

brought back the gospel which Jesus taught? Not one. Leaving Calvin, Knox, Luther and the early reformers we come down to later times, and we find that in the Church of England there were some things which the conscientious portion of its members could not sustain, and a reformation was inaugurated by John and Charles Wesley and a Mr. Fletcher. They taught many good principles; but they did not bring back the gospel of Jesus Christ, although they were very zealous and very desirous of doing good, and I think there was something very creditable in their efforts to stem the current of evil and to resist and unmask the corruption that was creeping in under the name of religion and to unmask the hypocrisy that existed; but they did not restore the gospel, and one of them, in singing said he looked forward to and hoped the time would come when—

"From chosen Abraham's seed
The new apostles choose
O'er isles and continents to spread
The dead-reviving news."

They did not have it, however he knew that, and although he was desirous of having such a state of things restored, he was not able to introduce it, for God had not called upon him to perform that work.

There have been various other isms besides those I have mentioned, in some instances arising more from personal pique, prejudice and contradictions and personal interests of men than for the glory of God and for the good of mankind, and I am afraid their originators cared more about preaching the gospel according to certain men, rather than the gospel according to Jesus Christ. In such a state of things what is to be done? We are living in a world in which the spirits who have dwelt in the bosom of God are coming into and leaving this state of existence at the rate of about a thousand millions in every thirty-three years; and here are thousands of so-called ministers of religion with an inefficient gospel, that God never ordained, trying to ameliorate the condition of mankind, and sending what they call the gospel to the heathen, and they are continually calling for the pecuniary aid of their fellow Christians to assist them in this enterprise. But if they have not the truth themselves how can they impart it to others? How can blind leaders lead people in the way of life and salvation? Was it not necessary, in view of the ignorance and blindness of the people everywhere, in regard to the principles of salvation, that something should be done to ameliorate the condition of a fallen world? The Christian world, by their unbelief, have made the heavens as brass, and wherever they go to declare what they call the gospel they make confusion worse confounded; but who shall debar God from taking care of his own creation, and saving his creatures? Yet this is the position that many men have taken. But notwithstanding the unbelief so prevalent throughout Christendom God restored his ancient gospel to Joseph Smith, giving him revelation, opening the heavens to him, and making him acquainted with the plan of salvation and exaltation of the children of men. I was well acquainted with him, and have carefully examined the revelations given through him, and notwithstanding all the aspersions that have been cast upon him I believe that with the exception of Jesus Christ, there never was a greater prophet upon this wide earth than he; and to the revelations he made known are we indebted for the glorious principles that God has communicated to the world in these last days. We were as much in the dark as other people were about the principles of salvation, and the relationship we held to God and each other, until these things were made known to us by Joseph Smith. A great deal is said at the present time about the relation of husband and wife; but where is there a man outside of this church who understands anything about this relationship, as well as that of parents to children? There is not one, and the Latter-day Saints knew nothing about it until it was revealed by Joseph Smith, through the gospel. It is the gospel that teaches a woman that she has a claim upon a man, and a man that he has a claim upon a woman in the resurrection; it is the gospel that teaches them that, when they rise from the tombs in the resurrection, they will again clasp hands, be reunited, and again participate in that

glory for which God designed them before the world was.

John the Revelator, when on the Isle of Patmos, rapt in prophetic vision said—"I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell upon the earth, to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, crying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come.'" He also saw a time when a certain power "would make war with the Saints, and prevail against them, and they should be given into his hand until a time, times and the dividing of a time."

Well then, to come back, to accommodate my strange friend, whoever he may be, I will say that we, the Latter-day Saints, believe this gospel just as Jesus taught it. We believe in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that we should reverence him as the Son of his heavenly Father and our Father. We believe in the ordinances that he introduced, and that were practiced by his disciples; we believe in the same Spirit and revelation that they believed in. I do not wish to argue these matters, or to go into details, for time would fail on the present occasion; But the Scriptures are before us, and I shall only attempt to touch upon some of the principles that Jesus enunciated, and which were taught by him and his disciples; and it is for believing in God and Jesus Christ, in prophecy and revelation that we are continually arraigned before the world as impostors and deceivers. We believe in being honest to ourselves and with every body, whether they are with us or not; we believe in men acting all the time as though they were in the presence of God and holy angels, and that for all their acts they will be brought to judgment, for we believe that God will bring men into judgment "for every word and every secret thought." We believe a good deal as David says—Who is he that can dwell with devouring fire, and among everlasting burnings? That man who has feared God in his heart, and who has not lied in his heart, that man who will swear to his own hurt and change not, a pure, virtuous, holy man who regards the rights of others as he regards his own; a man who will concede to others all that he would ask for himself, and who seeks to promote the welfare of the human family.

The elders of this church have been called, as the disciples of Jesus were in former times, to go and preach the gospel without purse and script. I have travelled hundreds of thousands of miles on this errand myself, and I see men all around me here who have done the same. What for? To benefit mankind, to tear away the veil of ignorance, to combat error, to reveal truth, to make known the divine will, to tell to the human family that God has spoken, that angels have appeared, that the heavens have been opened, that light and intelligence have been communicated to man, that the everlasting gospel has been restored, and that we, in this age, can enjoy the same blessings that the Saints enjoyed in former days, and to point out to them the way of life and salvation. We have received this commission from our God, and we have endeavored faithfully to fulfill it, so that our blood may be clear, and that when we come to stand before the Great Eloheim, when all nations shall be gathered together, we can say "Oh God, we have finished the work which thou gavest us to do."

What else? We are standing now rather in a political capacity. How is this? We cannot help ourselves, the gospel told us to gather together. Do the Scriptures say anything about it? Yes, but, if they did not, and God gave us that command, the silence of the Scriptures would make no difference at all. But they do, for the ancient prophets had a view of the gathering of the Saints in the latter days; they saw them flocking to the mountains like doves to the windows; and through them the Lord declared that he would gather his people "from the east and from the west from the north and from the south." It is said—"I will take them one of a city and two of a family and bring them to Zion, and give them pastors after my own heart, who will feed them with knowledge and understanding," and in speaking of the calamities of the last days he says that in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance." But we gathered because the revelations given through

our prophet commanded us to do so, these revelations agreeing with those given on the same subject formerly.

Standing in this capacity, we form a large body of people. We have lived in different places, and as the believers in the gospel in other ages were persecuted so have we been; and having been persecuted and driven we have come here, as George A. Smith said on a certain occasion "because we could not help it." We could not live in Nauvoo, yet we neither injured nor robbed anybody, neither did we interfere with anybody's rights. They drove us from Missouri and from Illinois, and here we are, and what now? We were on Mexican territory when we arrived here, having been forced to flee from the United States because we could not have protection. Why was it? Who can tell why it was that people who strewed their garments and spread branches of palm trees in the path of Jesus, crying "Hosanna blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord, should cry, a short time after—"Crucify him, crucify him?" Said Pilate, "I wash my hands of this just man's blood;" and the people said "let his blood be upon us and our children." Terribly have they realized that invocation, for the avenging hand of the Almighty has been heavy upon them, and in every nation in which they have sojourned they have been robbed, stripped, their property confiscated, and they have been deprived of all the rights of men. The time will come when God's wrath will be satisfied towards them, and when they will again be his elect people and gathered to their own land, even to Jerusalem, where, as the prophet says—"The measuring lines shall go forth, and little boys and girls shall again play in the streets of that city;" and when the Son of God will descend and "set his feet on the Mount of Olives, and it will cleave in twain, and there will be a great valley, and they will flee from before him like as they fled in the days of Oziel, King of Judah;" and "the Lord our God," we are told, "will come and all his Saints with him," and there will be deliverance in Zion and in Jerusalem in the remnant whom the Lord our God shall call."

Well, we are here in a political capacity, inhabiting a Territory, and forming an integral part of the United States. Whom do we interfere with? Nobody. Do we rob or pillage anybody, or interfere with the rights of any? No. Do we make incursions on the citizens of surrounding Territories? No, we interfere with the civil or religious rights of no persons in this or any other city or Territory; we never did, we do not now; but we, can not help being in the capacity that we occupy to-day. We form a body politic, and have necessarily become a Territory, and we could not help ourselves if we would. But we do not interfere with anybody, we observe all good and wholesome laws. People will lie about us; but that makes no difference, they lied about Jesus. Our enemies say—"You are a bad people and that is the reason we persecute you." That is what the enemies of Jesus said about him, it was not because he was good, you never saw a religious persecution got up on that account, all such persecutions have been "because of the wickedness of the people." The Scribes and Pharisees, after seeing Jesus heal the blind man, said—"Give God the glory for we know this man is a sinner; it is true that he casts out devils, but he does it through Beelzebub, the prince of devils." Well, if they persecuted the Lord of the house, they will persecute the members of his household, if they do these things in the green tree what will they do in the dry? The fact is there is, and always has been, and always will be, an antagonism between truth and error, light and darkness, between the servants of God and the servants of the adversary. The devil is called the father of lies, and he delights therein. What difference does that make to us, what do we care about it? Very little. But suppose we are oppressed. We have stood it before and we can stand it again. Suppose they should pass proscriptive laws against us. All right, if the nation can stand it we can. I will risk upholding and standing by correct principles which emanate from God. We will cleave to truth, honor, holiness and to all the principles that God has revealed to us, and we will go on increasing in every good.

This nation and other nations will be overthrown, not because of their virtue, but because of their corrup-

tion and iniquity. The time will come, for the prophecies will be fulfilled, when kingdoms will be destroyed, thrones cast down and the powers of the earth shaken, and God's wrath will be kindled against the nations of the earth, and it is for us to maintain correct principles, political, religious and social, and to feel towards all men as God feels. He makes the sun to shine on the just as well as on the unjust; and if he has enlightened our minds and put us in possession of more correct principles than others have, let us be thankful and adore the God of Israel. Let us thank our heavenly Father for his goodness towards us in making us acquainted with the principles of the everlasting gospel, and let us go on from strength to strength, from purity to purity, from virtue to virtue, from intelligence to intelligence; and when the nations shall fall and crumble Zion shall arise and shine, and the power of God shall be manifest among his people. No man can overturn or permanently hurt those who do right. They may kill some of our bodies, but that is all they can do. We shall live and shout among the assembled throng, in the eternal heavens, "Hosanna, blessed be the God of Israel," and his kingdom shall grow and increase until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ, and he will rule and reign for ever and ever.

May God help us to be faithful in the name of Jesus, Amen.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 27.

Scarce.—Coal has been scarce in this City for several days. Will dealers "rise and explain?"

Funeral.—The funeral of Nellie Emerson, who committed suicide on Wednesday, took place to-day.

Dismissed.—The grand jury of the Probate Court, which had been in session for some time, was dismissed on Wednesday.

Returned.—Hon. Geo. C. Bates, who has been on a visit to Michigan, returned to the City last night.

New Building.—Seabee and Robertson, of the Bain Wagon Depot, First East Street, have commenced the erection of a two story building in which to keep their buggies and other stock.

Departure.—Elder Joseph F. Smith will leave this city to-morrow morning for Europe, where he goes on a mission to preside over the branches of the church in the British Isles and adjacent countries.

Hydraulic Press.—Mr. Wm. J. Silver has just completed the fitting up of a hydraulic press in the News office, to be used in pressing book and job work. It operates to a charm, and has a squeezing power of 120 tons.

Energetic.—Martin Florida, of Alta, Deputy Sheriff of Salt Lake County, is certainly a very active and efficient officer. He has evidently displayed a great deal of tact, judgment and energy in discovering and arresting the parties charged with the murder of Peter Van Valkenberg.

Refining.—Mr. Seiger, formerly Superintendent of the Germania Refining Works, has been on a visit to Europe and we understand that he is on his way back to Utah, bringing with him some new patents in the refining line, which are expected to be put in operation at the Germania Works.

Ballad Entertainment.—The audience at the ballad entertainment; M. E. Church, last night, was somewhat small, but the performances were none the less excellent on that account. Mrs. Haydon sang with all her usual finish and Mrs. Mathieson and the others who took part also acquitted themselves surprisingly well.

Stopped on the Highway.—About midnight on Wednesday night, Albert Angel, a street car conductor, was stopped on the sidewalk opposite the 11th Ward new schoolhouse, while on his way home, by persons dressed as two soldiers. One of them was about to draw his pistol, then Mr. Angel made a movement to draw his, when the two, who probably thought at first he was not armed, ran away.

Running off Stock.—A correspondent writes from Parowan, Iron

Co., that it is evident that stock is constantly being run off from that region and taken westward by others than the owners. A party of Iron County settlers, who recently made a tour in that direction, found more than 120 head of stock between Snake and Patterson valleys, Nevada, and learned from ranchers that stray cattle, to them, were pressing westward all the time.

Another Furnace.—Messrs. Carson & Buzzo, proprietors of the Galena Smelting Works, West Jordan, are about to have erected another smelter, which will make the fourth. Messrs. Morris & Evans have contracted to do the work.

Messrs. Carson & Buzzo own some very valuable mines in Bingham, and it is reliably reported that a very rich strike has recently been made in one of them. It is stated that the newly discovered body of ore assays 70 per cent of lead, and 90 ounces of silver to the ton.

Coal Weighing.—It is to be hoped that the suggestions offered by the Mayor at the last meeting of the City Council, regarding the regulating of the weighing of coal by ordinance and otherwise, will be acted upon, as the dissatisfaction among consumers regarding the matter as it now stands is intense and widespread. It is probable, now that the subject has been fairly broached in a sitting of the city fathers, that the matter will receive the attention which it appears to demand. The coal business is growing more extensive every year and judicious regulations in the matter of weight would be advantageous to both dealers and consumers.

Procured Bonds.—We understand that Robert Gray, of Sandy, indicted for the murder of Peter Van Valkenberg, obtained the stipulated \$5,000 bonds last night, when he was set at liberty. There was some talk at one time of taking him out on *habeas corpus*, but he was advised to have his trial in the Probate Court, for should he be convicted he could have recourse to the *habeas corpus* remedy, and should the jury acquit him that would be the end of the matter, so he chose rather to have a trial in the Probate Court.

The other men, Shafer, Fox, and Kelly, are in the county jail, awaiting trial. The evidence in their cases, being considered to be of a different character from that in the case of Mr. Gray, they have not been admitted to bail.

AN EXTENDED POPULARITY.—Each year finds "Brown's Bronchial Troches" in new localities in various parts of the world. For relieving Coughs, Colds, and Throat Diseases, the Troches have been proved reliable. Obtain only "Brown's Bronchial Troches," and do not take any of the worthless imitations that may be offered. Sold Everywhere.

DEAFNESS CAUSED BY CATARRH.—Catarrh not unfrequently produces deafness.

Mr. Levi Springer, of Nettles Lake, (P. O.), Williams Co., O., formerly of Durban's Corners, O., has been cured of deafness of four or five years' standing, by using Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. He was so deaf he could not hear a person talk when seated by his side, and can now hear the church bells ring two miles distant—so he writes.

Marked Case of Deafness Cured.

DICKERSONVILLE, Niag. Co., N. Y., Feb. 22, 1871.

About one year ago I caught a severe cold in the head, which terminated in a severe form of Catarrh. During the time ulcerations occurred in the nasal passage, and I became wholly deaf in one ear, with partial deafness in the other. The inflammation had involved all the delicate structures of the ears, and I was in immediate danger of permanent deafness. The discharge became profuse and fetid, both in my throat and from my ears. In this condition I called on Dr. Pierce for aid, who prescribed his Golden Medical Discovery and Catarrh Remedy, and under their use have rapidly recovered. My hearing is restored, and my Catarrh is entirely well.

JOHN SMITH.

DIED.

In this City, March 1st, of congestion of the brain, EMILY AMELIA, daughter of William and Amelia Stockdale, aged 4 years, 10 months and 17 days.