

tion as full of tradition as the inhabitants of the earth were in the days of Noah, and almost as unbelieving as that generation were? He had to combat the errors of our forefathers which had been handed down for generations. He built upon the same foundation that Jesus and the Apostles built upon. He preached the same gospel accompanied by the same ordinances that they preached. He organized the Church in the same way, with the same gifts and blessings, and the same Spirit accompanied the gospel to those who believed. The elders went forth calling upon the children of men to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, and have hands laid upon them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. And the testimony was, that if they obeyed the gospel they would receive that Spirit. Did the Lord sustain that testimony by giving the Holy Ghost from the Heavens? He did, as every faithful man and woman in this Church knows and can bear testimony to before God, angels and men. This was a great work. He lived until he sent the gospel to the nations of the earth; he built temples, gave endowments to the Twelve and others, and told them that they must bear off this kingdom. He accomplished all that the Lord required of him, and he sealed his testimony with his blood; and his testimony is in force to-day. Had Joseph Smith shrunk from the duty which God required of him; had he said, "It is unpopular, I will not make as much by preaching the gospel as if I were to let it alone, I will only be persecuted," the consequence would have been he would have been damned. The Lord would have taken the priesthood from him, and held him responsible for the testimony He had given him. We are all in this position. If we do not do our duty and bear a faithful testimony to this generation, the Lord will hold us responsible. This generation, who have shed the blood of Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum and others of the anointed of God, are held responsible for so doing before high Heaven, and the judgments of God will follow them for shedding innocent blood.

But did the kingdom stop when the prophets were put to death? No, for it is the kingdom of God. It fell to the lot of brother Brigham Young to receive the priesthood and hold the keys of the kingdom. You who have been acquainted with him for the past thirty years know his life. You know what he has accomplished. I have traveled many thousands of miles with him, and have been familiar with his labors. No man ever lived in the flesh who traveled more miles to carry salvation to the children of men, who preached more and did more for the redemption of mankind and to carry out the purposes of God, during thirty years, than he has done and is doing. The Lord has sustained him, for He is going to cut his work short in righteousness. He is determined to build up His kingdom as He has promised. Did you ever see an elder refuse when called upon to go on a mission to preach the gospel? Hardly one in five thousand. This is because they are true and faithful unto God. The Spirit of God is in them. The Lord has planted that Spirit in them that they might go and work to build up this kingdom.

The world feel to-day concerning "Mormonism" and this people as they did in the days of Noah and Lot concerning the revelations of God and those who believed them then. But what of it? The unbelief of men does not make the work of God of no effect. The Lord requires faithfulness at our hands; and if we do not do our duty we will be held responsible before high Heaven for the use we make of the Holy Priesthood which has been bestowed upon us.

While I sat and gazed, last Conference, upon the vast assembly of elders who were here in this Tabernacle, I thought of the words of Isaiah, when his mind was opened and he looked in vision upon the future. Said he, "Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted." What do you see, Isaiah, that should cause you to break forth in such language as this? I see what the gods of eternity see. I see what all the prophets and patriarchs before me have seen,—that the Lord Almighty will build up His Zion upon the earth in great power and glory in the latter days. Yes, "But Zion said, the Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will not I forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls

are continually before me. Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee." (Elder Woodruff quoted from the 13th to the 26th verse of Isaiah 49th chap; the 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 verses of the 52d chap.; and the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15 and 22 verses of the 60th chap.)

Thus chapter after chapter he goes on to declare that Zion's strength is in the Lord Almighty; and His strength is with her because of her faithfulness and integrity. If the elders of Israel had the vision of their minds opened to see Zion in her beauty and glory, they would have no time to sin or do evil; but they would rise up in the strength of the Lord God of Israel and accomplish all that He requires at their hands. Zion is yet in her weakness, but the little one shall become thousands, and the small one a great nation. We talk of the future and of the promises of God to us. They are worthy to be talked of, worthy to be lived for, and to rejoice over, because they are true.

We have warned our own and other nations; and so far our garments are clear of the blood of this generation. There never were men in the flesh who labored harder and tried more to fulfil the commandments of God than the elders of this Church have done. Some of our elders have traveled over 100,000 miles in thirty years to preach the gospel and build up the kingdom of God; and the Lord Almighty has labored with us.

I have an anxiety—a strong desire, to see the people of the Latter-day Saints—the inhabitants of Zion, rise up and put on their strength. I desire to see them increase in the knowledge of the truth, in faith and good works, and in the knowledge of the things of the kingdom of God. The Lord is not pleased with wickedness and sin. Let any man look at our own beloved country. There is more crime now committed in ten years in it, than used to be in a century. Will the Lord bear with this? No, He will not. He has already destroyed two great and powerful nations that dwelt on this continent, and the remnants of another are scattered over the country in the miserable few who bear the marks of the curse of God upon them—the Indians. If men shed innocent blood, do wickedly and work iniquity, the seed that they sow they must reap the harvest of.

If the Latter-day Saints, to whom the Lord has revealed the light and truth of the gospel, were to prove unfaithful and rebel against God, they would be cursed below any people on the earth, below even these miserable Lamanites that we see wandering around our settlements; for we know more than they or their fathers knew; we know better what the mind and will of God is. It is that knowledge that has sustained us for the last thirty years, and over. We know this is the kingdom of God; that we are the friends of God; that the kingdom will stand; and woe be to that nation, kindred, tongue or people, to that individual or family under the whole heaven that lifts a hand against the Lord's anointed or against the friends of God, for they will feel the chastening hand of God. We wish this generation well, and we have labored hard to try and save them. Whether men believe or disbelieve is nothing to us; it is our business to keep the commandments of God. If we live so as to keep the Spirit of God with us we will have power to do good and to carry out the things which He requires at our hands.

Be true and faithful; do your duty to yourselves, to your country, to your God, and to one another. When we do this we shall overcome and inherit eternal lives. May God grant that we may do so for Christ's sake. Amen.

**NEW USE FOR DISTILLATION OF PETROLEUM.**—A new use for the products of the distillation of petroleum and coal has been found. The resulting volatile hydrocarbons have the property of dissolving all the more common vegetable oils, as palm oil, olive oil, linseed and rape seed oils, and the like. The seed or fruits containing the oil are first crushed or ground, and digested with the hydrocarbon in hermetical vessels. The oil is gradually taken up by the volatile agent, which is afterwards driven off by distillation. The solvent is condensed, and thus very little loss result, while the yield of vegetable oil is from forty to fifty per cent, more than by pressure. It has been calculated that the gain in the production of olive oil in the neighborhood of Marseilles alone by this progress would be not less than six millions of pounds a year.

## NEWS ITEMS.

A STATISTICIAN says that he has already perused fourteen hundred and thirty-three different articles upon cholera, in all of which the authors advise different preventives.

TRAVELERS along the sea shore of New Zealand have to wear veils to protect their faces and eyes from a fine metallic sand which rises with every puff of wind. The sand proves upon analysis to be the purest ore of iron known.

A CHINESE mission, numbering fifteen persons, has arrived in Paris. They are said to be superior to any Chinamen ever before seen on France.

By laying a piece of charcoal on a burn the pain subsides immediately. By leaving the charcoal on one hour the wound is healed, as has been demonstrated on several occasions. The remedy is cheap and simple, and certainly deserves a trial.

A FLUTELESS flutist is spoken of in Havre as performing wonderful things. He makes a flute out of his left hand which he holds to his mouth, using the right in lieu of stops. The notes he produces are not to be distinguished from those of the real instrument. His name is Fereyra.

THE London *Patriot* says, the Roman Catholics have nearly doubled their priests and chapels in England and Scotland, since 1851. There are nearly four times as many converts as there were fifteen years ago, and there are more than fifteen hundred priests in England alone.

MR. COX, living a few miles north of Jackson, Michigan, while boring an artesian well, when at a depth of two hundred feet, found the water in the well at once drained out, and no bottom could be found. A roaring sound, as of a river, can be heard distinctly.

DR. Solomon Andrews, with three others, made an ascent in his "Aereon," or flying ship, from New York, May 25th. After remaining an hour in the air, he landed at Astoria, five miles distant. He found no difficulty in making headway against the wind, and has no doubt of his ability to navigate the air.

THE new five cent piece is to be of the same size as the three dollar gold coin. Fifty pieces laid in a straight line will make the "metre" or unit of French measure. It will also be so near eight-tenths of an inch that no ordinary measurement will detect the difference. Three of these coins will weigh half an ounce, and be convenient for a postage weight. Specimens have been received at the Treasury Department.

A MONUMENT in honor of Columbus has been erected at Salamanca, Spain. It is placed on a lofty elevation near the grounds of the University, in the place where the doctors of the institution received and listened to his theories concerning the new route to the Indies. The monument is a large pedestal, resting on a broad base and arch, and above a beautiful eagle and globe. The height of the whole is one hundred and six metres. It is constructed entirely of granite of a dark and regular color.

THE tilting hoops have at last aroused the indignation of the clergy. Last Sunday one of the fathers connected with the church of St. Francis Xavier, in 16th street, New York, spoke his mind pretty freely on the subject. He admonished the female portion of his congregation that they must give them up or cease to come to the confessional. Nothing half so immodest or immoral had ever been witnessed in New York before. He did not know what the fashions were at the theatre or at the opera, as he did not go to such places, but he could not shut his eyes to the nuisance, as it existed before his eyes, in front of God's altar. He then was determined to abate it so far as the Church of Xavier was concerned, other clergymen could do as they liked.

FIGHTING, says the New York *Express*, seems to be the business that is liveliest the world over, just at present. Let us see: Here are the Fenians fighting the Kanucks, there the Mexicans are fighting Max and the Imperialists. A little further down on the map the Peruvians are fighting the Spaniards, with Chili to help them. Then, just over the way, Paraguay is fighting Brazil and the Argentine Confederation. All Europe is getting ready for a big fight. The Russians are fighting the Bokharras, the Chinese are fighting the Mongolians and the Tartars. In fact, this wicked world was, somehow, never so brimful of fight as it is just now. The Peace Society, we fear, is drifting sadly astern.

## Varieties.

—Don't take too much interest in the affairs of your neighbors. Six per cent. will do.

—A recent traveler stopped at a cabaret in France, where the host had two sorts of wine, which he called "first table" and "common table." "I tried them both," said the traveler, "and found them lamentable."

—I don't miss my church so much as you suppose, said a lady to her minister, who had called upon her during her illness, for I make Betsy sit at the window as soon as the bell begins to chime, and tell me who are going to church, and whether they have got anything new.

—A German minister was walking in procession at the head of the parishioners over cultivated fields in order to procure a blessing on the crops. When he came to one of unpromising appearance he would pass on, saying, "Here prayers and singing will avail nothing; it must have manure."

—A grave Quaker once, passing through a bad street, was astonished to see his son emerge from a den which no decent person would frequent. The graceless youth drew back hoping to escape observation. "Nay, Isaac," said the sad, astonished parent, "never be ashamed of coming out of that sort of place; but be especially careful never more to go into one."

—A benevolent lady went to visit a family who was said to be almost starving. She found them half clad, cold and not a morsel of food in the house. "What do you most need?" she asked of the mother of the family. The woman thought a moment, her face brightened, and she answered, "Why, I always did want a headress; they're so becomin'!"

—"I don't say your honor, that the gentleman was drunk," replied a witness in one of the police courts. "No, not by no means; but this I will say—he was washing his face in a mud puddle and drying it on a door-mat. Whether a sober man would do this, in course I can't say." The magistrate thought he wouldn't. The consequence was the "gentleman" had to pay the usual fine.

—In New Zealand a chief with ten wives was told that he could not be baptized unless he confined himself to one. At the end of about two months he repaired to the nearest missionary and stated that he had got rid of nine. "What have you done with them?" was the next interrogatory. "I have eaten them" was the ready reply.

—Little Mary was discussing the great hereafter with her mamma, when the following dialogue ensued:

Mary—Mamma, will you go to Heaven when you die?

Mamma—Yes, I hope so, child.

Mary—Well, mamma, I hope I'll go too, or you'll be lonesome.

Mamma—Oh, I hope your papa will go too.

Mary—Oh, no, papa can't go, he can't leave the store.

—When his Eminence the late Cardinal Wiseman was plain Dr. Wiseman of the Sardinian chapel in Lincoln's-inn-fields, a pious friend knelt to him in confession. After the process he retired to a quiet corner, and lost himself in an ecstasy of contrite fervor. When he rose from his knees at length, his hat was gone; he searched far and near but nowhere could he find it. Finally he betook him to Dr. Wiseman.—"Father, I have lost my hat, I fear somebody has taken it."—"And what were you doing when it was taken?"—"Praying."—"Ah! my child," said the doctor, with a quiet smile, "you know what the Scriptures tell us, we must watch as well as pray."

—A farmer called at the house of a lawyer, to consult him professionally. "Isnt Squeer at home?" he inquired of the lawyer's lady, who opened the door at his summons. He was answered negatively. Disappointment shown in his face; but, after a moment's consideration, a thought revived him. "Mebby yerself can gi' me the necessary information, as well as t' Squeer, seen as ye'er his wife."—The kind lady readily promised to do so, if, on learning the difficulty, she found it in her power; and the other proceeded to state the case as follows: "Spooze ye wur an old white mear, and I should borry ye to gang to the mill, with grist on yer back, an' we should get no farder than Stair Hill, when all at once ye should back up, and rear up, and pitch up, and kneel down backwards, and break yer neck, would pay for ye? Not I, dearn meif I would!" The lady closed the door,