

Yea, me thought I saw, even as our father Lehi saw, God sitting upon his throne, surrounded with numberless concourses of angels, in the attitude of singing and praising their God; yea, and my soul did long to be there.

But behold, my limbs did receive their strength again, and I stood upon my feet, and did manifest unto the people that I had been born of God;

That change is to be born of God, and it required that very sentiment of humility and of obedience and of repentance possessed by Alma at that supreme moment, in order to bring about this birth, that he might be brought back into His presence and into His favor and fellowship from the condition of alienation that He had so long been in.

Yea, and from that time, even until now, I have labored without ceasing, that I might bring souls unto repentance; that I might bring them to taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste; that they might also be born of God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

I feel that it is important to us as individual members of this Church to know that we are born of God, that we have been redeemed, that the Lord has interred in our behalf and brought relief to our souls, that our sins have been blotted out, and that we are laboring unceasingly for the salvation of the souls of men. I believe that the secret of success is our constant labor and devotion to the Lord; and men who are thus energetically devoted and faithful in their labors will not be led astray, will not be deceived, will not be overcome by the powers of Satan, and the snares that are laid for our feet will never entrap us. There is no security otherwise; for there are times that come in the experience of this Church that will try the souls of men. The Church will not be in danger. The Church has never been in danger. It was not in danger in the days of the Prophet Joseph. That is, it was in danger possibly, but there was no question and has never been in regard to the stability of the Church from the time the Father and the Son appeared to the Prophet Joseph and the Savior announced the establishment of His work upon the earth. There has never been a moment from then till now when there was any question in regard to the Church of Jesus Christ, and all who have entertained fears and whose knees have shaken lest something should come to the Church have shaken without occasion; for there never has been occasion. It has been the work of the Father; it has been the work of the Savior; it has been the work of the Holy Ghost, and they have established and set up this work to endure forever. There is nothing so sure and certain to be perpetual and eternal as the work that you and I are engaged in. It is the work of the Father. Men may pass, prophets and apostles may pass away from this Church; but the work will continue, and it will continue to increase and gain strength and power day by day, and will never grow less. Is there any danger then in connection with this Church? Yes, the very existence of the Church, so far as we are concerned individually, is fraught with danger. Danger to the individual, but no danger to the Church! And I want to announce to you as a keynote, that whenever you feel troubled and tremble in your souls for fear that the Church will be injured, know that you are in danger. I repeat, whenever you tremble for the Church you may know that you have serious occasion to

tremble for yourself. You cannot hurt the Church. Nobody can hurt the Church. Have they not been trying it from the very beginning? Has not Satan with all the power that he could array been warring against this Church? Certainly. Has it ever been shaken? It never has. There has never been a tremor of the Church. The Prophet of God never trembled, never had fear or trouble in his heart in regard to the Church. He wept over his brethren, and was sorry and pained and distressed because of their foolishness. Men may be killed; men may die accidentally or otherwise; but the Lord introduced His work at the very right time, at the very season, and with the very proper persons, and there are always enough and always will be; for the Lord, when He undertook this purpose, He counted the cost, and He has known exactly when and where and how to accomplish His purpose, and has made no mistake. We have made mistakes; our brethren have made mistakes, and some have gone astray, and have gone to destruction; but the Church has not, neither has the Lord. If there are mistakes made, they are yours and mine, and we may suffer by them; but the Church will continue and endure, and there is no power on earth that can ever mar it in the least. So that we have something safe to rely upon, and we have in ourselves the power to be bringing to pass righteousness. Every man who is laboring with his might, as Alma says that he did unceasingly, and faithfully and obediently, as the Son of God labored, and hath in his heart that choice sentiment, "Thy will be done, O Father, not mine," cannot be shaken; but the man that has not that feeling and sentiment in his soul is not upon absolutely safe ground. This work is sustained by our Father, and so is every man who does the will of the Lord. God bless you. Amen.

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#### OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT.

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HAVE come from Washington to Paterson to give you some information about the new Vice President of the United States. This is the home of Garret A. Hobart. He came here when the town had only 25,000 people. He has seen it grow into a city of more than 100,000. Paterson is one of the chief manufacturing centers of the United States. It has scores of mills and dozens of factories and it is the great silk-making city of our country. Mr. Hobart has grown with it. Coming here comparatively poor, he is said to be now considerably more than a millionaire. He is interested in all the great institutions of the city and has large investments in railroads and other things in New York and elsewhere. He has been noted for years as one of the most eminent lawyers of New Jersey and as one of its shrewdest business men. He does today as much business as any man in the state. I first met him in his office in the savings institution of which

he is the president. Tin boxes filled with deeds and valuable papers were piled on the shelves behind him. Two or three clerks were busy in the rooms adjoining, ready to answer his call. Two telephone instruments lay upon his desk, and he was rapidly dictating to his stenographer the answers to his morning mail. He dismissed his stenographer as I came in and for an hour I chatted with him about himself and public matters.

But, before I give you the interview, let me tell you how the new Vice President looks. He is, I judge, about five feet eight inches high, and he weighs in the neighborhood of 160 pounds. He has a round, full face, a broad, high forehead, the brown hair above which is fast growing thin. He has bright blue eyes, a rosy complexion, and a rather pugnacious mustache shows out over his determined mouth. He is now about fifty-two years of age, but is the personification of physical and mental vigor. He has full control of himself, does not get bothered and does his work easily and rapidly. He talks easily, too. He is a man of ideas, and, unlike many public men, he is not afraid to say what he thinks. He is entirely unassuming in his manner, and I don't believe there is a snobbish hair in his head. One of the first questions I asked him was as to his ancestors. He replied that his life had been too busy to pay much attention to such things, but he believed that the Hobarts originally came from Hingham England.

"But where is Hingham, Mr. Hobart?" I asked. "In what part of England?"

"I really don't know," was the reply. "Well, then, how about the family in this country?" said I.

"Oh, as to the United States, I can trace my ancestors back to my great-great grand-father, and, with little trouble, I suppose I could give you a full genealogical tree. My father came from New Hampshire to New Jersey to teach school. He settled at Long Branch, and was teaching there when I was born. It was at Long Branch that my boyhood was spent, until I went away to college at Rutgers."

"That is a very good college, is it not?"

"Yes," replied the Vice President, "I think it is one of the best in the country. It is certainly one of the oldest. It is now more than one hundred years old."

"Mr. Hobart," said I, "You are a college-bred man. You are also a successful business man. Now I want to know whether you think your college education had much to do with your success."

"I don't know whether it had or not," replied the Vice President. "I have no doubt it had something to do with it, but the trouble with my education was that I was sent to college too soon. I entered the sophomore class when I was fifteen and graduated at eighteen. You see, I was quick to learn as a boy. I had such a memory that I could commit anything for a day or for a month. This stood me well in my examination, but I forgot almost as easily as I learned. As it is now it seems to me that I have forgotten all of my studies and I think it would have been much better if I had been held back."

"At what age should a young man enter college?"

"I don't think he should be allowed