PATRIOTISM OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED BY DIVINE INSPIRATION.

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(Reported by F. W. Otterstrom.)

It has been my experience and my privilege to recommend a great many of our returned missionaries for

many of our returned missionaries for positions that they have desired to fill. In applying to the companies that furnish securities, some of the great east, ern security companies, they have had to have a reference in relation to their integrity, their character, and their habits. In receiving letters from these security companies, almost invariably the questions have been asked: Are they users of tobacco? Do they indulge in strong drink? Have you ever seen them under the influence of liquor? When young men go to apply for positions, that is, positions of trust or importance, some of our great railroad companies, and other great corporations of the United States and of other nations, these questions are asked, and they look carefully into these things to know whether the young men are users of tobacco, and whether or not they ever indulge in strong drink; and they regard as much stronger and brighter, and more useful, the young men or the young women who have kept themselves free and clean from these things.

CLEAN LIFE THE GLORY OF GOD.

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I was remarkably impressed with an incident that happened in the state of New York, at a time when a crime had been committed, when a renegade son of one of our leading families had committed an overt act, which brought down upon us the indignation of the

down upon us the indignation of the whole population of that great city; and I wondered whether the lynch law would not be administered to us. This occurred on Friday night, and upon Saturday morning all the papers in the city were ablaze with this news, which was extremely sad and disappointing to ue; and upon Sunday morning the reporters of practically every paper in the city flocked into our meeting expecting to report something startling

pecting to report something startling and pecular of the emissaries of this "occult or mysterious religion." Of course, we welcomed them to our meet-

ing and talked pleasantly with them, and we told them we were glad to have our faith, our principles, and our lives advertised to the world. When the

Lord help us to do this, I ask in Jesus'

ELDER BEN E. RICH

President of Eastern States Mission

I feel, my brethren and sisters, that

no one needs the prayers of the people

of God more than I do, in occupying

this position, this morning. It has pleased the authorities of the Church,

pleased the authorities of the Church, and I believe, it has pleased my Heavenly Father—because I believe the authorities of the Church act under the inspiration of God, to transfer me from my old field of labor, in the Southern States mission, to the field recently vacated by Brother McQuarrie, who has just spoken to you. I believe I will find a great deal of happiness, pleasure and satisfaction in doing missionary work in that historic country. I said, in the Assembly hall yesterday, that to me it is sacred ground, on account of the marvelous things which our Father in Heaven has accomplished in that part of our country. I called attention to the fact that it was there the boy prophet went

ter, James and John came and restored the holy apostleship. Not only that, but as I said yesterday, it was in that section of the country that God caused the government of the United States to be formed. That was the work of

ELDER JOHN G. McQUARRIE.

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ciate this law, these rules; and just at this particular time when, practically, the whole professional and scientific world is coming to understand and Late President Eastern States Mission.

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In traveling through this uneven country of ours, whenever he reach any summits in the road, whether they be high or low, we instinctively stop to take our bearings; we want to determine where we are and what prognantial ways and allow our even through the strong arm of the civil law. any summits in the road, whether they be high or low, we instinctively stop to take our bearings; we want to determine where we are and what progress we have made, and allow our eyes to look as far as possible along the path or road that we are following. There is a striking analogy between such movements and our movements upon this mysterious current we call "time." There are periods in the lives

upon this mysterious current we call "time." There are periods in the lives of individuals, also of communities and organizations, when they instinctively stop to take their bearings, and try to determine what course they are taking, which way they are moving, and what progress they have made.

Only a short time ago, as a people, we were standing upon the summit of a century; reckoning time from the birth of our prophet, seer and revelator, and the organizer of the Church in this last great dispensation. Standing upon great dispensation. Standing upon that summit, it is probable that no line of history, from the creation to the present, affords such a splendid view present, affords such a splendid view or, such a grand chain of important events, that stretches from the White mountains of Vermont to the shores of the Great Salt Lake; also, when we turn to observe the stream of life and truth, and knowledge, that has been flowing in upon us, beaming upon the weeld there is nothing in all the the world, there is nothing in all the history of revelation to compare with it. In no particular period of the world has there been such a rapid inerease of knowledge and intelligence and power; and there have been many important events, revelations, manti-tations, of the presence and power of God which even exceed power of God which even exceed that of the transfiguration, for in this dispensation, both the Father and Son appeared to introduce this great "marvelous work and a wonder." with which we have the honor and the privilege of being connected or united

HARMONY OF TRUTH. HARMONY OF TRUTH.

I was reading an article written by one of the faculty of the Columbia college, in relation to the teaching of theology in the schools. He felt that we really needed and must have some kind of 'rellgion, some kind of ethical and morol teaching, but the problem that seemed to confront them was this not only the wide diversity of opinions between the Jew and the Christian, and between the various sects of Christianity, but the question was whether they had any real underlying principles of theology that they might make coherent with the principles of science, and whether they were prepared, at and whether they were prepared, at this time, to submit to a careful and thorough analysis the principles of re-ligion, the dogmas that were being ligion, the dogmas that were being taught, and whether they would stand the same critical examination that other principles of truth might stand. In submitting and bringing these in contact with each other, there was the question as to whether it would really develop or shatter the faith of the students, whose minds they were trying to instill with love of God and belief in a divine Creator. When I read this I thought, how grateful we should be, as Latter-day Saints, that we have had revealed unto us principles of truth which are coherent with all other principles of truth, and that they will readily fit in with any knowledge that may be revealed to us, either from the may be revealed to us, either from the heavens above or from the earth beneath—anything that we can gain from astronomy or from geology or from any of the other manifestations of God's creation; we may be assured they will not run counter to the ethical and moral truths and principles which He has revealed unto

a summary published in one of our cientific journals, this statement scientific journals, this statement was made, that perhaps the greatest dis-covery of the nineteenta century, after summing up all, was that there is no place, space, or condition that is be-This is only a rather faint way, or another way, of expessing the information received in a revelation given on received in a revelation given prough Joseph Smith, to the effect that rough Joseph Smith, to the effect that tere is no space without a kingdom, all no kingdom without space, no kingtom without law; and that all things ere created, controlled and developed havineny with law; and also that tere was a law irrevocably decreed in eaven upon which every blessing was redicated. If this little bit of infortation had been understood by the achiers, of philosophy and theology, was through the centuries what a n through the centuries, what a derful difference it would have le in the establishment of truth in

DARWIN THEORY FALSE.

The theory of Darwin, in relation to olution, has perhaps destroyed the ith of more people than anything se; it seemed to run so directly count to the interpretation placed upon e Scriptures, by those at least whose is siness seemed to be to interpret these reputers. But a short time before the country of led their arguments and hurled magainst what was then consid-d to be the battlements of divine the we received a revelation, through prophet, in relation to the problem mystery of life. In this revelation statement was made that the prince of life was not created but always. of life was not created but always eternally existed, like the princi-of chemistry and other eternal or principles of power. A great ch scientist, in an article lately

him to cross the mighty waters and visit the land upon which were dwelling a remnant of His people. God showed him in him to cross the mighty waters and visit the land upon which were dwelling a remnant of His people. God showed him in vision how others would cross that water, and how eventually, the Spirit of God would move upon them and cause them to break loose from their mother country. And in that vision it was revealed to the prophet that, in the war between the people who had gathered upon this sacred land, and the people of their mother country, the power of God was with the people here in organizing an independent government upon the land of Zion. We believe, as part, of our religion, that the contents of this book came from God, and, therefore, that the organization of the government of the United States was accomplished by the power of God is also a part of the Mormon faith, and they can not be untrue to it. They do more than any other church upon the face of the earth for the United States government; they are making many sacrifices to keep an army of two thousand young men out in all the civilized nations of the earth, trying to convert men of every government upon the earth to believe in in all the civilized nations of the earth, trying to convert men of every government upon the earth to believe in the divinity and sacredness of the Book of Mormon, and therefore to believe that there is an earthly government upon the face of the earth that God Himself had a hand in organizing. No man is baptized into the Mormon Church, whether it be in the United States, England, Germany, or any other country, who does not accept as a part of that faith these truths that I have uttered concerning the government of the United States. This is the reason that we love the government. ment of the United States. This is the reason that we love the government. This is the reason that our aged president, a few years ago, one who has now passed behind the vell, when the government stood face to face with war with Spain, the venerable prophet of God advised the youth of Israel to stand for the flag, and offer their lives in defense of the government of the stand for the flag, and offer their lives in defense of the government of the United States. It was on account of this portion of their religion, that when they were driven from the confines of the United States, they clung close to and cherished the banner representing the government, and brought it with them to what was then a part of Mexico.

CHURCH IMPREGNABLE. It is too late in the day for people to organize themselves into a party on the false basis that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is antagonistic to the government of the United States; and it is also too late in the day for them to taunt us by saying that we dare not disobey the men who stand at the head of the Church. I want to place myself on record that who stand at the head of the Church. I want to place myself on record that I have never heard a particle of counsel coming from a man who has stood at the head of the Church, that is not just and right. It is always good and safe counsel; and every individual who as membership in the Church can look the enemies of these men in the face and say: Yes, I stand solidly for our leaders in every way, shape and manner, and I propose to have my children do so, for in standing by them I find more safety than with those who filng villifications at them. It is true that e may have a testimony of the gosal today and, by our own acts, we may lose it tomorrow, but as long as we cling to the light, we will vote not only twice a year but three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, to sustain the men who stand at the head of the Church. I said yesterday that their enemies are the enemies of this people. What their enemies would do to them they would do to you if pcople. What their enemies would do to them, they would do to you, if they had the power; and that has been demonstrated.

CHURCH, NOT INDIVIDUALS, ATTACKED.

our faith, our principles, and our lives advertised to the world. When the account came out next morning, instead of what some of us expected—a fierce arraignment—they said that, to their surprise, instead of meeting a lot of peculiar, long-bearded, mysterious looking men, they met a company of young men who looked like college gradvates; and they said further, "these missionaries have that clear look which indicates clean living." I thought, this is really the way to glorify our Father in heaven; and if we will observe these laws, and if we will incorporate into our lives these divine principles of truth, we need not fear for our reputation; we will carry upon our faces, upon our countenances, the testimony of our lives, and we will reflect there the glory of our Father in heaven. To me, it becomes our bounden duly to do these things, especially in view of the great claims that we make and the sacred name that we bear—that of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. May the Lord help us to do this, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen. I do not know whether I am tread-I do not know whether I am treading upon dangerous and forbidden ground or not; no one has warned me. I remember the time when Brother Roberts was elected to a political office on the Democratic ticket. There were members of this Church who went from one end of the state to the other trying to defeat him—I was one of that number; that may be the reason he was elected—but when the enemies of this people got ready for reason he was elected—but when the enemies of this people got ready for the attack it was not on B. H. Roberts; it turned upon the Church. The fight ended in the house of representatives of the United States. So it was when the Republican party elected Senator Smoot; the fight was not on him; it was on you just as much as it was on. was on you just as much as it was on

God has restored His Priesthood to the earth. Sometimes the evil one se-lects one man and sometimes another, but always he demonstrates that it is fighting. Probably I feel this keenly because I am kept out in the missionary field free from political strife, not mingling in your political quarrels. As long as a young man does his duty in the missionary field, he prays with all carnestness for the prophets, seers and revelators who stand at the head of the

EITTERNESS OF BACKSLIDERS. I have heard men, sons of prominent men in the Church, bear solemn testi-menies that they knew Joseph Smith was a prophet of God; I have heard them give counsel and advice to young men in the missionary field, whom they incidentally met, counseling them, by the spirit they then possessed, to stand by the authorities of the Church. Then by the authorities of the Church. Then I have seen them, when their fathers—who seemed to be the anchors of their faith—passed to the the other side, turn with all the hideousness of a rattle-snake, against the very men that they pretended to support before. I have often wondered whether, if their fathers had continued to live, they would have continued to bear the former testiment. Perhaps it is good to take restimony. Perhaps it is good to take man's fathers away from them, at times, so the children can exercise their own free agency, that God may know how a man is for himself.

A TESTIMONY FOR ALL.

country. I called attention to the fact that it was there the boy prophet went cut into the woods and prayed for light and knowledge, and did not call upon the Lord in vain. It was there the angel Moroni appeared to the prophet, and delivered to him the sacred records containing the history, both religious and civil, of one-half of the world. It was there this prophet and his brother, the patriarch were born. It was there the Church was organized and where the Lord raised up three men to bear witness unto all the world that they had beheld the plates, had seen the angel, and heard the voice of God bearing record of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. It was there that the priesthood of God was restored and that John the Baptist came and gave There is not a young man in this audience but has the right, if he lives for it, to know that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God, to know that this is a prophet of God, to know that this work is true, just as well as these brethren on the stand. God is no respecter of persons. I do not bear testimony to the truthfulness of the work of God because some of these authorities or all of them bear that testimony. I knew it before I ever saw a majority of these brethren; I know it as well as they know it, and that is the privilege of every member of this Church. When God does give us that testimony, and we are living under the influence of the Spirit that comes from on high, we will sustain the men who are the priesthood of God was restored and that John the Baptist came and gave authority to lead mankind down into the waters of baptism. There also, Pe-ter, James and John came and restored the belie available.

ren whom God has given to us as prophets, seers and revelators; whether it plenses the world or not, it will please God. May His blessings be upon you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS,

(President of the Southern States Mission.)

I pray you, my brethern and sisters, that I may have the benefit of your faith and prayers while I speak unto you. The sole desire of my heart is to say these things that it would please the Lord to have me tell unto

As I listened to the instructions of the servants of God, yesterday and throughout this conference. I felt in my soul that it was a blessed privilege to enjoy the presence and the counsels of the general authorities of the Church. As we have been told, we have been reproved for things we were guilty of; yet it is said that the rebuke of a friend is just, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." One of the ancient prophets, in lamenting the downfall of Israel, stated as one of the reasons for the deeline of giory and for the blessings of the Lord being taken from him was that he could not receive correction. The instructions that have been imparted unto us this day will make for righteousness in our lives; and I for one—and I know that we all feel likewise—feel to accept these instructions in the spirit in which they were given, and demonstrate unto the Lord that we love his servants and show our appreciation of their counsels by living up to the principles of the Gospel, which they teach us from time to time. you,
As I listened to the instructions of to time.

CHEERING NEWS FROM MISSION FIELD.

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We bring you cheering news from the mission field. Your sons are bearing aloft the royal standard, of the Gospel in a creditable manner. People marvel at the influence which these young men wield, but they forget that a life of unselfishness and love and devotion to duty not only strengthens us with our own people but magnifies us in the eyes of those who are not of our faith, and in building up each other, we are only building up each other, we are only building up ourselves. One of the reasons for the strength of this gospel and for the influence which your sons wield in the mission field is this; they speak under the power of the Holy Ghost carries their words, their instructions into the hearts of the childen of men. One of the reasons for the decay of religious thought in the world today is that men are teaching solely by the learning of men; they are not relying upon the power and influence of the Holy Ghost. The prophet has said: "To be learned is good, if you obey the counsels of God;" but, my brethren and sisters, when it comes to a choice between the when it comes to a choice between the two, when it comes to that which makes most for righteousness, personal goodness will count more in the battle of life and in the building up of our fellow man, in the development of character, than will mere intellectual knowledge.

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The very power of this people lies in the fact that they are obedient to God, and to be obedient is to please Him, and not to debase themselves. I am sure that the Latter-day Saints feel this way today, and that from their hearts they can exclaim with the apostile Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, because it is the power of God unto salvation, unto every one that believeth." Now we discover the reason for the opposition to this system of religion called Mormonism; it is because it is the power of God unto salvation; it is because the principles of this gospel are making headway in the world. The gospel is making substantial progress in the nations of the earth; go where you will, the light of stantial progress in the nations of the earth; go where you will, the light of the gospel is spreading, and the principles of this gospel are not so new and strange to the world as they were three or four decades ago. You talk to men about the principles of revelation; they are beginning to believe in that principle, and men are no longer scoffing at the Prophet Joseph Smith—that is men of understanding men with is, men of understanding, men with unbiased minds, men who do not read this history of Mormonism with their prejudices, but read it with their eyes; these men with liberality of thought are beginning to see in the Prophet Joseph Smith a man of God, a prophet of Israel who enunciated and taught these glorious saving principles to all these glorious saving principles to all the world for the salvation of mankind. The Lord has said that some men shall see signs, but not unto salvation. The greatness of this work is apparent to fair minded men, while others are fighting the work, because their minds are prejudiced, and they do not discern the work, because their minds are prejudiced, and they do not discern its glory, its virtue, and its power. When Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, there were men who power. When Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, there were men who marveled at the miracle and believed in Christ; and there were also men who, filled with envy and hate, straightway went unto the Scribes and Pharisees and prejudiced them still more against the Son of God. When the Savior healed the blind man, restored his sight, he who was blind was summoned before the Jewish tribunal. They tried to make him believe that Jesus was a sinner, that his sight had not been restored by the power of God. This excited marvel and wonder in the mind of the man who had been afflicted, and he said: "It is a marvel to me that you men, who are steeped in the knowledge of the Scripture, who are knowledge of the Scripture, who are learned according to the laws of your church, it is a marvel to me that you can not see that this was done by the power of God." So it is with us today; it is a marvel unto us, or to many of us, that men seeing the greatness of this work do not discern its virtue, its beauty, and the only motive it has, which is the uplifting and the benefit of mankind, because, God being our witness, our hearts are filled with love for the children of men and duty to God, and this creates in us a love for

for the children of men and duty to God, and this creates in us a love for our fellow creatures.

Well, my brethren and sisters, we know in our lives this gospel has been the power of God unto salvation. When the Lord was born, when that heavenly song was sung, when that message of good will was given to the earth, "Peace on earth and good will to man," it was met by persecution; it was and the control of th "Peace on earth and good will to man,"
it was met by persecution: it was answered by hate; it was replied to with
murder. What was there in that innocent babe of Bethlehem to excite the
envy and hate of the world? It had
not wealth; it had not high earthly
station; it was born amid humble surroundings, but the adversary recorbest continued of power. A great many should be controlled in the power of the country that through their checked in the the Distance of the controlled and the controlled in the power of the controlled in the power of the controlled in the power of the Of course we are selling

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and our mission is definite, we have an object in view, and this object makes us strong, even the object of preparing the world for the glorious second eming of the Redeemer. To this our mission we will be true, and though men persecute us, we will pursue the even tenor of our ways and preach the Gospel of Love.

You remember reading that when the Grecian nation was in danger of invasion, two statesmen were dis-cussing the best means of repelling the invader, and one of the statesmen could not meet the logic of the other, with logic, he grew angry and went with logic, he grew angry and went to strike his opponent, but the latter said: "Strike if you will, but listen." We say to you, if you must persecute us, we will accept it in the spirit of Christ. Strike, if you must, but listen—listen to our message, for it is important to you. It is the Gospe! of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brethren and sisters, the schooling we are receiving the arduous labors we are performing are good for the Latter-day Saints. The poet said: The poet said:

This is a scene of combat-not of Man's life is a laborious one at best; On this side death, his labors never

joys are joys of conquest--not

Every Latter-day Saint can preach the Gospel. It is not given to every-body to go out into the mission field, but it is given to us all to pay our tithes and our offerings, that houses may be built to the worship of God; and, as the Lord has said, if we labor all the days of our lives and bring but one soul unto the knowledge of Christ, how great shall be our joy with that soul in the kingdom of our God. So you, my brethren and sisters, who are not on the "firing line," you can live good true lives at home. By paying your tithes you are assisting in erecting meetinghouses in the world as well as in Zion, and in those places of worship men and women will meet

and they will listen to the Gospel of the Redeemer. Their souls will be turned unto God, and in the day that we shall be rewarded for the deeds done in the body, you people whose money has been expended in building these houses, you shall have joy with the souls of men who have been saved by reason of your generosity in giv-

ing of your means to build up the ling of your means to build up the kingdom of God.

I pray that the light of the Gospci of Christ may spread throughout the earth, as the good old hymn says:

"Thy Swift messengers are treading

Thy high courts where princes dwell,
And thy glorious light is spreading;

Zion prospers, all is well!"
May Zion continue to prosper; may
the gospel continue to spread, until
every son and daughter of God basks in the sunlight of the everlasting gos-pel, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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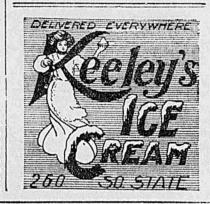
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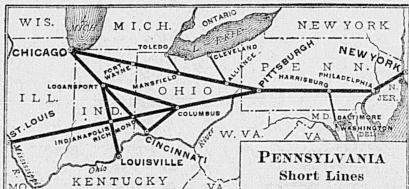
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