to understand that we do not believe them." | which the knowl edge and science of mair anger how coud you know whether I

than to teach their children one thing at gists to solve. A short time since a piece of any knowledge of it, how could you tell Truth, in the end, will prevail. You have been hearing a description of our travels, of the route we passed over what did you promise your little girl if she gospel; but having received the truth in our years since Colonel Fremont and his party would do so and so? Did you promise her hearts, we should practice it in our lives, went through this region of country. It is rect. Do not say: "Do not do this or that, ings of the children of men. Yet there is cod, of His Son Jesus Christ, of the holy child, the Lord sees you!" "Well, ma," nothing done only on the science of true angels and of the prophets and apostles, says the child, "I heard the minister say to philosophy if we did but understand the from first to last, it can never injure any day that the Lord has no eye, how can be facts. If we cannot define the power by soul who will receive it. If men would see me? How is this, ma? I want to know; which these things are done it is not our Is this true or is it not true? You say that prerogative to dispute the effects for they with each other, they would never destroy the Lord looks upon my acts, and knows are before us. These and kindred topics a good work that others have performed. everything I do, and will judge me accord- give rise to much speculation on the part It is an evil principle which introduces ing to my acts; yet I heard the minister say of the scientific; but it is for me to wait until destruction, wickedness and confusion into to-day that the Lord has no body and no their causes are made known from the prop- any, community whatsoever. A good parts; that He has no cars, that He has no er source. It is very sure that there is no principle,-that which is of God, ornaments, head, that He has no arms, that He such thing in existence as a piece of wood builds up, gathers the elements, beautifies has no feet, and so on. How is this has no feet, and so on. How is this ma?" And the child is confused in its mind and does not know what to believe: derstand the combination, nature, and the children right doctrine, correct it is lost in its thought. The same is true action of those element, we can see their

of grown people. The children along they A few words more with regard to our ciples and teachings children become as would if they were let slone. I will illus- traditions. We want the Latter-day Saints the old Indian said. The missionary had to believe and practice every correct prinit. You go to the heathen nations, the ab-origines of our country, for instance. They with regard to their moral lives. We and when he is old he will not depart from believe nothing in religion as we suppose, know there are a great many who depend it'; but the old Indian gave it a little difyet their ideas of God and heaven are far upon a moral life for fature happiness and ferent interpretation. Said he "bring up a above those entertained by professed joy, believing that will prove satisfactory. child and away he goes." So it is now,above those entertained in a God who has I can tell you that I would rather have the we bring up children and away they go. body, parts and passions, possessed of practice of a good moral religion without Look at our young, middle aged and old principle and power; who can see, handle, any faith at all in a Supreme Being, than men! Look at the community that we walk, talk and communicate. This is their to have faith in a Supreme Being without have in our country and in other countfaith; whether it is through tradition I can- any moral good action, and a life filled with ries! You take the sons of those flaming vice, sin and iniquity. That is my choice. divines! If you want to find the most polpoints they have certainly imbibed these I will say that sin or evil is simply doing ished, complete and perfect outlaws that ideas from some source, and whether pat- that which injures some thing, or being. can be found you hunt up the son of some ural or by tradition it is immaterial to me. This is sin; but that that promotes life, They are a people who know nothing of the happiness, peace, joy and the wellbeing of Bible or of the Christian religion, and still intelligence,-no matter what the degree is their ideas are more correct than many of -that that promotes happiness, builds up, ours. This will illustrate what I wished, to refines and makes better is as good religion do so as the son of the lawyer, farmer, meas we can ask for. This is the doctrine of chanic, judge or statesman. This is for the Son of God; but there are thousands of the lack of correct tradition, and this shows dren falsely, especially in religious mat-ters, rather let them alone; give a good nected with salvation which are mysteries tions imbibed in childhood. The power of common education, and no teachings to the human family, which it would take a it upon myself is perfectly astonishing to whatever with regard to the Bible, and lifetime to teach to them unless the revel- me; with all that I have learned from the their own philosophy will teach them there ations of God were given to open up their scriptures and from the revelations of the minds at once, that they might see things Lord Jesus Christ, the traditions of my

Let us train our minds, first to think I mean the infidel world, and its menu- aright, believe aright, that the meditations bers are very numerous. The philosophy of our hearts may be correct, for our ac- hence the necessity of correct training in of the child, if untrammeled by false tra- tions will naturally correspond with that childhood.

dition, will teach him, by what he sees that is in the heart. This, my brethren and every day, that there is a Supreme Being, - sisters, is our duty. Train ourselves with a supreme principle and power somewhere. regard to our faith. Believe the Scriptures It can not think of anything but what as they are. I have met with a great many is brought into existence in some way or gentlemen who refer to the dead languages other. Nothing is self-made or self- for the proper interpretation of the Scrip existent. This is the natural philosophy of tures, which, to my mind, is folly, and abthe thinking child. As it grows up the surd in the extreme. If I were a divine, idea naturally suggests itself to its own and had all the learning which could be bemind "I did not bring myself here; I have stowed upon a mortal being, and consider- or taken anything from you, never mind parents. I understand this; this is on nat- ed that the Bible is translated incorrectly, I You stop until you find out. Perhaps the ural principles. I can, to some extent, should hold myself accountable and re- child has meant no wrong. You should understand the creations which are before sponsible to give a correct translation as learn the facts in the case, and go with a and around me." Says the child, "I can quickly as time and opportunity would meek, humble, quiet spirit, and peace will understand very readily that if we cast permit, that all people might know the result." How many neighbors become ene-wheat into the ground when it is properly truth. So I hold every divine, and especi-prepared, it produces wheat; if we cast ally those who preach for hire and divine tention with children! Woman will con-

has committed to the children of men this knowledge, and He has made it plain and reasonable before them, that they should know as well as the Gods, that they might choose the good and refuse the evil. So it is and so we should be taught.

And then, with regard to the religion of life. Through imbibing false ideas, prin-

been trying to instruct him in the saying priest who has received a liberal education: after having been taught the highest branches of education, away he goes. At least the son of such a man is just as apt to earliest recollection are so forcible upon me that it seems impossible for me to get rid of them. And so it is with others;

Teach your children honesty and uprightness, and teach them also never to injure others. As I say to my sisters sometimes. "Look here, my dear sister, if your child quarrels with your neighbors' child, do not chasten your neighbor's child. Go and make peace, be a peace-maker. Teach your child never to do a wrong; and if your neighbor's child has injured you or yours. for money, for they have nothing else to tend with woman, "Your child injured my so. You may ask, "was he a good man?" Yes, as good as he knew how to be accord-ing to his traditions. So many circumstances flood upon my mind with regard to these traditions, that I hardly dare commence saying anything about them: that I have seen and learned. One man brings up his child to strictly observe the letter of the law. The ually. You will see occasionally a child that is ready to give up everything rather with regard to the faith of the gospel that than have contention; and why not have it so with all. It might be so, just as easy as it is otherwise. Let mothers be posses of a meek, humble, quiet spirit in childbearing, and when their children come forth into the world and commence on this stage of action, teach them correct principles, and by imbibing them they will peace and tranquility that surpasses all understanding. So let our traditions be, and never do or say a wrong thing. Never do did or ever will live on the face of the whole yourselves day by day, hour by hour and earth. yourselves so that you will never do or say and promote it among your neighbors, and greatest gift God can give to His children to live them, and how to practice them so as to enjoy their benefits. This is what Latter day Saints have endured, if they did not enjoy the spirit of the Lord? If they and practices be such that we can say, to He did it are plain and obvious, though we the whole world, in the words of the Apostle, "follow us as we follow Christ." This is the doctrine. In our scanty, hasty, reflections to the Latter-day Saints we say live your religion! If you do you will do no evil to any person on the face of the earth. I sometimes ask myself the question: "Do people understand what we I have occupied all the time I should this morning. This is only a little. God bless you! Peace be with you. Do right! Love God and keep His commandments, and, in the words of the scripture: "Eschew evil" very finely formed, beautifully crystallized, perfect diamond shape. Said I, "Major, how came these here?" Well, he did not know when they were brought, or how know when they were brought, or how they had become petrified; they had cer-they had become petrified; they had cer-the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise man said, "train up a child in the the wise should go and when be is old he way he should go and when he is old he earth, our spirits may be prepared for will not depart from it." That is, teach higher society than we enjoy here. This is them correct principles. If we do that, my desire and prayer for the good all the my desire and prayer for the good all the day long. God bless you, Amen.

12.03

REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

THE letter of General de Trobriand, published in the NEWS, yesterday, in an-wer to the one from his Excellency

and the ministrations to our comfort from our friends in the South. I feel wearled, having been broken of my rest a good deal, ren and never give them a talse impresnot being able, while travelling, to obtain sion. Think before you speak; promise the quantity of rest that I require. I feel your children nothing. If you wish to almost unable to stand here before you. a chastisement, keep your word, but be They have evidently mistaken the char-acter of the General commanding at think that I have probably gained from six for evil, but let the reward come in conse-quence of well doing, and chastisement in nine hundred miles in twenty-eight days. How many times we have preached I do not know. I have not kept count. Whenever we came to a settlement, either in the in the acts of their children ; and if they do daytime or evening, while stopping to feed, the brethren would say. "Can't we have a meeting? We want a meeting! Brethren, powar that we are governed and controlled will you hold meeting?" Frequently we would say "yes," and while our animals were retreshing themselves, we would in this country are acquainted with a great

We say "they" have met with a reassemble with the people and talk with many different classes of people, different them. bull, for although the letter in Tuesday's

It made no difference how arduous our labors had been : If we had travelled and child to bring eggs into the house, when preached a month without sleep, I don't she does not own a fowl, she knows that know that the brethren would have superal's letter, being in reply to that, it is posed that we needed rest. I asked one to her and bring it to the house, she cultibrother, a presiding elder, who wanted to vates dishonesty in the child; and from The object of the letter on Tuesday is have a meeting, how old his father was. patent to all now; it was designed to "Why, ' said he, he is sixty seven. I suppose that man does not do as much labor the individuals until they become natural make the public believe, as General de in a month as I do in a day, take it year in thieves. Perhaps this term is too harsh, Trobriand very justly says, that the and year out. Still I may be mistaken in military authorities were inert, and that this. Said I "Brother, if your father had en- dividuals become accustomed to approprithe civil authority, was not only entirely dured what I have endured for three or four ating the property of others to their own unconcerned in and ignorant of the raid weeks past, and was asked to go to meeting on Provo, but were very anxious to have and there spend an hour or two, talking to the raiders brought to justice ; neither of the people, you would feel insulted, and of it, but hed it from one of my neighbors. would consider it an imposition for your A Methodist preacher, in company with a which the public believe now any more than before the Governor's letter was father to be required to labor without cesprinted. The publication of such a letsation." Said he, "I did not think of the side of a man's farm the companion o ter betrays the usual lack of caution on that." Said I "I am considerably older the priest had considerable difficulty to the part of the enemies of the people than he is, yet look at my labors!" So we wagon. Said the priest, "it will be lost, it passed on and did not have a meeting. But here ; for none can suppose for a moment, it was meeting, meeting, meeting, from that the nest of pettifoggers and trickthe time we left this city until our return. sters of which the "ring" is composed, In our communications to the saints I can be so utterly ignorant of the rights, have taken the liberty to speak of our traprivileges and duties of the incumbent ditions. The world of mankind have no our own use. In this case the partner of the force of tradition upon them. the priest forbid it. Said he, "take that it does not come into their hearts: they do of the gubernatorial office, as to make

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the feelings of the crowd who are using all their efforts to injure the people of CampDouglas, and, while expecting that to ten pounds of flesh since I have been he would fraternize with them in their goue. We have only travelled a little over machinations against the people of Utah, they have met with a rebuff they will not soon forget in the blunt, honest avowal that "we of the army are not of a meddling temper, we are no politioians, we don't belong to any ring, we have no laterest in any clique, and we

NEWS was ostensibly from his Excellency the Governor, it is really the em-

never allow ourselves to teach our child-ren one thing and practice another. I have sometimes said to my sisters. "Do not teach your children to lie." This is the Well, the Latter-day Saints know better to the child should be true; we should never allow ourselves to teach our childcourse pursued by many, without design-ing to do so. The very first lessons that are given to the infant mind capable of that which is untrue. "Well," says a mother, that which is untrue. "Well," says a mother, "If I do so, I do not know it." It may be saints are not at liberty to do this; we are quite true that you do not know it. But

says she will do this or that and she does not do it. It is an easy lesson for mothers to learn to pass their time with their childconsequence of doing ill. Silence is a thousand times better than words, especially if those words are not in wisdom. But so great is the love of the mother for her offspring, so tender the feeling with which she regards it that many can not see wrong they will pass it without chastisement even f chastisement has been promised. These are cur traditions, and so great is their

by them continually. I sometimes bring up circumstances to illustrate the traditions of the fathers. We great variety of beliefs in regard to moral-

ity. If a mother, for instance, permit her they come from some other source. If her child pick up a knife that does not belong such little circumstances, thousands of which occur, the principles of dishonesty grow and strengthen with the strength of and should not be so applied; it might be better to say that, through habit, such in-

I will tell a little circumstance that I was acquainted with; I was not an eye-witness friend, was returning from a preaching tour, and while passing a plow lying by ought to be taken care of;"and he would have taken care of it by taking is home, making use of it and wearing it out, without advertising it, and the owner of the plow would have had to buy another. That is appropriating other people's property to such a series of "mistakes" &c, as that alluded to by General de Trobriand. Inter the inter the into their hearts; they do not put it in the wagon," and the priest did so. You may ask, "was he a good man ?"

of grown people. The children know very results. trate this by a simple fact, it I do not prove not say. If they have no traditions on these

my own satisfaction. I say, with regard to traditioning chilthough identified with Christian nations, as they do exist. have repudiated their religious notions.

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THAT LETTER

Governor Shaffer, was doubtless read

with unfeigned pleasure by the public

generally, but we are much deceived if

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fear he has lent himself, and the Gen-

therefore a rebuff to the entire party.

don't share iu any spoils."

Saturday. .

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clique expected the commander at Camp Douglas to fall in with them, and to lend his aid and influence in carrying on their despicable game; being a U.S. officer, they hoped he would look through their spectacles; but alas! for them, he was not as they are, bankrupt in henor, and in everything constituting the true gentleman.

This letter, of General De Trot rland is, if we mistake not, the greatest surprise, coming as it does, from a source entirely un-Mormon, that the anti-Mormon "ring" in Utah has had for some years; and if any of its members had the least spark of honor left within them, or the faintest conception of its meaning they would speedily hide their "diminished heads" and endeavor to flud "fairer fields and pastures new,"to ply their vocation; but as brass and impudence are the only concomitants of their natures, and lying, to them, is as natural as life itself, we have no doubt they will still appear in the effrontery, and will endeavor, as usual, to carry out their schemes and plots against the peace, we fare and happiness of the people here.

We no not deem it necessary to comment on the "mistakes" of the "ring," specified by General De Trobriand; he has stated them in such a terse and forcible manner that comments would almost be an injustice. In future the "ring" will do well not to count, untried, on aid and succor from all men very amicable; and as long as gentlemen

The fact undoubtedly is that the correct many of their errors, and cease a Yes, as good as he knew how to be accordgreat many of their practices and adopt ing to his traditions. others more in accordance with the principles of life and truth. We wish the Latter-day Saints instructed in such a way that the traditions they communicate to their children will be correct. If we did but understand truth from error, light from darkness, and anew the will of God perfectly and were disposed to do it, it

the human family, and to show forth that wisdom which God has given us, as to take purchase it for one half or one third its a course to fill their lives with error and wrong. Many, very many, people regret much of their lives, because, through circumstances over which they have had no controi they have been deprived of the knowledge that some few possess. It makes no difference how children are brought up so far as the permanence of the impressions and habits of childhood are concerned. Whether surrounded with error or truth. the web woven around them in childhood's days lasts, and seldom wears threadbare; but in many instances it grows brighter community with their accustomed and brighter and stronger and stronger until its possessor goes down to the grave. You have heard it declared here, within all days; all days are His. and to show to the few minutes just passed, that we have the truth, the priesthood of the Son of God; that we are endowed with that understanding and wisdom by the revelations of the

Lord Jesus Christ, so that we do know the way of life and salvation, and know, better than any other people, the course to pursue here on this earth to prepare us for glory, immortality and endless lives which are to come. If this is the fact, we should manifest and show it forth to God and man by our teachings, practice and every act of our

I may say that the infidel world has who may happen to be officers of the government; for it is gratifying to know For any individual in the world to teach that some, among them, possess the what he does not practice is a stumbling block to all beholders; then if the Latterright to be considered men of honor day Saluts know the truth and do it not, and gentlemen. The pristions between certainly, great will be their condemnation. the need to be on the Hense it stands us in need to be on the the people of the Territory and the watch continually. I do not know of a more military, for some years past, have been absolute monarch that ever reigned on earth than the one who has perfect control over his passions. Do you know of a more are in command there is no reason absolute monarch than such a person? If whatever to fear anything else, not- you do, I do not. We should all learn to withstanding the statement "that much feeling exists in this community against the Federal officers and soldiers." It is an extremely lucky thing for this nest of political adventurers that their lot happens to be cast in Utah, for known, as they all are to the com-munity at large, if they were among a people not strictly law-abiding, many of them would fare badly. The fact that they are permitted to move in the govern and control ourselves! The ques-

strictly observe the letter of the law. The spirit and essence of his teaching to his it be for six thousand years, six millions, child is, "you must not break the law, if you do you will be chastened by the law;" the figures and numbers are immaterial, I "but at the same time," says the father, and must have come from some source, my would be just as easy to give our children an education to profit themselves and others, to enable them to be profitable to the burned formily and to show forth that necessity, is obliged to sell, and if he can value in'cash he will do it, because the law will not condemn such an act. This is tradition or the influence of it; but in the eyes never will, He never can! There is no of God he who thus takes advantage of his such principle in existence. Worlds are neighbor's necessities is as guilty as if he had robbed him.

> Do we know of any here who have been rought up to work on the first day of the week, and who would like to do so now? Yes, we have them. Can they refrain from doing something or other that is like labor on the Sabbath day? It is almost impossible; they must work on the Sabbath. There is a certain class of our christians by whom the first day of the week must be de voted to labor, just to show to their fellowchristians that they are not se starian in their feelings. Say they, "one day, to us is as good as another. God is the author of the christian world that we are free from their narrow, illiberal views, we labor on the first day of the week."

Another class of the religious world equally conscientious with that to which have just referred, is as stringent in prohibiting all kinds of labor on that day. Towards evening on the seventh day of the week the father cries to the children, "your chores must be done by sunset;" and as soon as the rays of the glorious orb of day have disappeared, parents and children as-semble, and chapter after chapter of the bible is read, and comments are made thereon; and there the children sit until bedtime, and on the first day of the week they repair to the Sunday school, or to the house of worship, and so spend the Sabbath, believing that it is wrong to walk out, to play, or even to laugh; but when sunset comes again, away go the children to work, and the hurry of the world again begins. Do we see any such traditions as these? Yes. The traditions of another have been of such a nature, perhaps, that all labor must cease at 12 o'clock on Saturday night sure, and as soon as 12 o'clock on Scuday night comes we are at liberty to work again; and so we might go through the thousand traditions, the effects of which we see manifested by our fellow creatures around us. I was traditionated to believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, and I believe it is a bible doctrine.

prepared ground it will

seen! Follow it back, no matter whether "God made the world in six days, out of nothing"! This is very wrong; no child should be taught any such dogma. God never did make a world out of nothing; He made of crude element which floats, with-

out bounds in the eternities,-in the immensity of space; an eternity of matter,-no limits to it, in its natural crude state; and the power of the Almighty has this influence and wisdom,-when He speaks He is obeyed, and matter comes together and is organized. We take the rock, and the lime from the mountains and burn it and make mortar with lime and sand and lay the foundation of houses, and rear the superstructure with bricks, stones, adobies or lumber. We bring these elements together and organize them according to our pleasure. We should teach our children that God has so organized the earth from the rude, rough native element. It is true that some believe that it never was created! Well! all right then! It is here anyhow: they cannot dispute the fact that the earth

is here, no matter how long it has stood! This calls to my mind some circum-stances of our trip. We had Major Powell with us on some portions of our journey South. He is now preparing to explore more of the Colorado. He was engaged in this undertaking last year; then he went on his own responsibility. This year he has received a little aid from Congress. One evening while sitting by the camp fire said I, "Major, how long will it take light to come from the nearest fixed star to the earth? Some of our astronomers say thirty thousand years." Said he, "O dear! thirty thousand years will not do it, it will take as many millions of years." Well, that opened up conversation, and I do not know but I might have indulged in a little of my boyism. In our journeyings we came to some petrified trees lying on the ground; they were broken to pieces. Some had very fine quarts between the bark and wood, very finely formed, beautifully crystallized, here now. In our travels we came to one

quently we teach the principles it contains lows, but to promote good feelings continto each other and to our children; and endeaver to avoid giving them false ideas

We believe in our Father, and do not apply this term to a nonentity,-to a fancied something that never existed; the application would not be correct. We do not so use language. We use this term to a being, and we claim this title as children. He is our Father; He is our God, the Father of be enabled to lead lives of purity, joy, our spirits; He is the framer of our bodies, and set the machine in successful operation to bring forth these tabernacles that I now look upon in this building, and all that ever or say that which we shall regret. Watch

This is the doctrine taught by the ancients, taught by the prophets, taught by Jesus, taught by His Apostles, taught by Joseph Smith, taught by those who believe ness, and you will increase your own peace the same doctrine that Joseph Smith believed in.-the revelations that God has this will ensure a great degree of salvation given in modern times, who believe in that here, and prepare for a higher degree here-Being after whose image and in whose after. The principles of life and salvation likeness man was formed, framed and are the greatest blessing which can be bemade, precisely like Him that made him, stowed upon us here on this earth. The This is the doctrine. To believe that He lives; He is a Being of place, of habitation. is eternal life. We have its principles in He dwells at home; His influence fills im- our possession. We know how to teach and mensity to us; His eye is upon all His works, and He sends forth His ministers to administer here and there according to gives peace and joy to the heart. Who else His will and pleasure. He has given His that live on the earth could endure as the son, according to His good pleasure, to redeem the earth, and all intelligent beings thereon, and all inanimate matter, if there had not the spirit of peace and union and is any such thing; to redeem the whole of love to God and to one another and the earth and all pertaining to it, and it is His whole human family? Let our traditions good pleasure to do it. The reasons why and practices be such that we can say, to may not say anything about them to-day; yet there are reasons for all this, and that that that commends itself to the human mind, to the intelligence that man possesses, will explain it. If men understood the teach, believe and practice?" They cannot religion that we believe in they would re-ceive it; it naturally commends itself to the conscience of every just and righteous person, and none such would refuse it if that is our enemies. they understood it.

Well, then, we ought, in the first place, to train ourselves to believe correctly, to think correctly, and to practice correctly, and instill correct principles into the minds

