

the commission that was sent down there to investigate its practicability. This is the only question. If it is mechanically possible, without too great an expense, it should by all means be built. It would be of immense value, not only to the south, but to the whole country."

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FOR TRUE CHRISTIANITY.

CAMPBELL P. O., Cherokee Nation,
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Again I ask a few moments of your time, and a short space in your valuable paper. In the first place the health of the Elders in this mission is good, when we take into consideration the sickly season that has just passed, and we hope this coming winter to do some good work in the way of expounding the plan of life and salvation, as it was taught by the Apostles in the primitive days. Of course we are (to a certain extent) situated as were the Saints and Elders in the days of paganism, but we hope to break down the opposition, and also the false doctrines that are taught by the so-called ministers, who are preaching for hire, so making merchandise of men's souls. It is no wonder that there are so many infidels in the world, when we take into consideration, that so many ministers are teaching so many different doctrines, and all claiming the Scriptures to prove their position. There are men in this country (of matured years I am sorry to say) who deny that there is a God, and maintain that the world came by chance, and that when we lay our bodies down in death, that is the end of us; and again, there are a great many who believe that there is no punishment after death, that all go to heaven immediately on leaving this probation. Strange must be the philosophy, and stranger still the theology, which can contemplate that some of the hardened murderers of today will be welcomed at the golden gates of heaven, and angels gathered around to meet them, while our Heavenly Father with beaming countenance exclaims, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." But let me tell you this is a gross mistake. Join the Revelator tells us, every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the flesh; yet strange as it may seem, so many professing to be Christians have not one redeeming feature of Christianity, but will profess to be governed by its morals, yet at heart are not followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It must be manifest to every enquiring mind, that in the doctrines of Jesus Christ we find the only hope of our lost world. True religion is not a religion of dead doctrines, but is one of a living faith and a holy life. Do right, is one of our Savior's choice commands; do right to God by loving Him, and worshipping Him as your heavenly Father; do right to yourself, by cultivating in your own heart everything that is pure, lovely and of good report; do right to your fellow-man, regarding him as your brother, and doing everything in your power to elevate him, purify him

and prepare him for heaven. If we do this, all our past sins may be forgiven. Christ died on the cross, and made atonement for us, and if we earnestly repent of our sins, and trust in an atoning Savior, and return to a holy life, we will receive all the blessings promised to the faithful; "For he that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself." 1 John V, X.

We often meet men who get the impression that there is something distinguished in being an unbeliever. We meet plenty in this country, and should there happen to be any in the country where I come from who read these few lines, I would like to ask how do you account for the fact that time of the most intelligent men in the world have been believers of the doctrines of Christ? Was Napoleon Bonaparte a man of feeble intellect? In reading his history we find him saying: "The loftiest intellects since the advent of Christianity have had faith, a practical faith, in the mysteries and the doctrines of the Gospel." Again I ask, was Daniel Webster a man of feeble power? He bears the following testimony to the doctrines of Christ: "Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the vastness of the universe, compared with the apparent insignificance of this globe, has sometimes shaken my reason for the faith that is in me. But my heart has always assured and reassured me that the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be a divine reality. This belief enters into the very depths of my conscience, the whole history of man proves it."

We must know that it is too late for anyone to take the ground that the doctrine of Christ is the religion of ignorant men. God has given sufficient evidence to convince all who are seeking for the true plan of salvation, and not to believe in these doctrines will surely bring condemnation at the judgment bar of God. There are a great many who have cherished a spirit of unbelief, until God, as a punishment, has sent them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.

How lovely and consoling is the religion as taught by the Latter-day Saints, in its adaptation to every condition in life! Why, the king upon the throne, the President of these great United States, surrounded with every luxury, with almost limitless power, needs religion just as much as the humble tradesman, or the feeblest of the feeble, in this great universe. There is one great comfort to every penitent believer, and that is, there is a royal road to heaven. You and I, my dear brothers and sisters, can find salvation only where the good and true find it; there is only one door through which we can enter the kingdom of heaven, and that door is Christ.

Since the Gospel was restored to the Latter-day Saints, through the Prophet Joseph, persecution has followed up to the present time and the Elders who are out to the different parts of the world have much to endure, and are consoling to a certain degree that men who profess to be ministers of God will resort to such persecutions, it is evident to us that they want confidence in their own faith. Where, I ask, shall we all be when a few more fleeting years shall have passed away? Is it wise for us to live for this

world alone when life is such vapor and when we are so soon to be ushered into the presence of our Creator? There is a voice, solemn as the grave, coming up, or will come up, to us saying: "Prepare to meet your God;" and that is what the Apostles in this dispensation are doing—sending out servants of God to teach the doctrines as taught by the Apostles of old, and under the divine inspiration of our Savior they are doing a good work. The prejudice which exists against the Saints of God is being cleared away, and they are being accepted in their true light.

Ever praying for the cause of truth and the further spread of the same through your valuable columns, I remain your brother in the cause of truth,
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ELDERS' CONFERENCE, DAVIS STAKE

CENTERVILLE, Utah, Oct. 21, 1895.—A conference of the Elders of the Davis Stake was held at Farmington on Sunday, October 20, 1895. There were present Elders John W. Hess, Joseph H. Grant and Joseph S. Clark, of the Stake presidency; members of the High Council, the Bishops of the various wards in the Stake, with their counselors and a good attendance of the Elders, every quorum of the Elders being well represented. At 10 o'clock a.m. the conference opened with the usual exercises. President Hess stated that the object of the conference was to hear reports as to the condition of the Elders' quorums and to give such counsel and instruction as might be needed. He referred to the labors of himself and counselors with this body of the Priesthood and their great desire to have the Elders realize the responsibilities that rest on their shoulders and become efficient workers in the Church. He also spoke on the necessity of keeping correct records in the quorums.

Elders Frederick G. Pack, Lamoni Call, Albert Beazer and Henry Thornley, presidents of the First, Second, Third and Fourth quorums of Elders, reported their quorums as being in a good condition; the majority of the members were alive to their duties, although there were some in each quorum that had become very careless and indifferent, but with this class the presidents were laboring to see if they could awaken them to a sense of their duties.

Elder John Allen, who presides over the Elders in the South Weber ward, gave a very favorable report of this part of the Fourth quorum; meetings were well attended, etc.

President Joseph S. Clark spoke on the many privileges and opportunities that the young men have in this day to become learned in the Gospel. He exhorted the Elders to improve their opportunities so that they might be able to present the principles of the Gospel to the inhabitants of the earth in an intelligent manner. Said the labor of dealing with the careless members should be a labor of love and much good would result.

Conference adjourned until 2 p.m. At 2 o'clock p.m., after the opening exercises, the Sacrament was administered.

Elders L. E. Abbott, Gilbert Parker and Ragsel Barber reported the Fifth,