

free as air. You may inquire whether we believe in foreordination; we do, as strongly as any people in the world. We believe that Jesus was foreordained before the foundations of the world were built, and his mission was appointed Him in eternity to be the Savior of the world, yet when He came in the flesh He was left free to choose or refuse to obey His Father. Had He refused to obey His Father, He would have become a Son of perdition. We also are free to choose or refuse the principles of eternal life. God has decreed and foreordained many things that have come to pass, and He will continue to do so; but when He decrees great blessings upon a nation or upon an individual, they are decreed upon certain conditions. When he decrees great plagues and overwhelming destructions upon nations or people, those decrees come to pass because those nations and people will not forsake their wickedness and turn unto the Lord. It was decreed that Ninevah should be destroyed in forty days, but the decree was stayed on the repentance of the inhabitants of Ninevah. My time is too limited to enter into this subject at length; I will content myself by saying that God rules and reigns, and has made all his children as free as himself, to choose the right or the wrong, and we shall then be judged according to our works.

Man appoints, but God disappoints; man's ways are not like God's ways; men can search out and perform many things as individuals, as families, neighborhoods, cities and nations, but God holds the results of their doings and acts in His own hands.

If mankind honestly believe the Bible, with all their hearts, they are bound to become Latter-day Saints, for they will then do as we have done, be baptized for the remission of sins, and receive the promise of the Holy Ghost, and "When He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come." He will reveal unto you the goodness of the Lord, and the law of the Lord and His ways, and enlighten your minds to discern His goings forth among the nations and His footsteps among the people, and deliver you from sin and the effects of it, according to your faith and obedience. Will it deliver you from all the consequences of the fall? No, we shall continue to live, suffer pain, and die, until the power of the Holy Priesthood so takes effect on the earth as to cleanse and purify it and all things upon it; until then we shall have to contend with the effects of the fall, while the Holy Spirit, through obedience to its precepts, will purify and sanctify the human heart.

We can produce an abundance of evidence, in the experience of this church, showing the power of God manifested through believers, who, after being buried with Christ in baptism and receiving the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, have straightway prophesied in the name of the Lord. Here is our reporter, br. George D. Watt, the first man baptized in England by Priest. Heber C. Kimball during his first mission to that land, is a witness that the gift of prophecy is enjoyed by this people. Soon after his baptism in England he prophesied that God would build up a Zion in the last days, that it would be located in the land of America, and that the Saints in England and in other countries would be gathered to it. Br. Watt is one witness of the power of God manifested in the gift of prophecy, and there are hundreds and thousands of other like witnesses in this church; indeed we are all witnesses to these well known facts, and it is this power which makes this people of one heart and of one mind. And not only have we numerous witnesses in this land, but they are scattered all over the world wherever this gospel has found believers. When people embrace this gospel, no matter in what country, nation, or clime, and have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, it prompts them to gather up to Zion; from this cause alone the church of Latter-day Saints in the mountains is composed of people from almost every nation in the world.

The world suppose that Brigham Young possesses this influence, in and of himself, thus to draw together from the ends of the earth a great people of different customs, habits, nationalities and languages; this is a mistake. Brigham Young does nothing more than preach the truth, the people believe and love it, and that makes them of one heart and of one mind; and they love br. Brigham, br. Heber and all other Elders who are full of the truth. I make this remark that all the world may know, that no man can have influence over this people, unless he is a righteous man; and the more of the power of God he can have upon him, and the more of the revelations of Jesus he can give to the people, the closer they will cling to him and the more they will love him. When fools cry aloud and say I am making slaves of the people, every man and woman that possesses the Spirit of truth looks upon them as poor ignorant creatures, and pities them. They do not want them in their houses, nor to hold converse with them in the streets, because they know that their desire and business are to try to take away from the faithful that which will exalt them and make them equal with the Saints in heaven.

When people embrace this gospel in far off countries, about the first inquiry they make is:—"Where is your Zion?" We want to gather with the Saints, for we know the time is come, for the Spirit has manifested to us that the prophecies must be fulfilled—that God will gather his people together." All that Joseph Smith did was to preach the truth—the gospel as the Lord revealed it to him—and tell the people how to be saved, and the honest in heart ran together and gathered

around him and loved him as they did their own lives. He could do no more than to preach true principles, and that will gather the Saints in the last days, even the honest in heart. All who believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ are his witnesses to the truth of these statements.

I have heard a good deal said, in my day, about disinterested witnesses. The priest, school master, father and mother taught us that the Bible is true, and we believed it. How many witnesses are there to the New Testament? Only eight, and those witnesses were the disciples or followers of the Lord Jesus. There cannot be a disinterested witness to the New Testament, yet we believe it. In courts of justice they are very particular to have disinterested witnesses, but how can there be a disinterested witness of Jesus and His mission? There cannot one be found; there was not one to be found in His day nor in the days of the Apostles. How many witnesses has the Book of Mormon? Hundreds and thousands are now living upon the earth, who testify to its truth. How many witnesses has the Book of Doctrine and Covenants? There are hundreds and thousands of living witnesses who know that this book is from God.

It may be urged that Joseph Smith did not escape death from the hands of his enemies, while the ancient Apostles and servants of God escaped the edge of the sword, etc. Neither did Jesus Christ escape from the hands of his enemies, but died an ignominious death upon the cross. Why was this? Because God so ordained it, for no testament is in force until after the death of the testator; He sealed His testimony with His blood, and so He has permitted many of the prophets to do. When we reflect upon the path in which the faithful children of God have walked, from the days of Adam to this day, we find that the path of the transgressor is much the hardest—that the righteous have always fared better than the wicked, in every age and nation.

I know in some degree what is in man, by what I have had to grapple with in myself all my days, and that is a self-determined will of my own, which should be governed and controlled by the Holy Priesthood. If we would bend our stubborn wills, dismiss every prejudice, and doubt the correctness of our consciences until they are formed by the revelations of Jesus Christ, the chances in favor of our coming to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus would be far more than when we hug to our traditions, and cling with pertinacity to our prepossessed feelings and notions. This is my advice to all men, but you wonder what your dear friends would think of you, were you to do so; and—"O dear, I should lose my good name, my property," etc. There are many before me today who have suffered the loss of houses, lands, flocks, herds, and all the comforts of life and former friends and relatives for the gospel's sake and to gather home to Zion.

Who can make a people of one heart and mind, like unto this people, without the aid of the power of God? Is not this a standing evidence before all the world that God is the moving power in this work? Societies have been organized and immense wealth expended to form a united community, but all their endeavors have more or less failed to accomplish the purpose they sought; but God has gathered a people from all nations and brought them home to Zion, through the preaching of the gospel and his power. Our doctrine is right—there is no deception in it. It requires no argument, for it is a self-evident fact. Still, when we meddle with that which we know nothing about, we are apt to fall into error and differ; but we have so much which we do know, and think about and talk about, that we have no time to speculate about that which we do not know. We know that God lives. Now, my brethren, does your religion witness to you the truth of this, day by day? I will answer the question for you, it does. Is it to you who live your religion from day to day a self-evident fact? It is, and you know that the gospel God has revealed in our day through Joseph the prophet is the only plan of life and salvation that ever was or ever will be revealed. Another question I will answer briefly. Are the Latter-day Saints going to be saved while everybody else will be damned? This notion has created in the minds of those who are not of the Latter-day Saints church a great antipathy and hatred against us. We do not condemn any person. God is the judge of all. There is no occasion for alarm on this point, for all men will be judged according to the deeds done in the body; and all will receive a salvation according to their capacities, except the sons of perdition. Jesus will save all, except the sons of perdition. "There is a sin unto death: I do not say that ye shall pray for it." Those who come under the influence of that sin are those who shed innocent blood, or consent to it; also those who deny the Holy Ghost, after having received it; they are sons of perdition, and will be damned. All the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, except those, will inherit a kingdom of glory, and will receive glory, power and greatness according to their capacities, knowledge, desires and works. Can they dwell in the presence of God? None can enjoy his celestial presence, except those who keep a celestial law.

God bless you: Amen.

—"Pa," said a lad to his father, "I have often read of poor but honest people, why don't they say rich but honest?" "Tut, tut, my son," replied the father, "nobody would believe them."

# MISCELLANEOUS.

**A NORWEGIAN DANCE.**—Round the musician the young men and maidens formed a ring and began to dance. There was little talking, and that little was in an undertone. They went to work with the utmost gravity and decorum. Scarcely a laugh was heard—nothing approaching to a shout during the whole night—nevertheless they enjoyed themselves thoroughly; I have no doubt whatever of that. The nature of their dances was somewhat incomprehensible. It seemed as if the chief object of the young men was to exhibit their agility by every species of impromptu bound and fling of which the human frame is capable, including the rather desperate feat of dashing themselves flat upon the ground.

The principal care of the girls seemed to be to keep out of the way of the men, and avoid being killed by a frantic kick or felled by a random blow. But the desperate features in each dance did not appear at first. Every man began by seizing his partner's hand, and dragging her round the circle, ever and anon twirling her round violently with one arm, and catching her round the waist with the other, in order—as it appeared to me—to save her from an untimely end. To this treatment the fair damsels submitted with pleased though bashful looks. But soon the men flung them off, and went at it entirely on their own account; yet they kept up a sort of revolving course round their partners, like satellites round their separate suns. Presently the satellites assumed some of the characteristics of the comet.

They rushed about the circle in wild, erratic courses; they leaped into the air, and while in that position slapped the soles of their feet with both hands. Should any one deem this an easy feat, let him try it. They then became a little more sane, and a waltz, or something like it, was got up. It was really pretty, and some of the movements were graceful; but the wild spirit of the glens re-entered the men rather suddenly. The females were expelled from the ring altogether, and the youths braced themselves for a little really heavy work; they flung and hurled themselves about like maniacs, stood on their heads, and walked on their hands—in short, became a company of acrobats, yet always kept up a sympathetic feeling for time with the music.

**A FLEXIBLE PLATFORM.**—The following platform is arranged to suit all parties. It is trinity in unity—three in one. The first column is the Secession platform; the second is the Abolition platform; and the whole reading together is the true Union platform:

Hurrah for	The old Union
Secession	Is a curse
We fight for	The Constitution
The Confederacy	Is a league with hell
We love	Free speech
The rebellion	Is treason
We glory in	A free press
Separation	Will not be tolerated
We fight not for	The negro's freedom
Reconstruction	Must be obtained
We must succeed	At every hazard
The Union	We love
We love not	The negro
We never said	Let the Union slide
We want the	Union as it was
Foreign intervention	Is played out
We cherish	The old flag
The stars and bars	Is a haunting lie
We venerate	The habeas corpus
Southern chivalry	Is hateful
Death to	Jeff Davis
Abe Lincoln	Isn't the government
Down with	Mob law
Law and order	Shall triumph.

**THE SALT TRADE OF WASHOE.**—Persons at a distance, who read the enormous shipments of the precious metals from Washoe, are little aware of the richness of this Territory in other useful and valuable substances found in profusion within its limits. There are probably thousands of persons who have resided in the Territory for a year or two, who are unaware of the extent and value of the salt trade in the immediate vicinity of Virginia. In fact, there are very few persons who are aware that the Sand Spring Salt Mining Company manufacture and sell the enormous quantity of 500,000 pounds of salt per month! To haul this salt from the mine into town, the company constantly employ seventy large teams, and pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 per week for freight! the company themselves owning a number of the finest teams in the Territory, having \$30,000 invested in this branch of their extensive business. Large as this enormous production of salt may appear, it scarcely equals the demand—the Gould & Curry company alone using forty-five tons per month. Besides the Sand Springs Salt Company, there are several others in this Territory who also do a large business. The salt trade of Washoe is becoming of nearly as much importance as its mining, and had we a railroad, to make the cost of transportation less, Washoe salt would become as important an article of exportation as its famous bricks.—[Washoe Herald.]

**IS THERE STILL HOPE?**—From the events which have been transpiring for the past three years, it does seem to us that the people of the North, must now, if they have failed to realize the fact before, be now convinced that the South is terribly in earnest, and that nothing short of actual extermination will ever subdue them. Reckless of life as they have become, and fighting as the Southern

people have in the recent battles in Virginia; for what they consider to be their natural rights, it is in vain to suppose that anything in the shape of war short of utter annihilation, of the whole fighting population, will force the Southern States back to the acknowledgment of their allegiance to the general government under the Lincoln dynasty, with its negro equality dogma as the future corner stone of a compulsory Union.

Peace and conciliation, on the basis of the old constitutional guarantees, might restore the Union—but war never can!—The sooner the people look this fact square in the face—a fact as immutable as Heaven itself—and act up to their convictions, the better it will be; for a continuance in the present insane course of policy on the part of the administration much longer, will assuredly end in the destruction of the nation. In the name of all that is sacred, if you have a particle of love for your country and your race, ponder on what you are doing if you uphold a continuation of this horrible war. We verily believe that unless a change of rulers and policy is made through the ballot-box at the ensuing presidential election, the days of the Republic and the freedom of the people will never more rise, but the Goddess of Liberty will take her final farewell from our borders.—[Chatfield Democrat.]

**TERRIFIC BATTLE.**—A most graphic account of the assault on Klineshaw Mountain, on the 27th ult, was specially dispatched to the Louisville Journal, and is the latest reliable report received. The attempt, by Gen. Sherman's order, was made, and greater bravery and determination could not have been exhibited. The heights in places were inaccessible, and defended with a resoluteness that might have stood by Leonidas at Thermopyæ. The men were so close to each other that stones and rocks hurled from the heights did considerable damage. Among the killed were Col. Barnhill of the 4th Illinois, and Col. Harmon of the 125th Illinois, also Brig. Gen. Harker, Capt. Augustine, 55th Illinois, Lieut.-Col. Wright, 103d Illinois, and Col. Silas Miller, 36th Illinois, were among the wounded. The loss along the whole line, is set down at about 3,000; and the correspondent says, "we failed in the main object of the assault." Col. Dan. McCook, commanding a brigade, is among the severely wounded, as well as Lieut.-Col. Boone, of Kentucky. The brigades of McCook and Mitchell lost about 700. In another part of the dispatch, it says three other brigades lost 300 or 400 men and 60 officers.

**RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES.**—The Louisville Journal, eager to do the work of slavery, remarks:

The abolitionists advocate amalgamation; but before they practice it, they will have to get the consent of the nigger, and the nigger is getting proud.

To which the Louisville Press responds with the following stinger:

Heretofore the patriarchal aristocracy have not consulted the nigger, but practiced amalgamation at will, and were always proud.

**JAPANESE IDEAS, MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.**—The Orientals bring an accusation against the English of disgusting savagery in the exhibition of raw meat in public places? "Eating meat is often very healthy," say the Japanese critics, whose sensibilities were shocked by this display, "but why exhibit to every one?" The question, says the JOURNAL, might, with still greater propriety, be asked in New York, where we may see raw meat in eating-house windows, cut into the semblance of living animals, and even of the human form, as if for the gratification of a cannibal appetite. We shall, therefore, claim no superiority over our British cousins on this score, and in fact, may as well consider ourselves included in a large part of the bill of indictment. We except the count on the subject of haughtiness. "The merchants are proud, and the shopkeepers do not like to turn their articles too much about," say the Japanese. Here the contrary is proved by conspicuous placards displayed in stores, announcing that it is "no trouble to show goods." The English run (or walk) very fast, just as the Japanese do when there is a fire. The women are, many of them, handsome, but "they run like a man." In order to appear taller they wear a high bonnet. Even fashionable women dance very much. They hang on the arm of the men, and one sees the men frequently run along the streets in the arms of women. We believe them to be their own wives. Women in general enjoy too much liberty, and the fashionable ones wear the same dresses as those of the lower classes. The dress of the women, especially at night, is not always decent. The last aspersion is of course to be repelled; and concerning the amount of liberty enjoyed by the sex, it is equally a matter of course that neither Turkish nor Japanese notions can expect toleration in England or America.

**THE GOLD BILL REPEALED.**—The House on June 30th, by a vote of 88 against 29, passed the Senate bill for the repeal of the "gold bill." So that bit of nonsense is out of the way.—[Columbian Weekly Register, July 9, 1864.]

—Weighing so many "stone" is often seen in English print. The weight is thus defined: A stone, horseman's weight is 14 pounds; of butcher's meat, 8; of iron, 14; of glass, 5; of hemp, 32; of cheese, 16.