

false gospels, and who have died without a knowledge of this truth? Well, the Lord has shown this to us in great plainness. I have not time to enter into the subject fully this afternoon. I merely refer to it. God has shown us what the future of the children of men will be. This great plan of salvation will reach out to all, either in this world or in the world to come, until every son and daughter of Adam's race will have an opportunity of learning the truth and of receiving or rejecting it on their own agency; that this little, narrow sphere in which we live is not all that God has provided in His great economy for the salvation and exaltation of His children; that in the Father's house there are "many mansions," and the Lord has prepared the way whereby all mankind, at some time, shall hear of Christ and of His Gospel and shall have the opportunity of obeying it. Our temples, being built in this land that God has sanctified for us, are dedicated to God for the work of redemption of the dead. The living who have been baptized and received the Holy Ghost and the power of God, can go into these holy places and be baptized for their kindred who have gone into the other world without a knowledge of the truth. The Lord has revealed the plan. It was understood in the early Christian Church, as you may read in I Corinthians xv, 29:

Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?"

They understood it; but modern Christians have lost all knowledge concerning this, and not believing that any works particularly are necessary to salvation they see no particular good even in being baptized themselves. But the baptisms administered in the early Christian Church were to the living, and afterwards for the dead. So in the latter-day dispensation God has revealed anew this glorious doctrine, by which hope is enkindled in the human breast in regard to our progenitors, our forefathers, and in regard to the heathen, who have died without hearing of Jesus, and in regard to the Jews, millions of whom have departed from the earth not believing in Christ; and yet "there is no other name given under heaven whereby man can be saved than the name of Christ Jesus;" and as Jesus taught, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

My friends, I have briefly given you this afternoon an idea of the first principles of the doctrine of Christ. They are only the beginning of good things. They are the foundation, and you can build upon them eternally. To those who do so God will add light to light, truth to truth, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The Holy Ghost, the Comforter, revealeth all things, according to the capacity and desires and faithfulness of those who seek for it. Again man may knock and the door will be opened; again you may seek, and you can find, and the Lord will not turn you away. I bear testimony to you that He is the same as He was in former times. You can approach Him; you can ask Him, and He will reveal to you, if you ask in faith. I know these things are true. I leave them with you. I pray God to bless them to your souls. I pray the Lord to bless the strangers, if there be any here, who have not received the

Gospel, that this light may 'penetrate' their understandings, that they may realize that God has in very deed spoken again from the heavens, and that the truth is on the earth, and that it is worth everything—more than gold or silver or precious gems. It will endure forever. When we shuffle off this mortal coil and go into the world that is eternal, these things will abide with us forever. They are the riches of eternity. I pray God to bless the Latter-day Saints, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth; that they may continue to build on this foundation, and that they may go on unto perfection, learning the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, until by and by, being sanctified therewith, they may be fit for the Father's presence and may enter into the Kingdom of Almighty God, to enjoy glory, and honor, and immortality, and eternal lives, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

A young Elder, who some four months ago left his home on a mission to Great Britain, writes as follows, replying to a letter sent him by a friend in this city:

No. 7 PEACOCK STREET, Mansfield, England, August 11th, 1896—Dear Brother—Your letter came to hand all right. I hope you enjoyed your prospected trip to the mountains; my only regret was that I could not participate with you; not that I have any desire to shrink from my duty, but one feels like a good fresh breath of mountain air would do him good after being penned up in this tight little isle for two of the longest months I ever experienced.

The district I am laboring in at present is one that has been worked considerably in the past. It seems to me that the wheat has been pretty well gathered, the people manifest such a very indifferent spirit towards us; but sometimes we find those who are willing to listen to us.

I do not know whether or not you ever heard of a man named Jarman; he once professed to be a Mormon, but apostatized some time ago. He stirred up a feeling of antagonism amongst the people of this land against the Latter-day Saints by a series of lectures he delivered in most of the principal towns. He has been living in quietude for a short time down in the south of England, but it seems from the way things are shaping, that we will soon have him in our midst again.

A number of the ministers of Nottingham have combined and have been trying to arrange for a public debate between Jarman and one of our missionaries; but our president, Brother T. Bailey of Nephi, acting under counsel from President Wells, has declined to meet him, the brethren considering him too low to have anything to do with.

This notorious man Jarman, who, by the way, is not at all noted for the truth of his statements, but rather the opposite, is billed to lecture in Nottingham for one week; we are not at all fearful as to the outcome; honest hearted people will readily see the falsity of his statements, and the others we care nothing about. Those who are willing to believe the lies he delights in telling, in my estimation would not be an ornament to any cause.

The different denominations will oc-

asionally quarrel among themselves, but it seems they will unite to battle against the people of God, and for their weapon have chosen a man whose only delight is to abuse us. They are unable to refute the doctrines we teach, having tried to do so at several of our outdoor meetings, so have given the too hazardous task for themselves to an escaped lunatic; this action alone does not speak very well for the intelligence of the reverend gentlemen.

It is generally conceded that when the wolves howl there are some sheep around; if this be so, possibly you will hear of us adding to the fold of Christ. Street preaching is the best part of it; the people generally stand outside of gun range and after we exert all the powers of our lungs trying to make them hear, they will turn with a sarcastic smile and go in the house, making sure to close the door after them. On one occasion they pulled down the blinds; I never knew that Mormons had such a terrorizing aspect until I came here. Of course the above was an extreme case; sometimes we get a pretty fair audience.

Take every chance you get to address the Saints or to lecture in Sunday school or Mutual. I tell you I wish I had done more of it; my only regret is that what I did, I did not do well enough; I did it more as a sense of duty, instead of for all the knowledge I could get out of it. We might be thoroughly satisfied ourselves in regard to the truths of our religion, but what we as young men ought to do is to become versed in the Scriptures, so that we can substantiate our belief from the Bible and be able to quote it correctly, because if one happens to make a mistake they do not forget to make use of it against you; of course they have an idea we have a Bible of our own.

One occasion comes to my mind. I was proving the meaning of the word "baptize." I had a Webster's pocket dictionary, but the man I was talking to would not accept the definition it gave. He went and got his own before he would believe me; they seem to think we have a separate set of books altogether to what they have. I expect to go out tracing this afternoon. Kind regards to all.

WILLIAM GREEN.

Denver News: The near completion of a beet sugar factory at Eddy, New Mexico, is a matter of congratulation. When that plant demonstrates what can be done with Rocky mountain beets, perhaps we may be able to obtain one in Colorado. With sugar factories in Nebraska, Utah and New Mexico, and all of them successful, the raising of capital for the erection of a plant in Colorado should not long be delayed.

The Bodega stage ran off a bank forty feet high between Bodega roads and Bodega Corners, Cal., on Monday. The harness broke when the stage was going up a heavy grade, causing the stage to swerve. There were no passengers in the vehicle, and when the driver saw that the team and rig were sure to go over he jumped, landing in safety on the road. The team and stage fell over the grade. Both horses were instantly killed and the stage is a total wreck.