

Now, it is for us to perfect ourselves by these principles. We have received the gospel and have been baptized for the remission of our sins. Is there anything wrong in this? No, the Christian world profess to believe the Old and New Testaments; the Jews say they believe the Old Testament. We believe both, and that is not all, we believe in the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants given by the Lord to Joseph Smith and by him to the Church. We also believe if we were destitute of the Spirit of the Lord, and our eyes were closed so that we could not see and understand things as they are by the spirit of revelation, we might say farewell to all these books, no matter how numerous. If we had all the revelation given since the days of Adam and were without the spirit of revelation to be and abide in the midst of the people, it would be impossible for us to be saved in the celestial Kingdom of God. The world look upon us as a set of fanatics for believing this; but that does not matter at all to us. We have our course before us; the path for us to tread in is marked out. What is it? It is march on, march on, ye Latter-day Saints, to the higher orders of life in this world. March on, ye Latter-day Saints, until you are prepared to receive life everlasting in the presence of the Father and the Son. What matters it what the world say? that makes no difference to us, not in the least. But I will tell you what concerns us, to order our lives in accordance with the principles of the gospel that we have embraced. Let a Christian live his religion and he is honored and thought much of by his brethren and friends and acquaintances. And even the wicked contemplate a man or woman who lives his or her religion with a feeling of reverence, and they involuntarily honor that being who honors his God. The vilest wretch that lives on the face of the earth looks with reverence on a person who is a true follower of Jesus, and cannot help it. If we respect ourselves we will shape our lives accordingly. If we do so, we shall become pure and holy. Is there anything wrong in this? No; neither is there the least wrong in the world in acknowledging the hand of God in all things. If I had the skill given me to-day to construct a machine by which we could pass from nation to nation in the atmosphere as they now do on *terra firma* on the railway, would there be any harm in acknowledging God in this? I should receive the knowledge from Him; it is not independent and of myself. I am dependent upon Him for every breath I draw and for every blessing I receive. If you, ye nations or wise men of the earth, are not dependent upon Him, we would like to see you act independently. Let a man who thinks he has power independent of God—if there be such a man—take a grain of wheat, rye, barley, or a kernel of corn from the element God has ordained and organized for its development, and see if he can make it grow. All acknowledge that it can not be done. Well, then, there would be no harm in acknowledging God in all things. But, here I pause a moment; I do not mean that we should acknowledge the hand of God in a man or woman doing wrong; but I will acknowledge the hand of God in sustaining the individual while he does it. No matter what wrong a human being may commit he or she is sustained by the Almighty while doing it. But the act is of the creature and not the Creator. We should acknowledge the hand of God in all things. And if we do this we will live our religion a little better than we have.

O, ye my sisters, will not you improve a little? Shall I come to our own capacity here to-day? Yes; then let us look a little and see what is for our advantage. How many of my brethren and sisters are there who have a mint or a bank to go to with an inexhaustible fountain of wealth? None; we are poor. We gathered poor. It is true that we are decently clad; but why not go to the fields and take the straw and make your hats and bonnets, and save that means to send for the poor Saints. Would ten thousand dollars pay for the hats and bonnets worn by this congregation to-day? By no means. But suppose that we say five thousand, that amount had better be used in sending for the poor than in spending it in articles the material for which can be gathered and manufactured right here. I see a very few straw hats in this congregation to-day with straw trimmings, made by the hands of the wearers perhaps, and can you beat them for beauty with imported articles? No, you can not. Well, these are lessons we try to teach the people all the time. We teach men who have been in the factory all their lives how to prepare the ground, to plant potatoes,

corn, squash, cucumbers, onions, and cabbage, that they may have something to eat when the dreary storms of winter overtake them. And thus we teach the people how to live. This is our business. If you do not learn to live here, how can you live hereafter? If you do not understand the things of this life, how can you understand the things pertaining to the life to come? Just as the apostle says with regard to loving one another—"If you say you love God and hate your brother you deny your own words, for how can you hate him whom you have seen and love Him whom you have not seen?" You can not do it. We make the application here, how can we understand things a thousand years ahead if we do not understand what is here to-day? We take children, and teach the little girl to spin, weave, and to knit her stockings; and the boys to drive team, plow, to go to the field to hoe and prepare the ground, and to sow the seed so that they may have food to eat. What next? Why, say your prayers always before going to work. Never forget that. A father—the head of the family—should never miss calling his family together and dedicating himself and them to the Lord of Hosts, asking the guidance and direction of His holy spirit to lead them through the day—that very day. Lead us this day, guide us this day, preserve us this day, save us from sinning against Thee or any being in heaven or on earth this day! If we do this every day, the last day we live we will be prepared to enjoy a higher glory.

There is a little matter I want to speak upon to you, my sisters. It is a subject that is very obnoxious to outsiders. They have given us the credit for industry and prudence; but we have one doctrine in our faith that to their view is erroneous, and very bad; it is painful to think of. Shall I tell you what it is sisters? "Oh," says one, "I know what you mean, my husband has two, four, or half a dozen wives." Well, I want to tell the sisters how to free themselves from this odium as many of them consider it. This doctrine so hateful and annoying to the feelings of many, was revealed from heaven to Joseph Smith, and obedience is required to it by the Latter-day Saints,—this very principle will work out the moral salvation of the world. Do you believe it? It makes no difference whether you do or not, it is true. It is said that women rule among all nations; and if the women, not only in this congregation, territory and government, but the world, would rise up in the spirit and might of the holy gospel and make good men of those who are bad, and show them that they will be under the necessity of marrying a wife or else not have a woman at all, they would soon come to the mark. Yes, this odious doctrine will work out the moral reformation and salvation of this generation. People generally do not see it, my sisters do not see it, and I do not know that all the elders of Israel see it. But if this course be pursued, and we make this the rule of practice, it will force all men to take a wife. Then we will be satisfied with one wife. I should have been in the beginning; the one wife system would not have disagreed with me at all. If the prophet had said to me "Brother Brigham, you can never have but one wife at a time," I should have said, "glory, hallelujah, that is just what I like." But he said, "you will have to take more than one wife, and this order has to spread and increase until the inhabitants of the earth repent of their evils and men will do what is right towards the females. In this also I say glory, hallelujah. Do men do that which is right now? No. You see travelers—young, middleaged or old—roaming over the world, and ask them where their families are, and the answer will generally be "I have none." You go to the city of New York, and among the merchants there I doubt whether there is one man in three who has a wife. Go to the doctor and ask him "where is your wife and family?" and, "thank God I have none," will be his reply. It is the same with the lawyer. Ask him about his wife, and his reply will be, "O bless me, I haven't any, I say it to my praise I am not troubled with a family." You go to the parson, and were it not for his profession, the cloak of religion that is around him, not one in a thousand of them would have wife or children.

Do not be startled, my sisters; do not be at all afraid; just get influence enough among the daughters of Eve in the midst of this generation until you have power enough over the males to bring them to their senses so that they will act according to the rule of right, and you will see that we will be free at

once, and the elders of Israel will not be under the necessity of taking so many women. But we shall continue to do it until God tells us to stop, or until we pass into sin and iniquity, which will never be.

Do you see anything very bad in this? Just ask yourselves, historians, when was monogamy introduced on to the face of the earth? When those buccaneers, who settled on the peninsula where Rome now stands, could not steal women enough to have two or three apiece, they passed a law that a man should have but one woman. And this started monogamy and the downfall of the plurality system. In the days of Jesus, Rome, having dominion over Jerusalem, they carried out the doctrine more or less. This was the rise, start and foundation of the doctrine of monogamy; and never till then was there a law passed, that we have any knowledge of, that a man should have but one wife.

Now, sisters, I want you to see to this. I advise you to have faith and good works; be fervent in spirit and virtue, and try to live so as to bring the men to the standard of right, then we shall have no trouble at all. I believe that in Massachusetts they have only 27,000 more women than men; but that is not many. There is a cause, perhaps, for this. A good many young men go into the army, or go here or there. What is done with the Daughters of Eve? In many countries they stick them in the factories, into the fields, the coal mines, and into the streets—as I have seen hundreds of them—gathering manure, &c., working all day and getting a penny at night to buy a loaf of bread with. They stick some of them down into the iron works, under the ground to pack the ore, or into the building to lug off the iron. But the young men are sent to the wars. When England and the rest of the nations learn war no more, instead of passing a law in this or any other nation against a man having more than one wife, they will pass a law to make men do as they should in honoring the daughters of Eve and making wives of and providing for them. Will not this be a happy time? Yes, very fine. If you will produce this to-day I'll tell you what I would be willing to do, I would be willing to give up half or two-thirds of my wives, or to let the whole of them go, if it was necessary, if those who should take them would lead them to eternal salvation. And then you may have my daughters if you will only lead them in the way they should go that they may obtain eternal life. If you will teach them the gospel, how to live, how to honor their being, honor their God and live their religion. Do this and you are welcome to them. Would I get more wives? If I had a mind to; but if I had none at all it would be all right. If I have one it is all right, and if I should have a score it would be all right.

I mean to teach, pray and plead with the people to save themselves by hearkening to the commandments of God, and to live their religion so that we may get through a world of sin, darkness, ignorance and unbelief. Man is prone to wander as the sparks are to fly upwards. The spirit is warring with the flesh continually and the flesh against the spirit. Which will come off victorious? This will decide the destiny of all the inhabitants of the earth. If the spirit reigns triumphant and overcomes the body and its passions, that character will receive glory; but if the passions and sin, within the flesh, overcome the spirit and subdue it, that character will be lost. That is all there is of it. The Lord has done all on His part. His grace is sufficient; He has laid the plan of salvation for us to follow. Work on the square and all will be right. God bless you. Amen.

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By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

South Pass City, 22.—On the 11th inst. David Hughes and Benjamin Hurst, while on their way from North Platte to this place, with two wagons loaded with goods, were attacked about 80 miles east of here on the old overland road, by a band of the Peace Commissioners' lately galvanized peaceful Sioux Indians. Hayes was killed, Hurst made his escape, abandoning the wagons. Hayes was lately from Utah, but formerly of Iowa.

On the 20th Major N. Baldwin and five men of this place, while en route to Benton, Wyoming, were attacked by about 20 of the friends of Tecumseh, 65 miles east of here, on the same road. The party succeeded in killing three Indians and driving off the balance. Two

men, named Beach and Hurst, were severely wounded.

Last evening about 7 o'clock, Wm. Rose, Michael Welsh and Wm. Tweed were attacked by thirty Indians, five miles east of where Maj. Baldwin and party had their fight. Welsh succeeded in escaping, reaching here this evening. Two Indians were killed. When last seen by Welsh, Rose and Tweed were closely pursued by about twenty of the Indians, and he thinks they were killed. Rose was from Austin, Nevada; Tweed was lately from Montana. Much indignation is felt towards the military authorities who, after having been repeatedly asked for protection against the Indians, have left the citizens of this section at the mercy of the savages.

San Francisco, 23.—The trial of the California steam plow, yesterday, was pronounced a success. The machine moved at about the usual speed of a horse, cutting the earth six inches deep, and casting the weeds on one side, leaving the ground the same as if dug with a spade.

FOREIGN.

Advices from Havana state that during the summer the exodus amounted to 60,000 persons, many of whom have fled through fear of cholera. There have been 1,580 deaths from that disease.

London.—Despatches from Rio to July 31st, say that an attack was made on the Fortress of Humaita, July 16. On that morning the combined allied forces, under the command of the Marquis De Caxias, advanced to the assault in three columns, amounting in the aggregate to 10,000 men. At the same time a heavy fire was opened upon the fortifications from the fleet of iron clads, and the land batteries. After desperate and prolonged fighting at the foot of the entrenchments, the allied columns returned without effecting a lodgment within the enemies' works. The loss of the allies is reported at 3,000 killed and wounded. Nothing is known of the loss of the Paraguayans, but as they fought most of the time under the cover of their entrenchments, it is supposed that the number of their killed and wounded will fall far behind that of the allies. The allied forces in Granchie, also advanced with the object of cutting off the connection with Lopez in the forests. They found them defended by a large body of troops protected by breast-works. After a desperate fight the allies withdrew. The casualties in this battle are not stated. The hopes of the war party in Brazil rested on the success of this enterprise, and its failure will give a great impetus to the peace movement.

London.—A heart-rending calamity occurred in North Wales yesterday afternoon, whereby twenty-five persons lost their lives. A train of cars, from Holyhead, containing passengers and mails from Ireland, was proceeding towards Liverpool at the usual rate, and met with a sad accident at the little town of Abergele, in the county of Denbigh. A long train loaded with petroleum trucks had just been switched off on to a siding, to make way for the Irish mail, but the switchmen neglected to replace the switch, when a dreadful collision was the result. Seven persons, all passengers by the mail train, were killed outright, and many others badly injured. The cars in both trains were reduced to a shapeless mass. The concussion produced an explosion of the petroleum, which instantly enveloped both trains in flames, and before the fire could be subdued eighteen persons had been literally burned to ashes.

Hopper of a Malt Mill

LOST, one year ago last January, between Naylor & Bro.'s Blacksmith Shop and Edins' Brewery, on the State Road. Any person giving information that will lead to its recovery will be rewarded by
w29 1m JOHN EDDINS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE removed to the 20th Ward, one block east of the road to the Grave-yard, where I am prepared to weave all kinds of Cloth on the shortest notice and at moderate charges. Wool Rolls and Yarn wanted in exchange for Cloth. Cloth for sale.
w26 1m ROBERT McKAY.

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