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SCRIPTURE AND COMMON SENSE.

We receive, frequently, questions to answer, that indicate either a disposition to start controversy or weakness of intellect that is pitiable.

The Latter-day Saints have the living oracles, who bear "the burden of the word of the Lord" just as much as did the prophets of old.

What was written aforetime was written for our learning, but that which comes by present revelation is "a more sure word of prophecy."

Noah was told to build an ark. That is not a duty devolving upon anybody else.

This is a case of dead-work worship that illustrates our theme. Destructive pests may be rightly destroyed for self-preservation.

In all the affairs of life, and in spiritual as well as temporal things, a lithe common sense, and the exercise of the reasoning powers which God has given us for use and development.

All the books that have been preserved relating to the dealings of God with mankind in the past, are of value beyond price.

"REORGANIZED" CASUISTRY. We have received from two of the Elders laboring in Michigan, a clipping from a paper published there.

If there was anything in them that was new or had not been replied to many times, the "News" would have no objection to devote the necessary

time and space in disposing of them. But there is no profit in continually noticing such stale stories as those about "polygamy, blood-alignment, Adam-God, smoothest liars," &c., &c.

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The decease of the Prophet Joseph Smith, while it disorganized the First Presidency, so to speak, did not and could not disorganize the Church.

"We now, having it in contemplation soon to reorganize the Church according to the original pattern."

The quibble that is raised on this fragment of a sentence, is characteristic of the fraternity that feeds on contention and fattens on a byplay upon words.

"Since the murder of President Joseph Smith, many false prophets and false teachers have arisen, and tried to deceive many, during which time we have mostly tarried with the body of the Church, or been seeking a new location, leaving those prophets and teachers to run their race undisturbed."

This "re-organization," then, was only the organization of the First Presidency and the selection of a Patriarch, offices made vacant by the departure of Joseph and Hyrum to another sphere.

The Church never stopped a moment in its onward career. The Twelve, holding equal authority with the First Presidency, exercised those functions in its absence, and being empowered to "ordain and set in order all the other officers of the Church," they announced their intention to fill the gaps that had been made by the hands of assassins.

It is pitiful to see the efforts of misguided men to twist language from its evident meaning, for the purpose of conveying something never intended. Such sophistry can accomplish nothing, in the end, that will be of lasting service to those who resort to such measures.

DOCTRINE OF A PARABLE

In recent years there has been a quite general tendency among religious people of the world, toward a more scriptural conception of the state of mankind after death, than that which prevailed in former ages.

That life hereafter is but a continuation of life here is understood as never before. It is clear that earth is but a school of preparation for duties that will devolve upon children of the Eternal Father in the coming existence, and

that the future will depend upon how the opportunities here offered are accepted or neglected. This is the largely prevalent idea—one that is in full harmony with the Scriptures and with reason.

It therefore sounds rather strange when a sectarian clergyman lifts his voice in defense of the ancient idea of everlasting torment in a burning lake, as does the Rev. R. A. Lapsley, of Greenville, Va.

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A Plain City man has filed a petition in bankruptcy for debts amounting to less than two hundred dollars.

scarcely prevent it, as witness the case of Carnot and Victor Emanuel, and the very recent attack on Emperor William. The esteem of the American people is the President's best safeguard.

The Laws of Utah, passed by the Legislature of 1901, are now in print, the work having been done at the office of the Deseret News.

Popular government in Hawaii is going it under full sail. The legislature has sent a memorial to the President asking the removal of Gov. Dole, and Gov. Dole, when requested by the legislature to call an extra session, refused to do so because he had been reliably informed that bribery was taking place.

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ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

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