

came to the capital, armed with ancient revelations and garbled extracts from private opinions, wherewith to attack present conditions and misrepresent present aims and actions. They precipitated this report. They disgusted nearly every member of the committee. They damaged their own cause. They exposed the motives and tactics of the clique that wants to rule Utah. They gave a fine opportunity for the friends of statehood to set forth the facts and advocate the claims of the people, and there is not a member of the committee who has not been favorably impressed with the hearing, and has not been made more kindly than before to the Territory of Utah. The laborers in the field for the political emancipation of the Territory have done more towards the accomplishment of their work by obtaining this report than they ever achieved before, and as sure as the seasons come and go and the sun rises after setting, Utah will before long be relieved of her depressing disabilities and stand in her place as a free and independent State, an honor and a glory to the nation. X.

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COMING EVENTS.

A season of trouble and peril draws near.
When, everywhere, people will tremble with fear;
When grief, like a flood, o'er the nations will sweep,
And millions, with anguish unspeakable, weep;
Dianthe's, the world with such misery strew,
As in all the past ages mankind never knew.
Like legions of demons, all filling with dread
Malignant diseases will silently spread.
Foul canker in thousands of throats will arise,
Defying the skill of the learned and wise.
Parasitical worms men's eyes will consume,
And, cursing, will many descend to their doom.
Myriads of innocent children will die,
Return to their merciful Father on high.
Too pure with a vile generation to stay,
From the "Evil to come," kindly taken away.
On rivers, in cities, in hamlet and town,
Will wailing, bereavement and sorrow be known.
Bright intellects oft will insanity crush;
Despairing to suicide others will rush.
Defaulters, and traitors, and cheats will abound;
In every land bribers, and perjurers found.
So hard to find officers honest and true,
That rulers perplexed, will not know what to do.
In spite of whatever philanthropists think
Will the traffic increase in the "Drunkard's drink;"
And the maddening scourge swell the record of crime,
Surpassing all known in the annals of time.
The demon of War, will his terrors reveal,
And his terrible havoc, both hemispheres feel.
Gaunt famine and pestilence, mildew and blight,
Four spectres most horrid, mankind will affright.
Atrocities dreadful will daily increase,
Till unsafety completely obliterates peace.

Assassins, oath-bound, will in secrecy spread.
And often their victims strike suddenly dead.
Insurgents and mobbers will harass each land,
Whose law makers the claims of justice withstand.
The rich will oppress, and extort from the poor,
Till outraged endurance, no more will endure.
When once the dread minions of anarchy reign,
Then woe to the storings of unhallowed gain.
Parental, kind instincts great numbers will scorn,
And murder their offspring before they are born.
Unconsciously dwelling on death's dizzy brink.
By earthquakes and floods many thousands will sink.
Most dreadful collisions on land and at sea,
The burden of every news journal will be.
By explosions, and uncontrollable fire,
The hopes and possessions of many expire.
With phenomena strange, that none understand,
The waves of the ocean roll up on the land.
Fierce lightnings, and tempests, fill people with dread,
And remind them of what the Prophets have said.
Things fearful to see will appear in the sky,
Yet some will deride them, and God's power deny;
And blaspheming His name and attributes, die.
No happenings of chance, these multiplied woes,
But fruits of transgressing immutable laws.
God's mandates are founded on principles true,
The best good of all who obey them in view;
While His counsels adopted, will happiness bring;
To those who reject them, will misery cling.
Sin's awful effects, like thorns planted deep,
Will bitterness yield for the future to reap.
To stifle this injustice, is idle and vain;
'Tis a permanent law and so will remain;
Forever and ever it still will be true
"That effects will follow whatever we do."
Man's agency, God will inviolate keep
And whatever he sows he surely will reap.
No matter what men may suppose, or desire,
Those who would not be burned, must keep from the fire.
Developed from forces not yet understood,
Will come great inventions for evil and good.
The good will be used for man's comfort and joy;
With the evil themselves the wicked destroy.
Great numbers to Zion for safety will flee,
Their wealth to protect, and from strife to be free.
The Lord will in triumph His people sustain
And in Zion alone will tranquillity reign.
As skillful mechanics, materials can use
And fashion, as far as they know, as they choose.
Or as chemists may change, divide or combine.
Make inert, or increase, as they may incline;
So God, by His infinite knowledge and might,
Can avert and control, for those who do right;
By mightier forces can others arrest
"And overrule all things as seemeth Him best."
The nations to warn, He His servants hath sent

In mercy extending them time to repent.
But few have the merciful message believed,
The consequent peace of the Gospel received.
Mankind, in the main, have the warning refused,
The messengers cruelly scorned and abused.
Often traveling with weary and bleeding feet,
With only contempt and derision to meet;
When hungry and cold, food and shelter denied;
Been waylaid and murdered, and basely belied.
The "Times of the Gentiles" will soon be fulfilled,
Then alas! for the lands where the Prophets were killed,
The blood of the martyrs so cruelly slain,
Will not cry to Heaven for vengeance, in vain.
"The Covenant Holy," will many forsake,
And of grief's bitter cup unstinted partake.
While all who are true, deliverance will see,
And their foes unpursued, in terror will flee.
Soon the Gospel of Christ, the Jews will believe,
Return to their land and forgiveness receive;
Their long sought Messiah, in Palestine meet,
Acknowledge their error and bow at His feet.
The far scattered remnants of Israel come forth,
And the long lost tribes from their home in the north;
With joy everlasting, their Savior will own.
And sanction His claim to His Kingdom and crown,
All nations and peoples will utterly fall,
Who reject the Messiah as King over all.
The day of the power of God is at hand,
And blessed will they be who are worthy to stand.
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COMMENTS ON FAITH.

I have belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for about six years, and for the last few months I have been studying the lectures on faith, found in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

I have learned that we do positively get all we eat and wear by our faith. The lectures prove this, beyond a doubt, from the New Testament. Paul says, in telling what faith is: "Now faith is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." From this we learn that faith is the assurance which men have of the existence of things which they have not seen, and is the very principle of action.

In this country, where we eat corn bread, we believe we can get meal by taking corn to the mill, and we believe it so strongly that our faith forces us to action. We go to the mill believing we will get our bread-stuff prepared there. If we did not believe we could get our grinding (as we call it) done, we would not go to the mill at all. We believe we will gather a crop or we would not plant, and so we can see how faith forces us to action, and it is the principle makes us act. So we see that without faith we would not act. If we did not believe we would gather we would not plant. Without faith