

more. As Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Now, if we are philosophers, if we are men of wisdom, if we are students of the principles of intelligence and of truth, why certainly we will make a wise selection, we will elect to serve Him who created us, and we trust that God our heavenly Father when He has so far matured His purposes, which are essential to the consummation of the end for which He has permitted this crusade to be waged against us, will be pleased to soften the hearts of those around us as He did in former dispensations, and as He has done with our own nation in our own day—that He will mould and temper the dispositions of men, and that He will make the wrath of man to praise Him and the residue He will restrain. May God grant this, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PEOPLE.

HYPOCRISY OF THE CRUSADERS, AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE FAITHFUL.

The topic of the hour being the half-mast of our national ensign on the Fourth, I would like to give expression to a few of my thoughts regarding it. My path may be wrought with danger from these crusaders, falsifiers and feeblings, who are so industriously prying into other than their own business, but being one of the wronged and "down trodden" women who have created so much sympathy (?) in the outside world, and remembering too, that some of them have been urged to "sing and would not," I will venture and trust to the lenity (?) of the judges, should a discordant sound seem to grate upon anyone's o'er sensitive ears. I wish to say, with all due respect to those who differ from me, that I was greatly pleased with the half-masting on the 4th, though I did not know who might be the instigator. I thought it a most appropriate symbol, and it so accorded with every feeling of my heart that I could not feel sorry, nor wish it otherwise, though a few appeared fearful of the consequences. I looked upon it as an act of Providence, particularly when it stirred up so much fury and gall, which had been so long seeking and bubbling from the holes and dens, whence proceeded such a sulphuric odor, with shrieks of offended virtue (?) treason, and insult to the flag; and where no voice can be heard advocating justice, truth or mercy towards the weak or helpless victims of their spleen. Up to that date I confess that I had remained in blissful ignorance of its being a criminal act to float one flag at half-mast. Although I was born and reared among American patriots, and from my earliest remembrance I was an enthusiast in the matter of country, and the glorious stars and stripes. I had prided myself in the thought that I was born in a land of freedom and equal rights, that claimed to be a home for the oppressed of all nations who might choose to come under its banner to enjoy "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

All religious rights and privileges were guaranteed to us, and were made more sacred by the long years of suffering and sorrow, and privation which it cost our fathers and mothers to gain this blessed boon to bequeath to their posterity, that they might be forever freed from the tyrant's yoke. But, like a night vision, it has passed away, and behold we are now living in another age, when counterfeit and law-twisting have become so common that we need not be astonished at anything, since witnessing the various and peculiar scenes that have been enacted, particularly during the last few months, with the farcical ending of the Fourth and Twenty-fourth of July.

The amount of our nation's indebtedness for the timely service rendered on the Fourth, by some of their virtue-loving (?) and whisky-inspired "patriots," in defense of "freedom and equal rights," in connection with men who have figured as rebels and traitors to our Stars and Stripes, and are now flaunting their "loyalty" in the faces of those who, under no circumstances, could be tempted to desert it, I am sure can never be counted.

Query, what flag would now be floating over their "loyal" heads had the confederates proved victorious?

And if all the grand preparations made four years ago to celebrate independence day could be exchanged for that of mourning for President Garfield, how could sensible people pronounce it reasonable for us to so express our grief over the fearful condition in which we see our beloved country, and our rights, which are being wrenched from us one by one by wicked and ungodly men.

"When the wicked rule the people mourn." Methinks could they have but the slightest glimpse of the torment which they are laying up for themselves, they would call a halt, and hasten to "cast dust upon their heads" and "gird themselves with sackcloth and ashes," and "keep silence," instead of wasting their time and breath, calling for military forces to devastate and lay waste the peaceful homes of a people who have never manifested anything but kindness and good will towards their fellow beings.

How long they have been seeking some plausible excuse that they might accomplish their fiendish purpose,

which seemed matured, and, to all appearance, to be carried into effect on Pioneer day! The "veterans" of the Grand Army of the Republic were held in readiness "armed and equipped," to bring about "a speedy and effectual settlement of the whole Mormon business." But, behold, again have they been defeated. Yes, in a most marvelous manner has the Lord shown forth His power in behalf of an innocent people.

By the death of General Grant that spirit of murder and rapine was held at bay. The very act which they called treason and an "insult to the flag," and which they intended to prevent, should there be another like occurrence, they were themselves compelled to perform, through the dispensation of an Allwise Providence, that which our people had no intention of repeating. And the order to do so was issued by Governor Murray, who was first and foremost in proclaiming it an "outrage" in the "Mormons," and calling down vengeance upon their heads.

Thus has our deliverance come, and again the Lord has turned the wrath of the wicked to His praise.

Do they know who it was that pioneered to these distant regions and were the first to plow and plant and make these waste places smooth, and barren vales to blossom as the rose? And who unfolded to the breeze the first stars and stripes that ever floated above the basin of the Great Salt Lake! It was our fathers and husbands, some of whom are now resting under the soil, which their hands helped to cultivate and make fruitful, and who hastened to place the ensign on its highest peak—inviting all nations to its glory. And after all the years of toil and bitter privations which were endured with scarce a murmur, some of those very men who pioneered to these savage wilds, and on whose shoulders have rested the burden, now, in the decline of life, are driven as exiles from their homes, which are made doubly dear by recollections of the past, the hardships and struggles which it has cost them to gain these heaven-bestowed comforts, and the fact that some of their most faithful friends are incarcerated in prisons, while their families are left without their protection and support.

We also see our delicate women and little children treated in a similar manner, and all through the instrumentality of these "holy crusaders," who are carrying on this high-handed robbery in the name of law. It is either because it endangers their favorite institutions, or it best serves them as an excuse. Morality does not have a straw's weight in the minds of these dignitaries; nor do they anticipate any evils from plural marriage. To convict by regular methods and under constitutional laws of the land they have found impossible; and even the Edmunds Act, which was thought to be sufficient has failed to accomplish their purpose. Nothing short of a reign of terror will satisfy the fiends who have tried so hard, and have so ignominiously failed, to place us within their crucible. This fact becomes more apparent every day. They have thrown off the gauzy mask, under which they have sought to hide their true inwardness, and now show their real intentions.

Our persecutors, without knowing it, are adding testimony upon testimony to the truth of "Mormonism," and their present course is rushing them with greater speed to its destruction. The old Saints who have remained true to their covenants, feel as though they had suffered enough through being mixed up with Babylon, and that the sooner there is a line drawn between them and that class who are willing to come to Satan's terms—to bow, smile or frown at his bidding, together with the proud and haughty, who have become lifted up until they are ready to fall from the pinnacle of their own greatness into the fathomless gulf, which stands open, ready to receive them, the quicker will come deliverance to this people.

The truly noble and on whom the candle of God is shining brighter and brighter, are often found in the lowly walks of life, and such may well afford to take heart and "wait till the clouds roll by." We need to not only arm ourselves with truth, and not slumber, but also be awake and on the watch tower to guard every point against their attacks. No Latter-day Saint can afford to forsake his religion, or to yield up any principle to escape a few years of trouble. For though they may persecute and imprison during this life, we have in view our future salvation, and an eternity of liberty and perfect happiness is lying before us, as well as an eternity of misery, from which we are all at liberty to make our choice.

Those who have not the courage and stamina to hold to the principles of their faith and boldly face the hypocrite and liar, who, by intrigue and plotting, are trying to defeat God's grandest purposes, in separating husbands and wives, etc., are cowards indeed and unworthy the name of Latter-day Saint. He will disown such because they are not valiant for the truth.

Let the weak and doubting and those who think that our strength depends on numbers, read the words of the Lord to Gideon. "Peace be unto thee; fear not, thou shalt not die."

"And the Lord said unto Gideon, the people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, mine own hand

hath saved me. * * * Whosoever is fearful and afraid let him return and depart early from Mount Gilead; and there returned of the people twenty and two thousand, and there remained ten thousand."

And yet there were too many, and He said to Gideon, "Bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there."

But three hundred men lapped the water, "putting their hand to their mouth." And the Lord said unto Gideon, "By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand, and let all the other people go every man into his place."

Their foes "lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitudes; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea-side for multitude."

If this people will do their part, the powers of the Almighty will be made manifest in their behalf, in as wonderful a manner as it was then. And we have nothing to fear from the wicked, whose foundation we can see is of sand, and their weapons but lies.

We are standing before them as did Daniel, and the three brethren who refused to worship the golden image which Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

If you "Mormons" will come under this law which we wise (?) men have caused to be made, "well," but if not you must suffer the full penalty attached thereto. No doubt they say, like Nebuchadnezzar, "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"

But as the same God is still ruling the universe, we can rely on Him and His "veteran" armies, who are held in readiness, "armed and equipped," to defend the innocent, whose religious and constitutional rights are being taken away, though Congress can claim no right whatever to interfere with the free exercise of one's faith and religion.

The only thing to be feared is the displeasure of that God who delivered His servants—Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. "If it be so, our God whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and He will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

H. M. WHITNEY.

THE MOUTH-BREATHING HABIT.

AN AFFECTION THAT DISTORTS THE FEATURES FOR LIFE AND CAUSES GRAVE DISEASES.

While a reporter was in the office of a well-known physician of this city the latter asked him if he had noticed a young man who had just passed out. The reporter answered that he had, because he thought he had met the young man in Brooklyn a short time before.

"That was probably another person suffering from the same trouble," said the doctor. "This is a curious affliction. It is more common than is supposed, occurs in infancy, at manhood, and at middle age, and causes a great deal of suffering; yet it is a strange thing that people in general do not seem to pay any attention to this affection when occurring in their own families, in spite of the manner in which it distorts the face, until some actual disease sets in, and medical aid is necessary. Even physicians do not seem to reflect that this trouble may cause any one of a large number of diseases affecting the system in general."

"Why," continued the doctor, "you can tell one of these mouth-breathers anywhere you see him. From disease of the nose his lips are retracted, his mouth is continually open, his gums recede and his teeth protrude, particularly those in the upper jaw; the flesh that forms the lower part of the nostrils is shrunken, the openings of the nostrils are diminished in size, there are wrinkles at the outer edges of the eyes and deep lines run from the nostrils and the angles of the mouth. These all give the person either an expression of idleness, silliness or suffering."

"But the principal thing I want to call your attention to," said the doctor, "is the necessity of parents and nurses watching children when they fall asleep and preventing them from breathing with their mouths open. In grown persons, disease of the nose or throat may lead to mouth-breathing and the resulting distortion of the features, but it is the other way with children. They should be taught to use the mouth for eating and speaking only, and if they fall asleep with their mouths open the lips should be gently pressed together. Thus many constitutional diseases, such as spinal trouble, pigeon-breast and perhaps even rickets may be avoided, not to speak of affections of the nose and throat."

It seems that medical men are not the only ones who have studied more or less carefully that habit of mouth-breathing. George Catlin, the portrait of American Indian life and customs, claimed in one of his works that it was a known fact that a man can inhale mephitic vapor through his nose for a certain time in the bottom of a well without harm, but if he opened his mouth to answer a question or call for help, his lungs are closed and he expires. Catlin says:

"I have seen a poor Indian woman in the wilderness lowering her baby from her breast and pressing its lips together as it falls asleep." Among

2,000,000 people he found that deafness, dumbness, spinal curvature, and deaths from teething and diseases of the respiratory passages were almost unknown. He attributes the exemption from these ailments so very common in civilized life solely to the habit of breathing through the nose.—N. Y. World.

AN ITALIAN PROVERB.—There is in Rome a slow vanishing of the picturesque; but, although a Roman princess may wear a modern gown, and retain nothing of the past but her splendid jewels, she is the same proud lady that she was, or that her great grandmother was, and she, like her, repels any intimacy or familiarity beyond a certain point. One very important thing is that they never wish to be touched. In our country a lady talking to another will often lay her hand on her friend's arm; this is considered a very great and objectionable familiarity by an Italian. "Never touch the person; it is sacred," is an Italian proverb.

A lady in Italian society, to be very polite, will shake hands when introduced to an American the first time, but she rarely extends her hand the second time; she makes a deep and graceful courtesy. If her friend is in affliction, she comes, takes her hand, and presses it to her heart; but there is nothing of a free-and-easy caressing, none of that indiscriminate kissing, nothing like the superficial intimacy which we observe between American women, and which so often ends in a quarrel. There are but few quarrels between Italian grande dames, but when one does happen it is apt to be a serious one.—Paris Paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ABOUT BEES AND HONEY.

SALT LAKE CITY, August 15, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

As the bee season is advancing I will advance a few more items in the bee interests, and compare notes as to the progress of my own bee farm. I have taken pains to watch the moves of my colonies and selected one of my leading hives as an indicator for the rest, and will give a statement of the number of pounds taken and dates of extracting, which will give the variations of the season, and expect to do so during the season, carefully weighing the honey extracted each time.

Up to yesterday the result with this observation hive is as follows:

June 25th, 1885, extracted 45 lbs.; July 3, 70 lbs.; July 8, 40 lbs.; July 14, 55 lbs.; July 23, 60 lbs.; July 30, 50 lbs.; August 10, 50 lbs.; August 14, 27 lbs.; total, 397 lbs., the most in one day's work being 10 lbs., and it will be seen by the last that in four days only 27 lbs. were ready, less than 7 lbs. per day. The fore part of this week, after the rain, honey in the field was scarce, as was very apparent to many of the bee masters, the bees being eager to rob honey while working with them, so much so that some had to cease to extract.

From my apiary I have taken in all this season 3,697 lbs., beginning with 46 hives, and have increased them to upwards of 70 swarms. My absence from home on a mission last year reduced my colonies, which is not uncommon under such circumstances, as bees must have attention as well as all other branches of business or they will not pay good returns.

This in most localities has been a very profitable season for bee-keepers. Brother George Bailey, of Mill Creek, told me last week that he had already taken 5,000 pounds of honey with the aid of his son and wife, who by the way is very efficient and more than equal in the business to most men.

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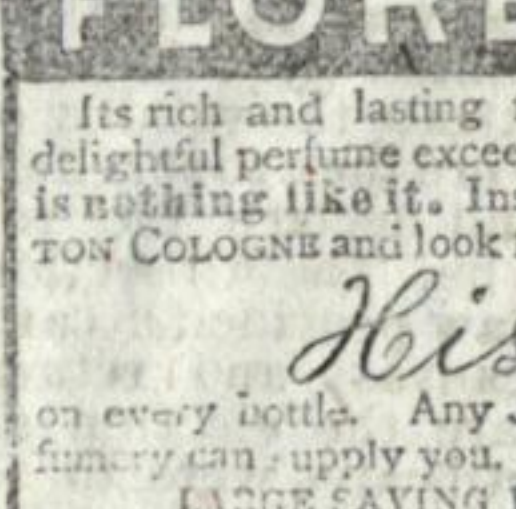
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