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TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

Dear Brethren and Sisters :

Six months have passed away since we last had the pleasure of addressin you through our General Epistle, and e find ourselves face to face with the Fifty-sixth Semi-Annual Conference of the Church in this dispensation The past six months have been very fruitful in events in which all of us nave been deeply interested. The season has been a healthful one; no sickness worthy of note has affected our people unpleasantly. The summer has been both unusually dry and hot, and many of the crops have not yielded as good a return as usual. Nevertheless our land is still filled with plenty, and man and beast have suflicient to supply their wants.

PERSECUTION AND ITS EFFECTS.

Our enemies during the past half tivity in the work of persecution. If there has been any difference, it has been pursued with greater vindictiveness nore flagrant disregard of law and justice than at any time previous. Those who have been compelled to en-dure the ponalties inflicted upon them have submitted, in nearly every instance, with a cheerful, equanimity and fortitude that must have won the admiration of heaven and of all just men. That which has been accomplished furnishes but little cause for gratification to those who have been engaged in the isheman task of perse-cuting a people for the practice of their religion. There have been but few persons in all who have been tried and convicted who have felt aufficiently terrified at the prospect of punish ment to express a willingness to accept The faith of the Latter-day Saints

seems to grow stronger from these ef-forts to destroy it; and men, women and children who have been living in the practice of the requirements of their religion feel more determined than do all that the Lord requires at their hands with cheerful willingness, what-ever may be the consequences from a worldly point of view.

This persecution is not without its effects upon those who have made a pretense of being faithful members of the Church. Iniquity is being brought to light. The wrongdoer is being made to feel, in a most remarkable manuer, that his sin will find him out; and the

to abandon our God! We cannot do this without throwing away all hope respecting the future and the great eternity that awaits us. We know that there is no faithful Latter-day Saint who feels for one moment like yielding to the demands of the wicked. Our religion is given to us from our God. We have received it by the revelations We have received it by the revelations of Jesus to us. When all the world was in darkness and struggling and contending about doctrines and ordi-nances, He condescended to restore the Everiasting Priesthood from the heavens and His Gospel in its purity and fulness and power. We were left no

and runness and power, we were left no longer to grope in the dark and to follow the traditions of our fathers or the false teachings of uninspired men. The path of salvation was plainly marked before us, con-firmed to us by the unerring testimony of God's Hole Snitt. Our could in verity with which such defendants are of God's Holy Spirit. Our souls, in

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walking in that path, have been filled with ineffable joy and peace. While others who have rejected the truth have been apprehensive and fear-ful concerning the events that were taking place and that were likely to take place, we have had a peace, a satisfaction of mind, and a content-

ment that have made our position unique. God has given unto us the fruits of His Gospel in great abun-dance. We behold them in our family organizations. We behold them in our Wards, and in our Stakes, and in our entire Church. His blessing has visibly rested upon us, and His power has been displayed in our behalf. Every faithful Latter-day Saint has rejoiced in the obundance of the address of the Saint abundance of the gifts of the Spirit which He has bestewed; and no promise that was made to the ancient Saints, or that has been made to us, upon the coudition of our faithfully obeying the Gospel, has been withheld

from us. We have been a people greatly blessed of the Lord, and our hearts should swell with gratitude and thanksgiving to our God for His abundant mercies.

SHOULD BEAR EACH OTHERS BURDENS

We again call upon the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops of Wards to look carefully after the wants of all who are within their jurisdiction and stand in need of assistance. Espe-cially should the families of those who are in prison, or who have been compelled to flee, or who are upon mis-sions, be tenderly cared for. They need both aid and sympathy. Those upon whom the neavy hand of persecu-tion does not personally rest should be willing to share the burdens of thei afflicted brethren and sisters, by contributing to the comfort and sustenthose who are deance of prived of the society and guidthe rulings of the court instead of the law of God, as the guide for their con-sciences.

and share the reward for these trials The weight of this persecution fails upon the women and children. Deprived of the presence and support of their husbands and fathers, upon whom they have been accustomed to ever to maintain their integrity and to rely, they are comparatively helpless and naturally a prey to deep anxiety. The care and training of the children thus bereaved devolves upon their mothers, whose burden is made doubly heavy to bear. The Teachers should be particularly dligent in visiting such families, and in watching over their welfare. Thus the hands of the moth-

ers should be strengthened, the young encouraged, the way ward admonished. and the heroic example of the heads of that his sin will had him out, and the evidence that God is pleading with and awakening the consciences of those who have been living in sin is frequently furnished to us. There have the and pleasant. In this way we can bear each other's burdens, and so ful-

friendly can see no prospect for our discouraging, when we con-deliverance except by the aban-donment of our religion. But it is better for us to die than to abandon our God! We cannot do this mithant the design to reach persons who believed in and practiced plural marriage, sitive shrinking of a virtuous woman lieved in and practiced plural marriage, but our enemies went so far as to pro-pose the complete annihilation of every political right belonging to those who were free from the charge of polyg-amy, and whose only crime was that they were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Congress adjourned without acting upon this measure. Already we hear the notes of preparation for a renewal of the eampaign against us. Filled with anger at their non-success at the last session, our opponents are pre-paring for the onslaught at the coming from exposure of her marital associa-tions, or a child's teatful aversion to disclosing the secrets of home for the conviction of a father. Such proceed-ings prove that the object is not the vindication of the law but the promotion of human suffering, providing the victims are mem-bers of the "Mormon" Church. Many of the objects of this malevoence are aged men who have passed the allotted three score years and ten, who have contracted no new marital obligations, but are engaged in cariog paring for the onslaught at the coming for their families as honor and right-cousness dictate. The heartless sesession of Congress, and we are threatened with vengeance of the most dreadful description

pursued is, also evidence that the object is not the public benefit but the But in this, as in all other circum-stances and conditions, our trust is in God. This is His work. He has thus wreaking of vengeance upon members far taken care of it and preserved it, and has delivered us from the many plots which have been framed against us. It has progressed thus far only by of a Church. Another indignity which has been heaped upon the heads of Latter-day Saints is the charge of perjury which us. It has progressed thus far only by His power, and not by the power of man. Wnatever glory there is con-nected with the establishment and progress of this great work is due en-tirely to Him. Man's wisdom, educa-tion, shrewdness, wealth and ability have not been the factors that have produced success. but it has been the the reckless District Attorney has publicly but not legally made. Wit-nesses who have been compelled to testify against their dearest friends, when answering "I do not know" to questions concerning matters of which they were not cognizant, have been inproduced success; but it has been the blessing, the power, and the overrulsulted and abused and branded with perjury. All evidence they disclose ing providence of our God. We have had to trust Him in the past in the midst of unnumbered foes; we must which suits him he uses as undeniable truth before a commissioner or a jury but everything elicited from the same midst of unnumbered loes; we must trust Him in the fature against the ter-rible odds that are pitted against His work and His Gospel. We know, and can boldly testify to the Latter-day Saints, and to the whole world, that the Lord hath founded Zion, and that no power beneath the Celestial King-dom can prevail against it. witnesses that does not suit his purpose he cenounces as perjury. And e has the hardihood to claim that this rime is taught and encouraged by the 'Mormon'' Church. The refutation of his atrocious calurony is found in the standards of Church doctrine, and in

dom can prevail against it. But those who light against it will share the fate of all who have ever fought against it. Who is there, that the fact that the brethren wno are now lingering in prison for declining to repudiate their wives, have been sent in nearly every instance, has prespered in his warfare against Zion? Who can point to the laurels which have been won in fighting the work of God? What man or what na-tion has gained credit and glory in the through their own testimony or the testimony of their families. And it is well known that every one of them could have escaped the penalties of the law if they would

but promise to obey the law, in future, as construed by the courts. earth for successes achieved over the feeble Latter-day Saints? We have seen It would have been easy to make th generation after generation of our opbeir regard for their word was such posers pass, one after another, into cold oblivion. They have strutted that they would not make a promise which they did not intend to keep, so their brief hour upon the stage, appearing to think that they were accom-plishing wonders. But they have they accepted a loathsome prison and pecuniary loss in preference to the appassed away, and the memory of their pearance of falschood. It may seem deeds only lives in our historical archto those who do not understand the situation that the requirement of future ives. So it will be with those who now occupy so large a portion of pub-lic attention as crusaders against the Saints, and who imagine themselves to obedience to the law is but reasonable and that every good citizen should make this agreement. But an expla-nation of the facts will speedily dissi-pate this conclusion. Obedience to the be such doughty heroes.

### THE SPIRIT OF SCANDAL.

law as construed by the courts, would Not only that Satan sent forth his lies outside of our society, but he uses his influence in this direction among be difficult of comprehension if the numerous and diverse definitions of the us. The tendency in our settlements and cities to listen to and believe in every wild and slanderohs rumor which may be put in circulation is to be deeply deplored. No matter how unlaw were considered. But according to the latest rulings, a promise to obey the law signifies an agreement to vlolate the most solumn covenants of marital fidelity that mortals can make with each other and their God. I founded and destitute of even the means the utter repudiation of loving semblance of truth such reports may wives and the separation either of the the mother and some of his children or of promise not to visit, go to the same lace of wurship or some motion and the same is not easily measured. More wrought be, there are those among us so silly y place of worship or amusement, or recognize, associate with, or even call on when sick or dying, or when her child is sick or dying, the plural wife who has been faithful in all things. It means dishonor, treachery, cruelty and cowardice. It places, not the law but lie, and who circulates a lie after it is that pure faith which is restored to the a gross and wicked perversion of the told, is also under condemnation. and the heroic example of the heads of those households held up for admira-tion; and everything possible should be done to make their situation tolera-tile and pleasant. In this way we can that no humane being would demand. that no humane being would demand. Many stories go from mouth to mouth

secure legislation of the most proscrip-in useless pleasure and spend our days if a from discouraging, when we con-in useless pleasure and spend our sider the tempest of misrepresentation Latter-day Salats. Not only was it the design to reach persons who be-Used and seek by faith and devetion to our objects and our methods of evangood works to obtain power that we may prevail against our foes? We do not believe in long-faced sadness or the piety that consists in a sanctified appearance. There is no need for drooping heads or a sad countenance. A cheerful spirit should be cultivated and hearts should be gladdened by words of cheer. But these are serious times and the sorrows of the afflicted and the carousings of the thoughtless seem utterly incongruous when all profess to be brethren and sisters. Let unseemly levity be abandoned and let the solemnities of eternity rest down upon those who are called the Saints of the Most High God.

SACRED VICARIOUS WORK.

Notwithstanding the violent and unabating opposition which is arrayed against us the work of ministering in mains unchanged. the ordinances; of the Lord's House continues, and the blessing of the Heavens still follows these administrations. As we have so long expected and so frequently been warned, Satan rages as he views his domain trenched upon, his captives delivered, and the souls of men wrenched from his grasp by the labors of the living for the dead in and through those sacred ordi-nances that belong alone to the Gospel of the Son of God, administered in holy places by His chosen servants and handmaidens. And it must not sur-prise us if the rage of the arch-enemy of mankind increases and his emis saries grow more relentless and cruel, more brutal and inhuman in their ef-forts to stay this work, as the number of temples increases and the thous-ands of Israel go in thereto to minister the ordinances of salvation for their ancestors and departed friends. We further rejoice that the work of erecting the Salt Lake and Manti Temples goes steadily forward, and that the lat-ter is hearing its completion with all the rapidity that could reasonably be expected when we consider the condi-tion of the Church and the people and the difficulties under which they

TRAINING THE YOUNG.

labor.

It is pleasing to notice the increased feeling of anxiety on the part of the Saints to have their children educated in schools where the doctrines of the Gospel and the precious records which labor therein for the instruction of our God has given us can be taught and read. Our children should be indoc-trinated in the principles of the Gospel from their earliest childhood. They should be made familiar with the con-tents of the Bible, the Book of Mormon and the Bible, of Doctrine and Covenand the Book of Doctrine and Coven-ants. These should be their chief text books, and everything should be done books, and everything should be done to establish and promote in their hearts genuine faith in God, in His Gospel and its ordinances, and in His works. But under our common school system this is not possible. In Salt Lake City, we understand, an ef-fort is now being made to establish a school of this character, and, we are informed, the prospect for its success Young Academy, at Provo, and the Brigham Young College, at Logan, are both doing excellent work in this direction and should be patronized and sustained by the Latter-day Saints. In no direction can we invest the means God has given us to better advantage than in the training of our children in the principles of righteousness and in laying the foundation in their hearts of

places where it is possible. SACREDNESS OF THE FAMIL

earth. We would like to see schools



been many violations of God practiced among us which have fit the law of Christ, and witness to been hidden from the public gaze The our God and to the world, that though been hidden from the public gaze. The trials through which we are passinghave the effect of causing these evils to be brought to light. It seems as though the Lord is tearing the covering, not only from the nations of the earth, but from the Latter-day Salats; and the time is not far distant-in fact, it has reached us already in part-when the sinner in Zion shall tremble, and fear shall seize upon the hypocrite.

### THE PURIFICATION OF ZION.

So far as we can learn there is an in creased disposition on the part of the faithful officers of the Church to do al in their powerito cleanse the Wards and Stakes in their charge from those who will not conform to the requirements of the Gospel. Greater strictness is being shown, and the Saints who have the love of the truth within them feel that the time has come to put away their follies and their sins far from them and to conform to a higher standard of righteousness. The great, crying sin of this generation is lasciv jousness in its various forms. Satan, knowing how powerful an agency tois is in corrupting men and women, and in driving the Spirit from them, and bringing them under condemnation before the Lord, uses it to the greatest extent possible. It requires an inces-sant warfare to check its spread and to prevent the people of God from be-coming its victims. No people who practice or countenance these sins cau be accepted of the Lord or find favor in His sight. His anger will fall upon them unless they thoroughly and heartily repent of every such evil. When we take into consideration the teachings we have received upon this subhave entered, and the professions which we make, unchastity should have no existence among us. It is sorrowful to contemplate that Satan finds those among us who are willing to yield to his temptations, and thus bring misery upon themselves and all connected with them. We solemnly call, as we have done so often before, upon all the officers of the Church to set their faces like flint against practices of this character. Those who induige in them must be dealt with according to the laws of God, and they must be made to feel that if they do indulge in this wickedness they cannot have the fellowshi of the Saints nor a standing in the Church of Christ. If men and women Church of Christ. If men and women would only profit by the experience of those who have fallen, they would re-sist the allurements of sin and walk in the path of rightcousness. "The wages of sin is death." The misery which it brings upon the guilty, and upon all connected with them, furnishes some idea of the dreadful condition of the wicked who die in their sins and do not obtain the die in their sins and do not obtain the forgiveness of their God. Of that men and women could be warned, and that they would turn to the Lord and seek unto Him, humble themselves before Him, put away their sins, and obtain His Holy Spirit to be their guide and their companion, then no matter what the circumstances might the in which they were placed, they would have the peace of heaven, the joy of the Holy Ghost, and a con-sc ence void of offence towards God and man! And this is the condition in which every Latter-day Saint should

#### PROPHECY FULFILLED BY THE SITUATION.

The circumstances which surround us, though in many respects painful and trying, are not such as to discourage the faithful Saint. We have been the laithful Saint. We have been taught to expect just such scenes as these through which we are passing, or, at least, just such opposition as we now have to contend with. What we now behold is in direct fulfilment of the predictions of God's servants to us in this generation, and unless these events take place His word could not be fulfilled.

Not only have the Prophets in our day spoken about the events which should take place in connection with the latter-day work and the opposition it would have to contend with, but the

we may not personally suffer persecution, our sympathy and faith are with those who are afflicted for adherence to their religion, and that we are ready and willing to do our part and mani-fest our devotion to the cause of

> JUDICIAL PERVERSION AND OFFRESSION.

# The District Courts of Utah still

pursue their extreme, vindictive and unrelenting course. The law is per-verted, not justly administered; the object appears to be, not the mainte-Before leaving this uninviting subect we desire to say to the Latter-day Saints, that though we are suffering s acutely from the inhumanity of our fellow men, we must not descend in the slightest degree to acts that would nance of social purity nor the rectifica-tion of alleged cvil, but the oppression savor of retaliation, or in the least seek and distress of individuals because of their religious position. The Latter-day Saints are under the most sacred to curtail any man in his individual rights. We wish it fully understood obligations to do the will of God. At the by the Saints and by all the world by the Saints and by all the World that we have a profound respect for all wholesome and consti-tutional laws. We are the firm and unequivocal advocates of law and order, and of every principle associat-ed with human freedom, and though we same time they with to obey every valid law of the land. But by the strained interpretation and the unwar-rantable application of the Edmunds Act, men are made offenders because of their religious scruples, and rendered criminals when they are not regard the Edmunds Act, in its provifairly amenable to the law. Defendsions and its administration, as ex post ants who, according to the evidence, have only lived with one wife, are "presumed" to have cohabited with facto, cruel, oppressive and unconstitutional, yet we are not contending against it in our own interests alone, nother wife, and thus are convicted but we are also fighting the battle of of "cohabiting with more than one woman," when the presumption is obliterated by the proof.

In other cases when parties, in their desire to observe the requirements of the Edmunds Act, have privately agreed to the voluntary relinquishment of association as hustand and wife, the husband has not escaped the ven-geance of the law. Though there are numbers of instances where such par-ties have honestly endeavored to five within the law, yet whenever indict-ments have been found, husbands have almost invariable here convicted and etical effusions: almost invariably been convicted and sentenced to the full penaities of fine and imprisonment. We take this op-portunity of recording our high appre-ciation of the spirit of self sacrifice which has been manifested by our Pope and Protestant and Priest, Worshippers of God or Dagon, Come ye to fair freedom's feast. which has been manifested by our sisters throughout the entire crusade. They have shown a fortitude, a cour-age, a devotion and love which must be the admiration of posterity. They have "ot faitered in their devotion to the i inciples of righteousness, have not shrunk from the consequences at-Come ye sons of doubt and wonder-Indian, Moslem, Greek and Jew, All your shackles burst asunder; Freedom's banger waves for you." tending obedience to God's law, and have been a source of strength and encouragement to their sons, their husbands and their fathers. There are numerous instances which have come to our knowledge of wives offering to make the most heroic sacrifices to save their husbands from the penalties of the law.

Contrary to the jurisprudence o centuries, legal wives are compelled, under threats of imprisonment, to testify against their lawful husbands and disclose family secrets that should never be bared to the public eye. This is a gross violation of the law under which they act, and opposed to rec-ognized public polity and family rights. And by the system of "segregation" an offense which, according to the law, is punishable at the utmost extent by six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500, is multiplied into many offenses and the full sentence inflicted for each fraction of that offense. The plan of finding several indict-

ments for the one offense has been dis-carded and the scheme adopted of making several counts in the one in-dictment. The number of these counts is not regulated by law, but is left to the arbitrary disposition of a grand jury selected from the class in hostility to the defendants, and usually sub-

ject and pliant to the will of an extremely bliter and unscrupu-lous Prosecuting Attorney. The petit juries empanded for the trial of persons thus indicted, are also wowed enemies picked out for their known antagon-ism to the society to which the accused belong. And in almost every instance they find verdicts as requested by the Prosecuting Attorney, oblivious of the exculpatory portions of the evidence.

ound the Saints are not so much the Latter-day Saints, so-called, are found effects of a special and partial law telling that which is untrue, they aimed at a feature of their religion as should be called to an account. It is of the wicked and absurd construcwritten that whosoever loveth and ions of that law and its improper and maketh a lie shall not be permitted to unprecidented administration, prompt-ed by malice, inspired by Satan and in-tended to crush out a system of remaketh a lie shall hot be permitted to enter into the Holy City, nor to have a right to the tree of life, but they are to be without, with dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers and idola-ters. The Lord has said, "He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight." Latter-day Saints should be warned igion which cannot be overcome by truth, reason and the agencies of enightened humanity.

RETALIATION DEPRECATED. upon these points, that they may not grieve the Spirit of the Lord, nor do injury to their friends and neighbors, by indulging in this pernicious habit of repeating and attaching credence to every slauder and false rumor that may be put in circulation. But every one should be careful, when they hear a story about their brethren and sisters, to refrain from repeating it until they know it to be true, and then not to do know it to be true, and then not to do so in a way to injure the person about whom it is told. The reputation of our neighbors and the members of our Church should be as dear to us as our own, and we should carefully avoid doing anything to another or saying anything about another that we would not wish done or said about ourselves. We testify that those who give way to we testify that those who give way to this influence, who take delight in reading lies which are published about us in papers circulated in our midst or outside of our Terri-tory, who delight in listening to the false and malicious representations which are made concerning the serv-asts and people of God or His work, or who themselves rossin about and aid civil and religious liberty, and of iree-dom of conscience in behalf of our common humanity and in the interest of every people. We feel assured that, as the founding of these United States formed an epoch in the history of hu-man liberty, so this action of ours will have due weight in restraining the tenwho themselves gossip about and aid in the dissemination of these things to the injury of their fellows, will, unless dency to intolerance and oppression that to-day uprears its head to stay the progress of human freedom. We say, as Elder Parley P. Pratt very forcibly expresses it in one of his po-tical of melons. the plury of their fellows, will, unless they speedily repent, lose the Spirit of God and the power to discern between truth and falschood, and between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. Their own minds will be-come se darkened by the spirit of falschood that the Spirit of God will cease to have nower with them and will "Come ye Christian sects, and Pagan,

cease to have power with them and will flee from them. SABBATH-BREAKING AND RECREATION

# MANIA.

Among the sins into which some who are called Saints have been betrayed is Sabbath-Breaking and over indulgence in useless pleasure. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." But it is the Lord's day and should be spent as he directs. We are not left to the doubts and queries which enter into the notemics of sec-THE REFUGE OF LIES. Probably at no period in the world's history has Satan had such power over the hearts of the children of men as he appears to wield at the present. He which enter into the polemics of sec-taries on this important matter. We have the word of the Lord upon it, dihas flooded the earth with lies, endeavoring by means of these decep-tions to retard the work of God, to rest. He has declared to us through destroy its influence, and to make vic-tims of its believers, especially those who have the authority to administer His Prophet:

"And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it noly."

the ordinances of the Gospel. A more striking illustration of his power in this respect has not been furnished us observe the Sabbath day to keep it nolv." "And that thou mayest more fully keep thy-self unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the heuse of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; For verify this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labors, and pay thy devotions to the Most High; Nevertheless thy yows shall be offered up in righteenances on all days and at all times; But remember that on this the Lord's day, thau shalt effer thine oblations and thy sacraments unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren, and before the Lord. than was witnessed at the meetings which were attended by some of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who were passing through here. It would be incredible to be-lieve that people could be so deceived by the false statements which were made to them by our enemies who reside here, had it not been witnessed.

The most abominable falsehoods, which could be disproved with the greatest ease, were told with an un-Lord. And on this day thon shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfact, or, in other words, that thy joy may be full." blushing effrontery that was[Satanic; and though many of the visitors had opportunities of seeing for themselves,

and of mingling with the people, some went away fully imbued with the idea that the Latter day Saints ought to be These commandments of the Lord do not admit of Sunday excursions to the lake or the caffons or other places any more than manual labor. That day will be held sacrid to the service and exterminated from the face of the earth. But to the credit of humanity will be held sacrid to the service and worship of God by every true Latter-day Saint. Those who descerate it reject the word of the Bord and will not be held guiltless. We admonish all members of the Church to obey this commandment and the officers of the Church to see that it is not broken with be it said, others became thoroughly disgusted with the proceedings, and denounced unsparingly the folly and wrong of condemning a people afford-ing so many evidences of the qualities that go to make excellent citizens, from the one-sided statements of their

The manta for recreations of various The course of the former class is an illustration of the malignant power of falschood wielded by Satan in other directions and plases. If lies could kinds which has seized upon many of the people is harmful in several ways. It unfits them for the regular duties of life. It renders them restless and imoverwhelm the work of God, we should Juries are thus selected, not only for the trial of cases under the Edmunds isw, which permits challenges of "Mormons," but by the open venire process strong anti-"Mormons" are chosen to try "Mormons" accused of of truth; and, unfortunately for the chosen to try "Mormons" accused of the Edmunds is present to be the spread of truth; and the completely crushed under their weight. It is this great influence up-on which Satan depends to thwart the purposes of God and check the spread of truth; and, unfortunately for the world, it appears willing to drink in his splrit and to believe his fabricabe completely crushed under their

RELATION.

proaching winter. Too many animals are permitted to perish for the lack of The life of a saint is not simply food and shelter. After the Lord has personal perfecting, it is also a factor blessed the flocks and herds of His in the entire scheme of earth's repeople, it is sinful to allow them to demption. No one can be saved alone, wander on the bleak prairies or snowby himself or herself, unassisted by or anassisting others. The weight of our covered beaches to diw of cold or starvation. Unless provided with shelter from storm and inclement weather loose stock should be gathered harm, be an ald or an injury to the work of human regeneration, and as we assume responsibilities, form tles, up and sent to warmer localities for enter into covenants, beget children, winter range. The wool crop of the past season has accumulate families, so does the weight of our influence increase, so does its extent broaden and deepen.

been very large and sheep-owners have made fair profits on their products. But domestic economy recoils at the The Scriptures inform us that God cre-ated this carth as a habitation for man spectacle of 7,000,000 pounds of wool being shipped out of the Territory to be returned in the shape of inferios cloth, and be purchased at high prices by woolgrowers and others. Factorics and he placed man on it that he might have joy, a joy that is to be eternal To accomplish these purposes, the preparatory one of peopling the earth, and the ultimate one of man's among our own people should utilize the whole of this product, employing hands that are now idle to manufaccternal happiness, He, the Creator, es. cternal nappiness, fie, the Creator, es-tablished marriage, and commanded those he first placed here on earth to be fraitful and multiply. This institu-tion he regulated by strict laws given through his servants to His people in their various dispensations; and His ture honest goods, and thus retain i the Territory much money that goes to build up industries sfar off. Our home factories are turning out most excellent articles at reasonable prices; these should be purchased in prefer-Son, our Savior, emphasized these comence to foreign made goods, because mandments" by most unequivocal they are more durable and because teachings with regard to the sacredhome industries ought to be patronness of the marriage covenant, and of the sinfulness of divorce for other than the most grave departures

On the same principles and for the same reasons the hides and pelts which are now shipped away to be brought back manufactured into articles that can be made in this Territory, ought to be retained and worked up for home from the spirit and intent of that cove-nant. In this is wisdom, for the exper-ience of the world, in all its ages, proves that where lax ideas exist with regard to marriage and divorce, more use. Factorics for this purpose, careespecially where those ideas find exfully conducted, would soon return fair profits, while the whole commupression in lax legislation, there we discover peoples and nations whese code of morals is interior, and nity would share in the resultant bene-

## CONCLUSIÓN.

where sexual irregularities and sins increase, until that righteousness, which has been so truthfully said "ex-alteth a nation," ceases to have an existence in their midst. To a people If conclusion, we say to the Latterday Saints: Put your trust in God, as you ever have done. He will not fail who believe as we do, that true mar-riage was divinely instituted for the you. Continue to live in strict con-formity to His Gospel. Humble yourriage was divinely instituted for the multiplication of mankind, and is not a union for time alone, but reaches in-to the eternities, the disruption of families by divorce is an evil of no or-dinary character, not only bearing a harvest of scrrow and suffering in this life, but also having a far reaching in-fluence into the world beyond the grave, and possibly involving others in the ruin who had no voice in the sepa-ration or power to avert its occurrence. selves before Him in mighty faith and prayer. Confess your sins one to an-other; and go to your God and confess to Him, and obtain His forgiveness therefor. Live in close communion with the Holy Ghost, that it may be your constant companion, and that through its heavenly influence you may be prepared for every coming event. The Lord is holding a controversy with ration or power to avert its occurrence. For this reason the Latter-day Saints the nations, and He has said "after your of all people should be most loath to testimony cometh the testimony of sunder sacred ties once formed, and earthquakes. And also cometh the testimony of the

most determinedly opposed to the seve erance of unions made in holy places in God's appointed way, for light and trivial causes; and the efforts of Teachers and Bishops in their labors amongst families where differences, voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds. And all things shall be in commotion; and furely, alienation or quarrels exist, should al-ways be to effect reconciliation, pro-mote union, inspire mutual forbearmen's hearts shall fait them; for fear shall come upon all peo-ple." Already His words upon this ance and increase love. Only when every kindly counsel and ministration subject are being fu'flied. The cle-ments are joining their voices with the fail should that last resort, a divorce, be permitted. And in such cases those voices of His Elders in testimony of who have received of the sealing power of the Church should also be separated the near approach of the end. And woel to the people or the nation that fight against Zhou, for, as we have by the same authority that bound them together, until this is done new alliances are sinful. often had occasion to say, God will fight against them. His wrath will be poured out upon them. Babylon will fall, and the refuge of lies will be swept SELF-MURDER DENOUNCED. away; and truth and righteousness will

There is another evil that is growing amongst the peoples of the world that is not unfelt amidst the Latter-day cover the earth as with a flood, in ful-filment of the words of the Prophets. Saints. It is the crime of self-murder. Suicide should be made odious among the people of God, it should be em-phasized as a deadly sin, and no undue feelings of tenderness towards the un-fortunate dead, or of sympathy to-wards the living berieved, should pre-Greater signs will appear in the hea-vens above and on the earth beneath, bearing awful testimony of the near approach of that great day when our Redeemer will be revealed from heaven in power and in great glory. With continued prayers for your safety, and for your prosperity in the work of God, and with most carnest vent us denouncing it as a crime vent us denouncing it as a crime against God and humanity, against the Creator and the creature. It is true that the exact enormily of the act is not defined with minute detail in the Holy Scriptures, or the limits of its punishment given; but to believers in the God whom we worship it has al-vays been regarded as a sin of great magnitude; and in many countries especial pains have been taken to dis-courage it by refusal to here in condesires that every man, woman and child will be faithful to the trust which God has reposed in us, we remain Your brethren and fellow servants,

courage it, by refusal to bury in con-secrated ground, by indignities offered to the lifeless remains, or by such lack of funereal observances as would

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