condense a large portion of them. Our readers may not so much regret this, because of the very interesting discourse by Elder Pratt, in today's paper, on the Divine Authenticity of the Book of Mormon; but we feel some concorn for the readers of our local cotemporaand they are all under obligation to the NEWS for telegraphic matter, their readers worse than ours. On Monday our space will again enable us to lay the dispetches before the public in full, and we trust that the annoyance thus occasioned will not be We should not have called attention to this matter, for our charity iscound as; but as our cotemporaries' conscientiousness seems too smail to accord the credit, usually given by the honorable portions JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR .--- The second number of this interesting paper is out and is ready for delivery. Its contents are varied and attractive, and written in a style business of the paper is in such condition that its editor finds if necessary to require those who wish to take this volume to call at the office and subscribe, or to make arrangements through the agents, unless they the one I have named, all in one day, have scready dous so. If, through any or in one year. Jesus made His apmodake, the paper should be stopped where it has been subscribed for, he will take pleasure in having is everyold upon bein g informed of the error. THE BOOK OF MORMON. - Has been treated with more contempt and derision than any other book, probably, of either ancient or modern times. The reasons for this are various, the strongest being the disinciination on the part of Christendom to receive anything but the Bible and New Testament as divine. The Latter day Saints have borne testimony of the divine authenticity of this record for the last forty years; and although their testimony is scoffed at, the authorship having been assigued to one Spaulding, and to other sourthe evidence in favor of the claims of the divine origin of this book are far greater than those that are adduced for any other book, the fible not excepted. Fersons intorested in this subject may find a fund of information in relation to it in the work of Authenticity of the Book of Mormon." The ofigin of the American Indians has shouded in impenetrable mystery. The Book of Mormon explains it; tells who they are, whence they came, and gives a complete history of their progenitors. The explanation thus afforded, is of course, rejected by the world; but it is nevertheless true. In this connection we refer all, into fall, to the discourse of Elder Pratt, which it contains. There may be found evidence supporting the claims of the Book of Mormon, summently strong, we think, to con vince the most skeptical, and which, so far as we are aware, has never before appeared in print.

DISCOURSE By Elder ORSON PRATT, delivered in the Tubernacle, Salt Lake City, April 10th, 1870.

[REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.]

It has failen to my lot to speak to the ongregation this afternoon, and I humbly hope and trust that, through your

THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN .- President ing to your edification: and I ask my Young and party, after an absence of about Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus two months from this city, on a preaching Christ, that He will pour out upon me Hence in organizing this kingdom He can not be. tour in the extreme southern portions of that spirit which giveth utterance and enlighteneth the understanding that I may be able to edify all who hear me. Forty years have passed away since the Church was organized. We held Conference here on Wednesday last, in commemoration of that eventful period slight consideration with President Young in the history of our race, for it is a pewhen duty has to be attended to, as is riod that we consider very eventful in evinced by the fact of him undertaking our history and in the history of the world; and we have no doubt in our own minds that the Lord looks upon it Sonce they left the city rumors of various in the same light, for He is interested more than any other person possibly

family. And as He has set times in manoiy that though some here have proved His own purposes, He no doubt chose the 6th day of April, 1830, as the set maparity still remember that they are Lat- time for the organization, or the begining of an organization or kingdom that should have no end.

All the governments which have hitherto had a place on our earth, ex-The mantiestations of welcome extended cepting those now in existence, have to President Young on his return to-day had an end. Human governments have been very changeable in their nature. numbers, accompanied by bands of music. The Lord has raised up a nation here and a nation there, a kingdom here and of their joy and gladness at his re-appear- a kingdom there, and He has suffered ance in their midst. We take very great them to live and flourish for a few centuries, and some, perhaps, even for one

or two thousand years; then He has caused them to pass away. But He spoke to His aucient servant, who is called Daniel, whose prophecy is written in this book, (the Bible) and said that in the latter days He would set up a government or kingdom which should formed their reckoning from the Egyp- brought forth the Book of Mormon in humed and, in many isstances, prehave no end. This government will differ from all preceding governments rise: they, of course, have not the discourse, set up from the Creation down to the period of its establishment. Daniel will be very likely to feel the pre-sure says it shall become universal and shall cover the whole earth. He calls the citizens of that government Saints. He beheld that the stone cut out of the mountain without hands should roll four years, the same as we do. If such, this nation and government that we orth and become a great mountain and were the reckoning of the ancient never should have learned without its forth and become a great mountain and were the reckoning of the ancient never should have learned without its logical Society, in the city of New York. I went to the Secretary of that Society, never could have transpired? What did

This is what we believe; and it is the three days and three nights of darkness all of these colonies, so that the people day Saints that we are in that King- ing. That shows that, according to the dom. It is true that our King is now time in this country, the crufixion must absent: He is in the heavens. But we expect Him again; we look for Him and He will come in His own due time. have taken place in the morning. Says one, "Is not this a contradiction between the Book of Mormon and the The day when He will come He has New Testament?" To an unlearned not revealed to any of the inhabitants person it would really be a contradicof the earth, neither will He do so, for tion, for the four Evangelists place it the Lord has told us in a certain revela- from twelve, to three in the afternoon, tion, recorded in the Doctrine and while the "Book of Mormon" says in Covenants, that no one should have it the morning. An unlearned person, faith and prayers, I may be assisted by revealed to them; but this much God seeing this discrepancy, would say, the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, in speak- bas revealed, --that this Kingdom which of course, that both books cannot be has restored all the essential character- I do not know that anybody ever positions.

in the commencement of my remarks difference in longitude. This would after the crucifixion. Of course we do written. Seven and a half hours differlatter-day kingdom.

sincere belief and faith of the Latter- it cleared off, and it was in the morn- in all their colonies were well acquaint-

organized preparatory to the day of the true the Bible can not be; and if the

called by revelation to act in different translated the book, ever thought of this app arent discrepancy. "But," says one, Now there is something very peculiar "how do you account for it being in the indeed in setting up the Kingdom of mornining in America and in the after-God in regard to the time. I told you noon in Jerusalem?" Simply by the that the Lord generally had set times to make a difference of time of several reasonably inferred, according to the poon in Jerusalem it would only be half of Mormon, that God organized His west part of South America, where the there of data on which to found a cal- of Mormon had said the crucifixion were book, but also from the antiquities of have known at once that it could not be Mosaic rites that Jesus was crucified not very well reason away, and espeabout the time of the Passover, and cially when the instrument who brought that happened some time after the ver- forth the "Book of Mormon" is considnal equinox; and that 1833 years had ered. It must be remembered that he Savier before the organization of this when he translated this work, I pre-

count given in the Book of Mormon. according to the longitude, in different We find that the ancient Israelites on parts of the earth. I do not suppose this continent had a sign given of the that Joseph ever thought about it to the exact time of the crucifixion and a day of his death. I never heard him or revelation of the exact time of the any other person bring forth this as Savior's birth, and according to their confirmatory evidence of the divine aureckoning, they made him thirty-three thenticity of the Book of Mormon; no doubt that the year of the ancient the Lord, through His servauts, has for they probably reckoned their's But we will pass over this and will tians, among whom they dwelt some order that all the nations, kindreds, four hundred years. The Egyptians tongues and peoples on the face of the reckoned three hundred and sixty-five earth may be warned of the great days to the year; but the aucient Israel- events which are about to take place. ites on this continent, according to the This book contains prophecies which records of the early Spinish historians, affect every nation under heaven, proand sixty-five days made up a full year, heads. Can we read the future of this ears of all the congregation of Israel. and hence at the end of every fifty-two great American nation-our great repubyears they added thirteen days, which lic? Yes, we can learn a great many not a hatched up story. I heard tell of it is equivalent to adding one day every features within its pages concerning as being in the Antiquarian Society, or testimony in favor of the divine authenti-

ed with the law of Moses and with the prophecies of her prophets in relation to the first coming of our Bavior Jesus Christ. "But," some may inquire, "have you

any external evidence to prove what you are now saying?" I think we Mormen. And remember this was in have. Thirty years after the Book of Mormon was put in print, giving the took place. The church was organized on history of the settlement of this country, one of the great mounds south of members only; but the Book of Mormon the great lakes near Newark, in Ohio, was opened. What was found in it? A has revealed, -- that this Kingdom which of course, that both books cannot be was opened. What was found in it. A to be by a great many of the world great many curiosities, among which foretell events that have been takwere some copper pieces, supposed to ing place during the past forty years? How coming of our Lord from the heavens. Bible be true the Book of Mormon be money. After digging down many be money. After digging down many could he know that this book would be re-feet, and carrying off many thousand ceived beyond his own neighborhood, or loads of stone, they at length found a ever extend beyond the limits of the State istics of His Kingdom in its embryo, or its beginning: such as inspired men, inspired prophets, inspired leaders, a largestone that appeared to be hollow, something seemed to rattle inside of it. The stone was comented together might have guessed it." Yes, but guesses in the middle, but with some little exertion they broke it open, when another stone was found inside of it, of a different nature entirely from its covering. On the stone taken from the inaccomplish His purposes. It can be hours; for when it would be twelve at side was carved the figure of a man sand errors with a priestly robe flowing from his Now this book predicted, not only the revelations that we have in the Book past four in the morning in the north- shoulders; and over the head of this man were the Hebrew characters for Kingdom, precisely to a day, 1800 years Book of Mormon was then being Moshe, the ancient name of Moses; while on each side of this likeness, and not learn this directly from the "Book ence in longitude would account for this on different sides of the stone, been domentairated by their reception to- can be in the salvation of the human of Mormon;" but we learn enough apparent discrepancy; and if the Book above, beneath and round about culation. We learn not only from this took place in the afternoon we should that were received on Mount Sinai, written in the ancient Hebrew characthe Jews, from the New Testament, true. This is incidental proof to from historians and from some of the learned or scientific men that they can Mormon had been been in print thir- has penetrated to almost every nation unty years before this discovery. And der heaven in the course, only, of forty what does this disco ery prove? It years. proves that the builders of these mounds, south of the great lakes in the great passed from the time of the birth of our was but a youth, and unlearned; and, Mississippi Valley in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York, etc., must have un- when it should go forth, but it also speaks atter-day kingdom. The way we come at this is by the ac-The way we come at this is by the acunderstood the law of Moses. Other- now see before me? Several thousand peowise how happened it that they should ple listening to me in the midst of one of write on this stone the Ten Command- the most frightful deserts of the North ments almost verbatim as they are now American continent; that is, it was frightcontained in King James' translation of ful, so much so that Fremont and others the Bible. It proves that the builders of these mounds were Israelites, and years and a little over three days old I never thought of it myself until years that their illustrious dead, buried in from the time of His birth to the time after Joseph's death; but when I did re- these mounds, had these commandthat He hung upon the cross. There is flect upon it, I could see the reason why ments buried with them, in accordance with the custom of many of the Israelites, who inhabited this continent, said in the Book of Mormon, that the ancient nations, especially the Egyp- as though an agricultural people never differed a little in length from our years; crucifixion took place in the morning. tians, who were in the habit of con- could possess it with any degree of advansigning their written sacred papyrus to tage. This was the description given by somewhat after the manner of the say a few words in regard to the object their great tombs. In Egypt many of those who explored a small portion of this Jews, at Jerusalem, and the Jews hal of this great work. The Lord has these ancient manu-cripts have been extended to be translated. So the Israelites followed the customs of these Eastern nations, and buried that which they considered most sacred, namely, the Ten Commandments, thundered by the voice of the Almighty in the midst of did not consider that three hundred phecies that will be fulfilled on their flaming fire on Mount Sinal in the

I have seen that sacred stone. It is rather, as it is now called, the Ethno-

reject this divine record which He should bring forth by His power; if they would fight against His church and His Zion, that when they were fully ripened in in. iquity they should be cut off from the face of this land, And for this reason He would gather out from their midst His people and assemble them in one.

print before the organization of the church the 6th of April, 1830, and consisted of six was in print before that. How did Joseph Smith, if an impostor, as he is represented are very uncertain indeed. Many people may conjecture, and think that such and such things will be the case; but when it comes to entimerating particulars in regard to the future, if a man is not inspired of God, how liable he is to fall into ten thou-

spread of this work among this people or nation, but also that it would go forth to all people, nations and tongues under the whole heavens. Forty years, only, have passed away, and how much of this has been fulfil ed already! This book has been translated into eight different languages the Ten Commandments and spread forth upon the islands of the sea, -the Sandwich Islands, the Society Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Hindostan, and has gone forth to the nations of Europe and

Has there been any gathering, according to the predictions of this book? for it not only predicts the organization and rising up of the Kingdom of God in the latter days could not traverse it, with any degree of safety, unless a large company was with them; and even, with all the means he had at his command, Fremont could not travel through these deserts without losing a great many of his men. It was a parchedup, dry and sterile country, and it looked country before the Latter-day Saints settled it. But what do I now see? Not only this large congregation now before me, but as I travel to and fro in the Territory I see four hundred miles of desert reclaimed, and over one hundred towns, cities and villages incorporated and organized, cultivating the earth, and numerous flocks and herds being raised by peaceable settlers. Who are these settlers? Those who believe in the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon; those who believe that Joseph Smith was a true prophet, and thus have fulfilled his predictions. Is it not another city of this record when we see things governments, kingdoms and empires three days of their time had passed we learn that two great and powerful and he kindly showed me this stone, of our enemies say when this book was first printed? "O, it is only destined for a year they concluded to extend the time for the extinction of "Mormonism," and they would say, "Watch five years more, and 'Mormonism' will have an end." Why it was so inconsistent in their opinion that God should again speak from the heavens, and have inspired men on the earth; that the everlasting gospel in fulfillment of the predictions of John the Revelator and the testimony of many of the ancient prophets. It was so foreign to their minds that any such prophecies should be fulfilled in their day that they predicted that this work would have an end in five years. That was the way the natural man viewed the matter. But God, who can foresee all events among the children of men, had His eye fixed on the gathering of His children before the church was organized, and Hepredicted that they should come out of every nation under heaven. Not only from the settled portions of the gentile nation, but they should be brought forth out of the midst of that gentile nation, just as we have If you want to learn particularly concerning that prophecy read the saying of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Book of Mormon, when He descended in the northern part of South America, soon after His resurrection, and ascension to heaven. He descended in the sight of a large congregation of 2,500 men, women and children, a little south of the Isthmus, at a place where you find any Hebrew points represent-ing vowels? Not one; and all the new appearance in their midst, He taught them many things, and showed them the wounds in His hands, in His feet and in His side. found upon this stone to which I have In His instructions on that occasion He commanded them to do away with the law of Moses, so far as the ordinatices, sacrifices and burnt offerings were concerned, and He commanded them to receive the grape, which He taught them. After He had dor e all this He commenced to prophecy to them, and His prophecies are in this record; and one of them has been fulfilled during the last forty years. He said He would bring forth their gold plates, which they then had in their midst. He declared that the Father should bring them forth unto the gentiles in the latter days. The prophecy says, "If the gentiles will not receive the fulness of my gospel which shall be contained in that book, behold, saith the Father, I will bring Has this prophecy been fulfilled? How could the Lord have brought the Saints from among the inhibitants of the great nation of gentiles, colled the United States, any more effectually than He did twenty-three years ago when He located us in these mountains? Was there any other part of this continent on which this prophecy could have been so effectually fulfilled? Nowhere. We did not come here altogether of our own accord, that is, all of us did not; some few did, because they under-East that they had to be driven away before they would come. It was not indeed a pleasurable thing to any of us, only to those who understood the mind and will of God in relation to the matter. The Lord brought its some 1,200 miles from the settled portions of the United States, and planted us in one of the most wild and isolated regions on the face of the whole continent.

PERIODICALS .- Godey's "Lady's Book" for May, and Haney's "Journal" can be obtained at the Railway News Depot, East Temple Street.

ARRIVALS at the SALT LAKE HOUSE, of the Son of God and become citizens April 14th and 15th, 1870.

P G Prail, New York, Thos Carter, City, N F Wood, Ogden, A Wal-enspile, Bock 1 in, W L Stevenson, Saaramento, C B Brown, CP R R. Henry Weiling and wife, London, England, Artimer Cale, St. Joseph, Mo. April 16th. E Wolf, Lafayette, San Francisco, J L Backersrei and wife, Chicago, Euward Solomon, Governor of Washington Territory, C Haring, Chicago Dr Geo Senicetzen, Chicage O R Hauden, Washington Tor.,

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have dominion over the whole earth, to please and instruct its readers. The have dominion under the whole heaven.

> Now there will have to be a beginning to that work. The Lord will not make such a wonderful revolution as pearance on the earth in the meridian prophecies the Lord suffered that king-

dom to be uprooted; in other words, the singdoms of this world made war against the kingdom of God, established dom took place eighteen centuries aft-r down to the Red Sea. They traveled nounced them to be the Ten Commandeighteen centuries ago, and they prevailed against it, and the kingdom ceased to exist. The great beast that John saw made war with it and prevailed against it, and human institutions, without prophets or inspired men. usurped the place of the ancient Kingdom of God. But God has promised true, and the reason they do not believe dence of God across the great Indian that the latter-day kingdom shall stand for ever. Though the heavens its evidences. I consider that there are western coast of South America. This and earth be wrapped together as a some evidences, that never have been was about five hundred and eighty years scroll and pass away yet the kingdom sufficiently put forth before the public, before the coming of Christ. Eleven that was to be set up in the latter days to prove the divine authenticity of the years after the Lord brought this first ces equally as rediculous, they know that that was to be set up in the latter days will have no end, but will prevail "Boek of Mormon," quite as strong as colony of Israelites from Jerusalem, He among all people under the heavens those which have been adduced. We brought another small colony, headed and will have dominion for one thousand years. After that, when the earth ment to prove that a work of this na- scendant of King David. They left Jepasses away, the kingdom will be Elder Orson Prait, entitled "The Divine | caught up; it will not perish, be annihilated or overcome, but be caught up into the heavens while the earth is given rise to endless speculation, and to all undergoing its last change; and when except the Latter-thay Saints, it is still the Lord shall resurrect the earth, the same as He will our bodies, and make to in the twenty-ninth chapter of four hundred years after this the two it a new earth, wherein shall dwell Isaiah. It is referred to in other places colonies amalgamated in the northern righteousness, He will then bring down as sticks, written upon, one for Judah part of South America and they became out of heaven to the new earth this and one for Joseph, that should be unilatter-day kingdom, with all the foriatter-day kingdom, with all the for-mer kiagdoms that He has built up in the latter days preparatory to His the Jewish scriptures, on plates of brass, whose hands this number of the Naws may other dispensations, and they will stand coming. In other places it is referred containing an account of the Creation for ever, for the new earth will never to as truth which, in the latter days, and the history of their nation down to pass zway.

The destiny of all governments esearth, so far as our knowledge goes, must pass away in many of its features. The only way for safety to the people of the government of the United States is to repent of their sins, turn away from all their iniquities, receive the gospel

of that kingdom which is to endure for ever; then all the great and glorious

church.

I have made mention of this, not the land. That was fulfilled about six bringing all the evidences and proofs hundred years before Christ, when they of time, and He established ris king- that might be advanced, but merely to were entirely swept off, and in their stead dom,on the earth. But to fulfill ancient show, in a very brief manner, that God the Lord brought a remnant of Israel, a has a set time to perform and accom- few families, not the ten tribes, but a plish His work, and that the commence- small portion of the tribe of Joseph. He ment of the organization of His King- brought them from Jerusalem first the time that the Savior groaned and along the eastern borders of the Red suffered on the cross.

> the world, who disbelieve this record them to the Arabian Gulf. There they which is received as divine by the Lat- were commanded of the Lord to build a terday Saints. A great many do not vessel. They went aboard of this vessel believe that the Book of Mormon is and were brought by the special proviit is because they never have examined and Pacific Oceans, and landed on the ture was to come forth in the latter rusalem the same year that the Jews days. The ancient prophets have were carried away captive into Babylon, spoken of it in many places, some-times under the term of a book. Speaking of the manner in which it should mus. They wended their way int , the

But we will pass over all these scrip-Book of Mormon.

principles incorporated in this great re- day here in America, was in the morn- their language was restored in a partial public will be incorporated in the ing; the New Testament tells us that measure by means of the records which is ingdom of God and be preserved. I Jesus was crucified in Asia in the after-mean the principles of civil and relignoon, between the sixth and ninth hour About forty-five years before Christ a ious liberty, especially, and all other according to the Jews' reckoning. They good principles that are contained in commenced their reckoning at 6 o'clock that great instrument framed by our in the morning, and consequently the forefathers will be incorporated in the sixth hour would be twelve o'clock at kingdom of God; and only in this man-ner can all that is good in this and in in the afternoon. Jesus, from the sixth to the ninth hour, in other words from came to large bodies of water and many foreign governments be preserved. The time will shortly come when twelve o'clock to three, was hanging rivers, very probably in the great Missisthrones will be cast down and empires on the cross. Now the Book of Mormon, sippi Valley. In the next ten years nuwill fall; and all republics and empires or the historians whose records it con- merous other colonies came forth and will eventually fall and become like tains, when relating the incidents that spread themselves on the northern the dream of a night vision, --they will transpired at the time of the crucifixion portion of the continent and became vanish away; but the Kingdom of Ged --the darkness that was spread over the exceedingly numerous. You may inquire "did all these dif-

way between the time of the Savior's nations formerly dwelt on this continot for birth and crucifixion. Now these thir-which is a should become like the chaff of the sum-birth and crucifixion. Now these thir-which founded it, came from the Tower could form some kind of an estimate of end of 'Mormonism'?' By and by, when mer threshing floor, and no place should be found for them; while the stone that was cut out of the mountains should come to trace bach all these authorities North America, landing on the western we find that this very day, on which I coast, a little south of the Gulf of Caliand the Saints of the Most High should am speaking, would be the close of the fornia, in the south-western part of this year, and that to-morrow, the 11th day north wing of our continent. They of April, would be the anniversary of the flourished some sixteen hundred years. very day on which Jesus was born; and When they first colonized this contithe 6th day of April the very day on nent from the Tower of Babel the Lord which He was crucified precisely 1800 told them if they would not serve Him years prior to the organization of this faithfully but became ripe in iniquity them; and having these characters and they should be cut off from the face of

There are a great many, of course, in an eastern direction which brought

were brought forth to this continent and landed somewhere north of the Isthbe translated. You will find it referred northern part of South America. About one nation.

should come out of the ground, and eleven years before the Captivity, or that, at the same time, righteousness six hundred years before Christ. These The destiny of all governments es-tablished by human wisdom is to pass away. The great nation of the United States, one of the best governments ever States by human authority on the coming of the Lord, that at the same time, righteousness six inducted years broke of the or anong them brass plates were kept among them during the period of their righteous-ses, and were preserved by the hand of the Lord, that this should be a preparatory work for the salvation of Israel and for the coming of the Lord, came from Jerusalem came without tural evidences, and name one which, the scriptures, and having no copy of perhaps, our elders themselves have not the sacred writings they soon fell into dwelt upon to any very great extent to wickedness. In four hundred years prove the divine authenticity of the time they disbelieved in the being of a God, but uniting with the other branch This book, the Book of Mormon, in- of Israelites they were converted. forms us that the time of day at which Their language had became much cor-

Jesus was crucified, I mean the time of rupted, but through their conversion very large colony of 5,400 men, with wives and children, united themselves

together in the northern part of South America, and came forth by land into

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which I have been speaking, and being vary much in form from the ancient Hebrew. At any rate we have enough of ancient Hebrew, that has been dug up in Palestine and taken from among the ruins of the Israelites, east of the Mediterranean Sea, to form some kind of an estimate of the He should restore all the gifts of the ancient characters that were in use among gospel: that He should send an angel with comparing them I could see and understand the nature of the writing upon these records. They were also taken to the most learned men of our country, who, as soon as they looked at them, were able to pronounce them to be not only sucient Hebrew, but they were also able to translate them and proments. This, then, is external proof, Sea for many days, and then bore off in independent of the scriptural proofs to which I have alluded, in testimony of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon.

Now, our modern Hebrew has many points; it has also many additional characters not found in the ancient Hebrew. These additional characters have been made since these colonies left Jerusalem. Do you find on these ancient writings a y of these modern characters that have been introduced during the last 2,400 years? Not one. Do consonants that have been introduced during the last 2,400 years were not

referred, showing plainly that it must have been of very ancient date.

Five years after the discovery of this remarkable memento of the ancient Israelites on the American continent, and thirty-five years after the Book of Mormon" was in print,' several other mounds in the same vicinity of Newark were opened, in several of which Hebrew characters were found. Among them was this beautiful expression, buried with one of their ancient dead. "May the Lord have mercy on me a Nephite." It was translated a little different - "Nephel." Now we well different — "Nephel." Now we well know that Nephi, who came out of Jerusalem six hundred years before recorded in this book. Christ, was the leader of the first Jewish colony across to this land, and the people, ever afterwards, were called "Nephites,"after their inspired prophet and leader. The Nephites were a righteous people and had many prophets among them; and when they wereburying one of their brethren in these ancient mounds they introduced the Hebrew characters signifying "May the Lord have mercy on me a Nephite." This is another direct evidence of the stood the mind and will of the Lord in re-This is another direct evidence of the stoot the land and will of the Saints from divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, which was brought forth and among the gentiles; but a great many were so attached to their farms and homes in the five years before this inscription was found.

But I said I would tell you some of the objects that the Lord had in view in bringing forth this sacred record. It is in order to prepare the people for the day of His coming, in order to establish the true church and kingdom of God upon the earth with all its ordinances, gifts, powers and blessings, that the people might have the old, ancient religion, even the fulness of the blessings of that gospel that was preached eighteen handred years ago.

How completely were the words of Jesus fulfilled! "If the gentiles in that day do not receive the fulness of my gospel, which shall be translated from the Record, be-

