

From Poems by J. NACK, a Deaf Mute The Battle of the Snakes. AN EPISTLE TO CATHARINE

'Mid scenes like these, one summer's day,

The oysters were particularly fine, and should have engrossed all my attention, but visions of doctors and dyspepsia avoid intrude themselves upon me; the opening of the door disturbed my not very pleasant reveries, and when I raised my head my eyes fell upon a rather strange speciment fundamity be ev-idently belonged to that class of persons called Yan-kees-most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground Yankie Yankie, such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground y the such as consisted of Yan-kees most a ground y the such as consisted of Yan-ter Yankee to those individuals who come down the river semi-annually with lumber. Well, as soon as he entered, he walked, or rather lounged up to the counter, behind which R. was standing, and after watching his motions for a moment of two, broke out with : reveries, and when I raised my head my eyes fell

with : "I say Capting, they look plump, "spose you open a few raw."

"I say Capting, they look plump, "spose you open a few raw." A plate was put before him, and R. commenced serving them out rapidly, as I thought, but not fast enough for the impatient river-min; the pyster hardly touched the plate before the Yankee would hook it up with his fork, and gulph it down at one swallow, and then would fourish his fork before R.'s face, and ery, "Hirry up the cakes! Wake up, old man ?" &cc., until R., who prided hisself on his deriterity in un-casing the "sea toads," became quite excited. At last, in reply fursome cutting poke of the Yankee, R. said, in no very gentle tone— "Look here, friend, you seem to pride yourself ou being a fast eater. Now, Pll bet you \$20 I can open dysters faster than you can pick them up and swallow them, and not half try." "I don't like to be bluffed off in that way, stranger,"

being a fast eiter. Now, Pit het you 520 rean open dysters faster than you can pick them up and swallow them, 'and not half try.'' "I don't like to be bluffed off in that way, stranger," says the Yankce, "but you are a leetle shead of my pile. Spose you make it \$10, and I swan if I don't take you, and give yon five for a starter.'' "This was agreed to, and both parties pulled out their money and deposited it in my baads. After all was fixed, R. deliberately opened the five he was to start with, and then colling his sleeves up to his elboyrs, called out to the Yankee, who was standing fork in and, nakciously awaiting the com-mencement, "Now for it." The words had scareety left his mouth before he had added, another to the plate, and then a second and a, third followed each other in guick succession. The Yankee was not idle all this time, but had been stowing them away at a rate that threatened sooi to empty the plate before him. R. was beginning to look blank, and J. yas just thinking that he was going to give up and "ac-knowledge the corn," when suddenly, by a dexterous twitch, he threw one out on the bar counter. The Yankee stopped a moment to ert "fouly" but seeing that one had been gained on him by his hesitation, swallowed it, dust and all. The next, and the next.-The Yankee evidently began to see the game; for instead of losing time expositulating, went scrambling over the foor after the oysters, which now. flew to all corners of the room, only waiting to give them a wing, on the sleeve of his coat before englishing them. Thus we were kept in jought which now flew to all corners of the room, only waiting to give them a wing, on the sleeve of his coat before englishing them. Thus we were kept in jought which now flew to all corners of the courser-wight into \$he spith are might--acci-dentally, of courser-wight into \$he spith are util R. capped the clinax by making one alight-accei-dentally, of courser-wight into \$he spith are disper, as it hay half embedded in the dirty sawdust, and drop-ping his fork,

As the door closed upon him all hands joined in nearly laugh at the expense of the vanquished here, in which R.'s voice was most conspicuous, but a woful charge came over his countenance as he examined the stakes which I had just handed him. You may judge how the laugh turned, when he exclaimed, in a voice not unlike the rumbing of distant thunder— "Counterfait, by the Eternal P—[Spirit of the Times.

## O'Connell

Was once examining a witness, whose inebriety, at that time to which with evidence referred, it was es-ential to prove. He quickly discovered the man's, tharacter. He was a fellow who may be described thalf foolish with roguery. I "Well, Darby, you told the truth to this gentle-man"?"

"Yes, yoùr honor, Counsellor O'Connell." "How do you l'nov my name??" "Ah, sure, every-one knows our pathriot." "Well, you are a good humored, honest fellow; now tell me, Darby, did you take a drop of anything that day?"

"Why, your honor, I took my share of a pint of

"Your share of it 1 Now, by the virtue of your oath was not your share of it—all but the pewter ?" "Why, then, dear knows, that's thrue for you,

was vory interesting indeed. Mr. Holmes was seed among thorns, is he that received the preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tid-well satisfied, and returned and dimed with me. word, and the cares of this world, and the do-said Holmes has been a member of the Meth- ceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he be-if this man will not take our admonition, but odist church, and was excommunicated for re- cometh unfruitful; but he that receiveth seed will persist in his wicked course, we hepe that DEAR KATE-more dear than I can tell ! No matter, though-you know it well-Dear Kate-in this delicious weather, odist church, and was excommunicated for re-ceiving the elders of the Latter Day Saints into his house. Went to meeting in the afternoon. Before partaking of the sacrament, Isaac Hill's case was agitated again, and-settled after much controversy, and he retained in the church, by naking a humble acknowledgment before the church, and consenting to have his confession published in the "Messenger and Advocate;" after which the ordinance of the Lord's supper was administered, and the meeting closed late. Returned home and spent the evenng-Monday, the 16th, at home. Diotated the following letter for publication in the "Messen-ger and Advocate;" TO THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH :OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. Dear Kate—in this delucious weather, I wish, don't you? we were together; That we might wander, land in hand, Amid those scenes of fury land, Which now, to ghad thy vision, rise And fancy pictures to my eyes? To elumb the hills, the woods explore, Or ramblesby the sca-beat shore, Where ringing wates delight thy ear With music mine shall nove hear: With music mine shall have hear: Or rove where sweetest flowers embower My pretty Kate, "a sweeter flower !" While balmy zephyrs kiss thy brow Of beauty—(might I kiss it now !)

Mid scenes like these, one summer's day,
Mid scenes like these, one summer's day,
A lordly serpent wound his way;
From Rattleye line of length he came,
And gloried in a tail of fame;
His pointed tongue, his sparkling eyes,
His pointed tongue, his sparkling eyes,
His gorgobus, robe of thousand dyes—
All these with rapture swelled his hide,
For snakes, like other fools, have pride.
While winding through a tangled brake,
He chanced to meet another snake,
Who wore a suit of sober black.
Whielt might become a doctor's back,
And, colled in many a ring, reclined,
While thoughts as colled perplexed his mind.
"Gooil parson Black! al., it is you?"
Quoth flippant Rattle, "Howy drye do?"
"How are the little dears?" "So so;
The youngest hastifien alling though."
"How are the fittle deer?" "On, very bad ?"
Sched Black; "the times are truly sad,
Which plunges me in deep dejection,
And makes me as in asge reflection,
Why all that is beneath the skies,
Bawhat it is—not other wise!
Who when the set of the set.

LATTER DAY SAINTS.

TO THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH OF the kingdom of God, and why? Because of the or all principles wherein he fools opposed to LATTER DAY SAINES.
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the sun was up, they were scorched, and be-cause they had not root they withered away; and some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them; but other fell in good ground, and brought forth fruit; some an first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn bundles to burn they had not coording to and gather them up Rigdon. Now the above statements are according to our best information; and we believe them to burned fold some thirty fold them but other the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn they had not coordinate the second fold some thirty fold them but other the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn the second the second these groups and the second these tares and burne the second these second these

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Dear Kate: F quite agree with you ! But now that I must say farewell, One little word of truth l'll tell; And well you know I speak sincerely, In saying, "Kate, I tore you dearly !" would not understand; and sceing, they did not perceive; for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their eurs are dull of hearing; their eyes they have closed, lest at any time, they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with due is indeed accounted the last days, or in due set with their hearts und should be and understand with their hearts and should be suffice; it us behold it coming forth out of the converted and I should heal them. But what suith he to his disciples? "Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; and righteous men havo desired to see them; and erefs the jarsel of the set way, and it is truth, and it has sprouted and righteous men havo desired to see them; things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." to lodge in the branches thereof. We again make a remark here, for we find to lodge in the branches thereof. We again make a remark here, for we find that the vory principles upon which the disci-that the vory principles upon which the disci-that the vory principles upon which the disciples wero no ounted blessed, was because they dom of heaven that is raising its head in the pression, the field is the world; the tares are the were permitted to see with their eyes, and hear last days, in the majesty of its God: even the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sow-with their ears; and the condemnation which Church of the Latter Day Saints; like an imwith their cars; and the condomnation which rested upon the multitude, which received not his saying, was because they were not willing to see with their eves, and hear with their enrs; leged to see and hear, but because their hearts were full of iniquity and abominations; as your fathers did, so do ye. The Prophet, foresee-Saturday morning, 14th. Thus came the fathers did, so do ye. The Prophet, foresee, word of the Lord unto me, saying, Verily thus saith they would thus harden their hearts, saith the Lord unto my servant Joseph, con-plainly declared it; and herein is the condemna-A TRICK.—A boy was asked to take a jug and some beer for his father, who had spent all his one beer for his father, who had spent all his one pring were the money, then, one pring were the money, then, one of the world is source to the world his sins are to be world is the to condemna-to be world is the to be world is the to be world is the to be world in the last days to be world in the last days to be world is the to be world in the last days to be world is the to be world in the last days to be world is the the board the to be to be world in the last days to be world in the last days ther." replied the son. "My son, anybody can get the beer with money, works of rightcoursess." Therefore, inasmuch light, because their deeds are evil. This is so as he will continue to hearken unto my voice, plainly (aught by the Savior, that a wayfaring that this adversary of truth will continue to stir and that which shall precedo the coming of the ann need not mistako it. And again; hear ye the parable of the sower. up the sink of iniquity, that the people may the Son of Man, and the restitution of all things more roady discern between the righteous and spoken of by the mouth of all the holy prophets Drink." "How can I drink, when there is nowbeer in the shall come to pass in his day, that he shall see much of my ancient ree-"To drink beer out of a jug," says the boy, "where there is no beer, invoded could do that; but to drink shall be endowed with a knowledge of hidden things, and the shall see k it are so blind as those who will not see; and, al-Innguages; and if he desires and shall seek it are so blind as those who will not see; and, al- that went the rounds through our country, who ants of God go forth warning the nations, both at my hands, he shall be privileged with writing though the Savior spoke this parable to such felt so fully authorized to brand "Jo" Smith priests and people, and as they harden their Is it Sheiled? During the summer of 1846, com being scaree in he upper country, and one of the citizens being hand ressed for bread, flaving yrorn threadbare the hos-itality of his generous neighbors by his extreme la-itality is and his thell boshid of him in time to come, behold Warron, the Lord's scribe, for the influence of the priceits of Baal, they have not influence of the priceits of Baal, they have not influence of the priceits of Baal, they have not influence of the priceits of Baal, they have not influence of the priceits of Baal, they have not influence of ness, they inonght it an det of charity to bury has come, being most warrend to place of lord's seer, whom he hath appointed in Israel. Accordingly, he was carried toward the place of Lord's seer, whom he hath appointed in Israel. influence of the priests of Baal, they have not reputy to this gentleman, Paul we know, and thus being bound up by their orceds, and their or contact of the priests of Baal, they have not other to blind our eyes, and darkon our underho shall be lifted up at the last day; even so, standing, if we will but open our eyes, and read amen. This afternoon, Erastus Holmes, of Nowbu-But listen to the explanation of the parable: This afternoon, Erastus Holmes, of Nowbu-"What are you going to do with him?" "Bury him." "What is he dead? I hadn't heard of his death." "No, he is not dead, but he might as well be, for he as no corn, and is too lazy to work for any." "No, he is not dead, but he might as were be, rot dead, but her bloody persecutors, was when I was about fourteen years old; also who have no principle of righteousness in them-be, rot dead, but he might as were prophecies more visibly and from syna-to mean—"scourged from silly fo cilly and from syna-rot was when I was about fourteen years old; also who have no principle of righteousness in them-her revelations that I received afterwards con-selves, and whose hearts are full of iniquity the revelations that I received afterwards con-selves, and asked in his hands upon them, and they spake like the sum in the kingdoon of their. Father.— If to foretell these future events, which were im-active the there is the serves of heart let him heart. count of the rise and progress of the church up do not understand the word of truth when they with tongues and prophesied. Acts 19: 6. Of Who hath cars to hear, let him hear. to this date. He listened very attentively, and hear it. The devil taketh away the word of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of Bat to illustrate more clearly upon this gath-"D-r-1-v-e on 0-0-v-3," said a beau seemed highly gratified, and intends to unite truth out of their hearts, because there is no hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of oring. We have another parable: Again, the deare for righteourses in them. But to the dead, and of oring. We have another parable: Again, the "So, here I am, between two tailors," said t beau "So, here I am, between two tailors," said t beau "a public table, where a couple of young tailors were seated, who had just begun business for them belves. "True," was the reply, "we are new beginners, and can only afford one goose between us."

Latter Day Saints, selling all that they have and gathering themselves together, unto a place that they may purchase for an inheritance, that they may be together and bear each other's af-flictions in the day of calamity.

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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man seeking goodly pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and boughtit; for the work after this example: see men, traveling to find places for Zion, and hor stakes or remnants, who, when they find the place for Zion, or the pearl of great price, straightway sell all that hey have and buy it.

Again, the kingdem of hoaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea, and fathered of ev-ery kind, which when it was full they drew to ery kind, which when it was full they drew to shore and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, and cast the bad away. For the work of this pattern, behold the seed of Joseph, preading forth the gospel net, upon the face of the earth, gathering of every kind, that the good may be saved in vessels prepared for that purpose, and the angels will take care of the bad; so shall it be at the end of the world; the angels shall come forth and saver the world; angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire, and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus saith unto them, Have you understood all these things? They say unto him, yea, Lord; and we say yea, Lord; and well might they say yea, Lord, for these things are so plain and so glorious, that every saint in the ast days must respond with a hearty amen to them.

Then said he unto them, therefore every

THE VOICE OF JOSEPH. [Continued.]

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH, BY W. W. PHELPS.

EIGHTHLY. In the Book of Mormon are the names, and local situations of numerous cities, nn-doubtedly spacious, that formerly stood and flourish-ed among the ancient nations of America. The northern part of South America, as well as Central

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good ground, and brought forth fruit; some an hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold; who hath ears to hear, let him hear. "And the disciples came and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? (I would here remark, that the "them" made use which produced fruit, but also the corruptions of the church which is represented by the setting up of the kingdom in tho days of the setting up of the kingdom in tho days of the setting up of the kingdom in tho days of the setting up of the kingdom in the days of the setting up of the kingdom in

The court was convulsed at both question and nawer. It soon, step by step, came out that the Thus O'Connell won the case for his client. Here is another instance of his ready tact and in-nite resource in the defence of his client. In a trial Cork for murder the principal witness swore strong against the prisoner. He particularly swore that hat, found near the place of the murder, belonged the prisoner, whose name was James. "By virtue of your oath are yon sure that this is

same hat?

"Did you examine it carefully before you swore in our information that it was the prisoner's?" 41 did.29

Now, let me see," said O'Connell, as he took up he hat, and began to extinine it carefully in the in-ide. He then spelled aloud the name of James, lowly, thus: J-a-m-e-s. "Now, do you mean those words were in it when you found it?" "I do."

'And this is the same hat ?" "It is."

"Now, my lord," said O'Connell, holding up the lat to the bench, "there is an end of the case, there o name whatever inscribed in the hat." The result was an instant acquittal.

at to get beer without money, that is a trick." So the boy took the jug and went out. Shortly he urned, and placing the jug before his father, said,

"Hallo! what have roll got there?" "Poor old Mr. S."

What are your going to do with him?"

"No, but you can soon shell it."

POSTSCRIPT. Some say they are not able To see the moral of my fable Inform them, had the snakes been wise, T is like they would have used their eyes! And secondly, it hence appears, Our eyes are better than our cars; From which reflection I contrive Some consolation to derive ; For though I oft have sighed, my dear,. That it is not for me to hear That it is not for me to hear The thrilling music of thy voice, That would my very least rejoice: Yet when my arm is round thee wreathing, And on thy brow my lip is breathing, When thy dear head my hand caresses, Or wreathes among thy raven tresses, Or clasps in mine thy fairy fingers, Which is a local wreat the fungers While fond my look upon thee lingers, Then, while enparadised, I trace Affection breathing from thy face-Oh, then I feel in deep delight, THERE IS A MUSIC FOR THE SIGHT L Which I would not exchange for all That ever on the ear may fall.

So each in different windings past, To seek his tail, and fix it fast;

To seek his tail, and fix it fast; But in their hurry, by mistake, Black got the tail of Rattlesnake, And Rattle to himself did tack, Unwittingly the tail of Black. Now Rattle fiercely shook the tail He thought his own, without avail, To wake the sound once wont to be His "earthquake voice of victory !!" Now-right, now left, he lashed the ground, Buty burn the tail ! it gave no sound ! He swings it left, he swings it right— In vain, poor Rattle bursts with spite. Black, for his part, had run away ! Bnt as he runs, to his dismay, Loud from his tail a rattle peals, As if the foe, were at his heels.

As if the foe were at his heels. More fast he runs, more loud it rings, And louder as he faster springs: He runs for six successive suns,

And still it ratiles as he runs' He runs and runs till out of breath, And then the ratile sleeps in death. You say this story cap't be true-

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## LIFE OF JOSEPH SMITH.

he shall be blessed with wisdom, and with a man need not mistako it. sound mind, even above his fellows. Behold it And again; hear ye the

out of the heavens hore testimony of the truth of the records translated by Joseph Smith. Now an im-postor, without doubt, might predict the vision of three witnesses, but he could never call an angel from

Lord of the earth," because of the wickedn neonle: and that "the time would speedily arrive. se of the cries and lamentations of widows an ohans," whose busbands and fathers have been put leath by criminal hands, "when the Lord would age the blood of his saints." In August, 1831, the average the blood of his saints." In August, 1831, the work of the Lord came to Joseph, saying, that the saints should be mattreated and "scoarged from city to city and from spnagogue to synagogue, and that "FEW" of those then belonging to the church, "should stand to receive an inheritance." [Sce Book of Doctine and Covenants, p. 151.] [A. E. p. 206.] The blood of many hundreds that have been slain and markyred in the church, is incontestible proof of the tenth of the prediction. Layered same to be, not the truth of the prediction. Joseph came to be, not only the prophot of God for the first rising of the e carth, against the nation that committed these No human foresight could foresce the enes of blood that were to take place next, in the dation of this church. All the natural a in the United States, were against the fulfillment

that terrible prediction. All the religious societies were strongly protected must all sorts of persecutions and intolerance, by intees, from the powerfal arm of the civil law Constitution of a great free people, assured re-On, greatness so far as this earth exults in human riy, or inniversal peace pretentis to have chosen asylum, somebody interprets the voice of the