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Deseret News. Elder Samuel W. Richards was born in Richmond, Berkshire county, Massain Richmond, Berkshire county, Massa-chusetts, August 9, 1824. In early life before ten years old be heard of a man who claimed to have seen and heard speak to him, God, the Father of Jesus Christ, with his Son, the Savior of all men who will believe on Him.

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men who will believe on Link. This message coming from an unquestionable source, awakened in him an interest and determination to see the person, Joseph Smith, who had been thus favored.

For this purpose when only 18 years of age he, with his father's family, emi-grated to Nauvoo, Illinois, where he found the Prophet located, with the people who had believed in his proclamation, of having received a divine mission to open up the "Dispensation of the fulness of times" to all the world.

A personal acquaintance formed with the Prophet Joseph Smith, not only strengthened but fully confirmed, to the complete conviction, in his ming, the truth of all he had heard of the divine ministrations the Prophet had received

TO EXPLORE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. Having settled with his father's family in Nauvoo, he engaged in work upon the Temple then building under the direction of a committee appointed by the Prophet, and continued so employed until the winter of 1843-4, when he re-ceived a message from the Prophet requesting him to be one of a party of twenty-five young men to go as plo-neers to the Rocky Mountains, to find suitable place for the Saints then in Nauvoo to remove to, as they were being continually disturbed by mobs who had determined to drive the neople from their homes, and were hunting him for his life.

To comply with this request he freely consented and became identified with the party, holding weekly meetings and receiving instructions from the Proph-



et. his brother Hyrum, and Sidney Rigdon, of what was expected of them: to go West to the Rocky Mountains, from all parts of the world, as the

to provide for their living on the way; and each one to take with him \$500 in money to purchase a desirable location. At these weekly meetings held by the party much of prophecy was heard as to the results of the movement of the Saints to the mountains, which would be the establishment of the Wingdom of God upon the earth, never again to be taken from it with the earth itself should be restored to its Edonic beauty and grandour, and by its own produc-tion should supply every material want of those dweiling upon it, the home of immortal beings, as man was when whitmer, on their way to visit him in Missouri, were compelled by a very

The Prophet Joseph having this com-The Prophet Joseph having this com-pany properly instructed and arranged for to leave at the proper time in the early summer, crossed the river, with the company that was always with him, in time to foin them on the way before reaching their place of final location, and thereby be free from those who wave constantly builting his life, and were constantly hunting his life, and have rest for a season with those who were his friends and brethren.

Hut this it seems was not to be, Those who professed to be his friends followed him, and insisted upon his re-turn to Nauvoo, as necessary for the salvation of the people there, should i become known that he had escaped beyond the reach of his enemies, who beyond the reach of his chemics, who were on the watch for him, and he re-turned saying. "If my life is not worth, anything to you it is not to me. I, go as a lamb to the shaughter." This proved to be the case, But, if he could have head his own way, he might have proved to be the case. But, if he could have had his own way, he might have been many years longer a living Proph-et with the people. The murder of the Prophet and the efforts being made to drive the people from their homes, pre-vented the departure of the pioneer company, and all the people found it necessary to move from the realms of company, and an the people found it necessary to move from the realms of civilization as soon as possible, and go into an unexplored desert region rather than battle with well armed mob violence. The subject of this ar-ticle is, and has been for quite a num-ber of years, the only one livit a num-

the people were arranging for a gen-eral departure from the states, Elder alon to Jurope in company with several of the Tweive and others, which he did, and inbured in charge of the Scottish mission until the fall of 1848, when he returned and joined the camp of the Saints in their winter quarters at Coun-cil Uluffs. From there, being too late to cross the plains that season, he re-moved down into the upper part of Missouri to arrange and procure suita-ble outfit with which to cross the plains the following season. While there, in January of 1849, Oliver Cowdery and his wife, who was the sister of David severe snowstorm to lay over until teams could travel and they stayed with Elder Richards to whom Oliver Cowdery addressed the letter here annexed

OLIVER COWDERY'S LETTER.

"While darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people; long after the authority to administer in holy things had been taken away, the Lord orened the heavens and sent torth His word for the salvation of Israel. In fulfillment of the sacred scripture the everiasting Gospel was proclaimed by the mighty angel, (Moroni) who, clothed with the authority of his mis-sion, gave glory to God in the highest. This Gospel is the "stone taken from mountain without hands." John the the Baptist, holding the keys of the Aaronic Priesthood: Peter, James and John, holding the keys of the Melchisedek Priesthood, have also ministered for those who shall be heirs of salva-tion, and with these ministrations ordained men to the same Priesthoods. These Priesthoods, with their authori-These Priesthoods, with their author-ty, are now, and must continue to be, in the body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Blessed is the Elder who has received the same, and thrice blessed and holy is he who shall endure to the end. Accept assur-ances, dear brother, of the unfeigned prayer of him, who, in connection with



above ministrations, and who earnestly and devoutly hopes to meet you in the celestial glory. OLIVER COWDERY.

To Elder Samuel W. Richards, January 13, 1849.

Elder Richards adds to this the following comments:

The facts stated in this communication are of such importance that I would have them heraided to the ends of the earth, as I have been endeavor-ing to do to the present, and shall continue in so doing. For they show that the heavens are no longer sealed to man on the earth, but those who labored with Jesus the Christ have come forth and conferred upon man like au thority as they held in their day while on earth. This ministration and testi-mony have come to me direct and in person from both Joseph and Oliver on whom Peter, James and John conferred the authority they held under Jesus Christ, and by virtue of that authority I bear this my testimony to all

more than twenty years, acting in the several offices of councilman, alderman, police judge and also for a time as county magistrate and holding courts as provided by law of the territorial evisiature of which he was also a member. Being chosen as chairman of the com-mittee on municipal laws by the mayor, nearly all of the first ordinances of the city were written by his hands, and horared by his administration, both as alderman and police judge. The is to-day the only living member of the first City Council of Salt Lake City, and was honored as such by being the only oc-cupant of a carriage provided by the city in the procession of the late half century city celebration. He has witnessed the development of

Father, from whence they came. And this authority is in the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints to remain until the will of God is done on earth

On the departure of Oliver Cowdery and wife it was arranged that they

Would return and cross the plains to Utah in company with me and others emigrating. But this was not to be, as he went down to his brother-in-law, Whitmer, and there died.

THE FIRST CITY COUNCIL.

About the lat of July Elder Richards and family, consisting of wife and one child, joined an emigrating company and crossed the plains to Utah, then called Despret. Here he located with-in the limits of the then surveyed townsite, now Salt Lake City. Upon the first organization of Salt Lake City be was elected a member of the City Council, and took an active part in the city organization when at home for more than twenty years, acting in the

About the 1st of July Elder Richards

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He has witnessed the development of Salt Lake City and its surroundings from a field of sagebrush to its present many inviting and desirable places of entertainment to the traveler, the seeker of pleasure and healthful resorts, preliminary to its becoming the joy of the whole earth, on this the land of Zion.

THE "MORMON" CREED EXPLAINED. C. W. PENROSE, Editor Deseret News.

HE QUESTION is often asked, the Revealer. It bears witness of the what do the "Mormons" be-what do the "Mormons" be-be baptized in water, the earthly me-bis into communion with them and into

lieve, and wherein do their doctrines differ from those of other religious denominations. A reply will be found in the following epitome of "Mormonism," or rather of its leading principles,

for it embraces all truth from every source.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

into communion with them and into union with one another. It is the true light given to every one in com-ing into the world, but is bestowed and manifested in a higher and fuller

degree when conferred as a gift to the baptized, repentant believer. No person has the right to baptise or lay on hands or administer any ordinance of the Church, unless he is called of God and ordained to act in he name of the Deity. The commis-

REDEMPTION OF THE DEAD.

The living may be baptised for the dead. One who has received the ordinances of the Gospel can stand proxy for departed ancestors, who will receive the benefit of the earthly or-dinances on obedience to the Gospel in the spirit. As the Spirit of Christ preached to the spirits in prison while His body was in the sepulchre, so His servants, bearing His authority, preach "to the dead" after finishing their work on earth. Ordinances for and in be-

with the same principles, precepts, or-dinances, Priesthood and blessings as in

his intention to observe them himself. This was ratified by the Church in general conference October 6, 1890 and is still strictly observed. Men who had previously married more than one woman continue to regard them as wives, because the marriages were solemnized for all eternity under a sacred scaling ordinance and contract. Their numbers, however, are rapidly decreasing, as they are chiefly aged persons and comparatively little is left of the pracwas framed, it was provided that lygamous or plural marriages are for-ever prohibited." This was the language of the requirement in the Enab ling Act of Congress, and was fortified in the State constitution and statutes the addition of heavy penalties for That question may its infraction. therefore, be regarded as practically settled. Polygamous marriages have ceased, being barred both by civil and

tend to temporal duties under the Bishops.

A Bishop should be a lineal descendant of Aaron, but in the absence of one of that lineage, a High Priest is selected and ordained to that office. With his two counselors, also High Priests, he has charge of an organized ward and sits in judgment upon transgressors and in cases of disputes tween members. An appeal is alactly as with the primitive Church and the Prophets of ald.

Thus, what is commonly called "Mormonism" is to its disciples verily the work of God: originating with Him and developed and promulgated under His commands and by His power: and, therefore, it will abide and prevail, and overcome all opposition, and spread over the whole earth, preparing the way for the second advent of the Messiah and the redemption and regeneration of the earth. Every soul who receives it in sincerity is entitled to a witness from God of its truth, and herein is ts strength and unity and vital force. It has no conflict except with error. It vars against no nation, seet or society It exercises no compulsion. It is Gospel and Church and authority It is the Jesus Christ, restored to earth for the last days and for the last filme, and therefore it will triumph and flood the world with light and truth, until darkness shall flee and Satan be bound and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our God and His Christ, and He shall reign over all the ransomed globe for evermore.

day Saints is the proper name of the body of religious worshippers commonly known as "Mormons." It was organized by the authority and commandment of God in the State of New York on the 6th day of April, 1830. It derives all its doctrines, ordinances, discipline and order of Priesthood from direct divine revelation.

FIRST PRINCIPLES.

The first principle of the Gospel as taught by this Church is faith. This embraces faith in God the Father and in his son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost.

The Father is a glorified and perfect person, and Jesus Christ the Son is in His express image and likeness. is an individual as much as the other. Each is a spirit clothed with a spiritual, yet tangible immortal body. Spirit is substance, not immateriality. is eternal in its essence, and so are the elements of that which is known as matter.

The Holy Spirit is not a personage of tabernacle, and His influence permeates all things and extends through the vast domain of space, which is boundless and occupied by limitless elements, and that Spirit, proceeding from the presence of God. gives life and light to all things animate, and is the power by which they are gov-erned, and by which the Father and

the Son are everywhere present. Man is a dual being, also in the image of God, who is the Father of his spirit and the Creator of his body. Jesus was the first-born in the spirit and the Only-Begotten in the flesh. All men and women are the sons and daughters of God, and Jesus is their Elder Brother. By obedience to His Gospel in all things, mankind through the redemption Hs has wrought, may be exalted with Him as joint-heirs to the eternal inheritance of the Sons of God, and become like Him and reign with Him in the Ineffable Presence forever.

Faith in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost leads to the second principle of the Gospel, which is repentance. That is, conviction of sin, regret for its commission, and reform-ation by turning away from it, by ceasing to do evil and beginning and continuing to do well,

Repentance leads to remission of sins, which comes through baptism ad-ministered by one having authority, in the name of the Father, and of the and of the Holy Ghost. Baptism is the third principle, and is immersion in water in the likeness of a burial, succeeded by a birth. Becoming dead to sin by repentance, the believer is buried in the liquid grave and brought forth from the womb of waters, thus being born of water to a new life in Christ Jesus.

The repentant believer, thus baptized, obtains the remission of sins through the shedding of Christ's blood. He who knew no sin died that sinners might be saved by obedience to His commandments. He did that for them which they could not do themselves; what they are able to do is required of them, in order that they may receive benefits of His atonement. the

Thus cleansed from sin, the new-born disciple is prepared to receive the Holy Ghost. The fourth principle is the bestowal of that gift by the laying on of hands of men called and ordained of God to thus officiate in His name.

Born of the water and of the Spirit, the regenerated soul becomes a mem-ber of Christ's Church, and is entitled to such spiritual gifts as he or she may deserve and obtain through the exer-Some of these are wiscise of faith. dom, knowledge, prophecy, visions. speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, discerning of spirits, healing the sick, etc., etc. All the manifesta-tions of the power of God enjoyed in former times may be and are enjoyed in His Church in latter times.

fitted themselves to occupy; the good with the spirits of the just, the evil The gift of the Holy Ghost opens the avenue to all intelligence. That Spirit guides into all truth and shows things to come. It is the Comforter and

sion given to the Apostles of old does not confer any authority upon men in this age. It was for them alone upon whom it was bestowed, and those on earth. half of the dead are administered in temples built after a pattern revealed from heaven. whom they were inspired and directed saviors to the dead under Jesus Christ to ordain unto the same power. Without the Captain of their salvation. The resurrection of Jesus of Nazar divine communication now, there can be no divine authority today. with out that authority all religious oreth was "the first-fruit of them that slept." All persons who have breathed the breath of life will also be raised dinances are null and void. Only that which is sealed on earth by men thus authorized is sealed and recognized in

THE APOSTACY.

THE RESTORATION.

In these latter days the Father and

the Son have appeared and revealed

anew the Gospel. Angels have minis-tered to man. John the Baptist

brought to earth the authority of the

lesser or Aaronic Priesthood which he

held when in mortality. Peter, Jaine

and John have conferred their keys of

Apostleship received under the hands of Jesus of Nazareth, and the power

and authority of the higher or Mel-chisedek Priesthood. Edjah the Pro-

phet and others of the ancients have

bestowed the keys they held, and they

are all in the Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints. Under that authority the Church has been built

up after the original pattern and with

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of heaven, and the power of God at-

Faith, repentance and baptism of

water and of the Spirit administered

by divine authority, are essential to

salvation. There is only one way. There is some good in all religions.

but there is and can be but one divine

religion, that is, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is to be preached to every

ter reaching years of accountability

without an opportunity of receiving it

may there obey or reject it.

will hear it in the spirit world, and

tongues will thus have the door of

redemption opened to them. Infants

who die before they become account

able, need no baptism but are all re-deemed by the blood of Christ.

The spirit of man is the intelligent,

responsible being, an entity both be-

It was in the beginning with the Fath-

er. The sons and daughters of God, after probati n in the flesh, return to

Him and then, until the resurrection, associate in such sphere as they have

fore and after dwelling in the

Jews and all races, creeds and

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tends their ministrations.

heaven.

own order. Those who have put on Christ by obeying His Gospel will be When the Apostles of Christ were Christ's at His coming, and will be killed and their immediate successors quickened by His glory, the celestial, typified by the sun. After the lapse departed, the disciples were tortured and slain, and gradually darkness of a day of the Lord-a thousand came over the world and pagan in-stitutions were mingled with the rites our years, the rest of the dead will come forth, some in the terrestrial and order of the Church, until the glory, typified by the moon, and others apostolic authority and the true Chrisin the telestial glory, typified by the stars in their different magnitudes, the tian spirit and doctrine were entirely subverted. Reforms that were subserest in a kingdom not of any degree quently introduced merely lopped off some evils and made some improveof glory. All will be judged according to their works. Progress is the eternal order of crea ments, but did not and could not res-

tore the authority and power of the primitive Christian Church and Priesttion. The condemned will be punished for sin, as Divine justice shall determine hood. Sects have multiplied and reli-gious forms have been brought forth both as to the severity and to the duration. The purpose of punishment is the vindication of the law and the reaccording to the notions of men, until all Christendom is divided against it-self, and the wisdom of the learned is clamation of the transgressor. Even tually all who can be redemmed will substituted for the spirit of revelation. e placed in some degree of glory and Instead of the living word of God for advancement. Only the sons of perdia guide, there are the conflicting opintion who deny the Holy Ghost after of mortals as to the meaning of having received it, who wilfully pervert the power given to them to attain the the dead letter of ancient Scriptures. highest exaltation and who shed inno-

cent blood will be utterly lost. The glory of those who are in Christ and become joint heirs with him is to "inherit all things," and follow and participate with the Son and the Eter-nal Father forever in their glorious works. They will inherit the earth when it is purified and crowned with the glory and presence of God. will reign as kings and priests and be ministers unto those of a lesser degree of glory in the eternal mansions

THE LAST DISPENSATION. This is the last dispensation. In it Israel will be gathered, Jerusalem be rebuilt, and Palestine be the abode of the sons of Judah. The elect of God will gather from all nations to Zion on the American continent. The Saints will be restored to their former pos-sessions. Wars and tunults, famines

Joseph Smith was the instrument in and earthquakes, tempests and whirlthe hands of the Lord to commence the work of restitution, and open the last dispensation, that of "the ruliness winds, fire and desolation, disease and death, with all the woes foreshadowed of old. will cause a time of trouble of times." He received that divine augreater than ever known before, and thority under the hands of those heav-Christ will be revealed from heaven, He will destroy the wicked and reign in enly messengers. He, by revelation and commandment, ordained others. Zion and Jerusalem. The earth will be cleansed from cor-Today there are on earth Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Elders, Bishops, Paradise will bloom again, ruption. Priests, Teachers and Deacons, divinewar will cease, peace will prevail, the enmity will depart from man and brute, ly called and authorized to teach and administer the things of the kingdom

the curse will be removed and this globe will be glorified, shining in its own light developed to perfection. THE BOOK OF MORMON.

The Prophet of the nineteenth cen tury was directed by the angel of God to the spot, where the records of the history of the former inhabitants of this continent were deposited. He ob-tained and translated a portion of them into the English danguage. It is call-ed the Book of Mormon, because the Prophet Mormon made an abridgement of more ancient writings than his own and inscribed them upon metallic plates in hieroglyphics reformed from the Egyptian. That book has since been translated

into other languages. It gives the his-tory of two races. The first springing from a colony brought upon this land at the time of the dispersion from the The second descend-Tower of Babel. ing from the families directed to this continent from Jerusalem six hundred years before the Christian era, at the time when Zedekiah was king of Ju-It relates to the wars, travels, dah. religion, progress and decadence of -the progenitors of those races-American Indians, describes their citwith the spirits of the unjust. A dis-embodied spirit can learn, belleve, re-pent and yield obedience, but cannot sus Christ, after His resurrection and

on this western land, separated from Ordinances for and in bethe other hemisphere, and then un known to its inhabitants.

THE LATTER-DAY PROPHET. Thus the living becom Joseph Smith from time to time re elved revelations from God, by His oice, by the ministrations of angels, by visions and by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Many of these are published in the Book of Doctrine and from the dead, receiving their bodies again as He did. But everyone in his Covenants and in the Pearl of Great Price; and they, with the Book of Mormon and the Bible are the stan-

dards of doctrine and discipline of the Church. Joseph Smith after accomplishing the work entrusted to him by the Lord sealed his testimony with his blood, being cruelly slain, with his brother Hyrum, at Carthage, Illinois, by a mob disguised, on June 27, 1844. Previous to this martyrdom, the body of the Church, which he established by divine direction, was driven from Kirtland Ohio, to Jackson county, Missouri, then to Clay county, and afterwards to Han-cock county. Illinois, where they built

the city of Nauvoo-the beautiful, and a grand temple was erected on where a pattern revealed from heaven. THE SAINTS' EXODUS.

After the death of the Prophet and Patriarch, the Church was driven out of Illinois and proceeded to Iowa, Winter Quarters were established on the banks of the Missouri river, and there five hundred of the ablest men of the camp were enlisted in the United States army and marched into Mexico acomplishing an unparalelled journey

and leaving the body of the people in an Indian country. In 1847 the pion-eers, led by President Brigham Young, numbering 143 men, two women and three children, traveled across the plains and mountains with teams and on foot, and reached the spot where Salt Lake City now stands, July 24th, 1847.

tlements, and here the Saints followed from year to year from all parts of the world where the Gospel had been carried by the missionaries of the Church. UTAH AND THE NATION.

The Territory of Utah was organized by the Act of Congress approved Sep-tember 9, 1850. Brigham Young was Young was appointed governor and after serving four years was reappointed. Other prominent "Mormons" were appointed or elected to civil offices. Almost the entire population were of that faith. This gave rise to the idea that Church and state were united in Utah, but as matter of fact, they were kept separate even at that early date, and the affairs

A conflict arose between the Church the national government on th system of plural marriage, which had existed in Utah from the time of its colonization. Special laws were enacted by Congress for its suppression. It was practiced under solemn religious ceremonies and Church regulations. The Latter-day Saints took the ground that the legislation against it was void on the provisions of the first amend-ment to the Constitution of the United States, viz.: "Congress shall make n law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Saints that their system of marheld riage was purely "an establishment of religion," seeking no recognition from the civil law. The matter was tested in the courts through a long slege of litigation, during which a large number of prominent men and several women were sent to the penitentiary and heavily fined.

Supreme court of the United The States finally ruled that the anti-polygamy laws were constitutional, and the "Mormons," only a small minority of whom had violated those laws, submitted, as one of the rules of their Church is "obedience " the constitutional law of the land." The President of the Church, who alone had held the keys | Aaronic Priesthood, as the greater inof authority in the Priesthood to sol-emnize a plural marriage, issued a manifesto advising the people to re-remission of sins, but cannot confer

CELESTIAL MARRIAGE.

ecclesiastical law.

The doctrine of celestial, that is eternal marriage, however, is still a feat-ure of the "Mormon" faith. By the authority vested in the head of the Church that which is sealed on earth is sealed heaven, and the man and woman united under that authority in an everlasting covenant are joined forever Such was the marriage of Adam and Eve before death came by sin. redemption by Christ restored them to their primeval state, and they stand at the head of their posterity, immortal, perfected and eternal. By obedience and fidelity to the laws of God, men and women may attain to a similar estate and enjoy unending bliss. "the man being not without the woman nor the woman without the man in the Lord," The family, the home, the re-The family, the home, the relation of parents and children are thus the basis of present and future happiness, and the increase thereof being perpetual, therein is the glory of the who dwell in the pro God and the Holy Ones, continued forever.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The government of the Church of Christ devolves upon those who been divinely appointed and have been accepted by the body of the Church, in which all things are to be done by mmon consent.

At the head is the Prophet, Seer and Revelator with two counselors. These three presiding High Priests thus selected are Apostles and form the First Presidency, having jurisdiction over the Church in all the world.

Next are the Twelve Apostles, formng a body equal in authority to the sidency and constituting that Presidency at the death or removal the head. They set in order the aff They set in order the affairs of the Church in all the world under the direction of the First Presidency. The Seventy are a body of Elders forming an appendage to the Apostle-ship and traveling under their direc-Seven of the number preside ov tion. er that body. There are a hundred and fifty of these "quorums," as they are called, each presided over by seven of their number, and all under direction of the First Seven Presidents. They form the chief missionary corps of the Church

High Priests, and Elders not belong ing to the councils above mentioned, are local officers for local ministrations but may be called into the missionary field if necessary. Ninety-six Elders form a "quorum." presided over by three of their number. There are a great many of these organizations. All these officers hold the Priesthood after the order of Melchisedek.

The Bishops stand at the head of the Asronic or lesser Priesthood, an appendage to the higher or Melchisedek Priesthood. There are three who form the Presiding Bishopric of the Church. Other Bishops have charge of wards o the Church, and the function of the Bishopric is to minister in the tempor alities of the Church. Priests, forty eight of whom form a "quorum." pre sided over by a Bishop and two counselors; Teachers, twenty-four of whom "quorum." presided over by form a "quorum," presided over by three of their number; and Deacons, twelve of whom form a "quorum," sided over by three of their number, constitute the rest of the organization, of the lesser Priesthood.

Apostles, Seventies, High Priests and Elders may preach, baptize and lay on hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and perform any duty of cludes the less. Bishops and Priests

lowed to the High Council.

Members residing in a given locality form a ward. A number of wards, generally those within a county, are of ganized into a Stake of Zion, presided over by three High Priests. A High Council, consisting of twelve Priests, constitutes an ecclesiastical tribunal, to which appeals may be take en from decisions of the Bishops' courts. It is presided over by the Stake Presidency, who have jurisdiction over all the wards and their officers in the Stake. There are forty of these Stakes of Zion and a number of conference and mission organizations in addition. A High Council decision is

subject to review by the Presidency of the Church. All the officers of the Church are presented twice a year before the body of the Church for their acceptance of rejection. The Stake and ward auth-orities are periodically subject to a similar regulation. All serve without sal-aries. Persons engaged constantly in Church service are supported, or partly sustained, according to needs, from Church funds. Missionaries have no stipends but travel "without purse or scrip," either paying their own expenses or relying upon friends whom

the Lord raises up to their aid. The revenue of the Church is derived from the tithes. One-tenth of a member's interest or increase each year tithing. It is a free-will offering, not a tax. Temples, Church buildings, etc., are erected and maintained from the tithing, and large amounts are expend-ed for the support of the poor and the

benefit of new settlements. On the first Sunday of every month a fast is held, and the amount saved from fasting is donated to the poor, The Bishops have charge of need and are required to see that none are left in want.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

The Relief Societies, composed of ladies, are organized auxiliary bodies who also minister to the poor, aged and af fileted, and help prepare the dead for burial. They hold meetings of their own for instruction in woman's work and intellectual, moral and spiritual advancement. The younger women and also the

young men are organized into Mutual Improvement associations, which they separately, conduct themselves, but sometimes assemble in joint session

The Primary associations are organizations of children under older supervision, for training in Gospel principles and moral conduct. There are Sunday schools in all the wards and Stakes of Zion, connected with the Sunday School Union, and

all thoroughly organized and ably con-Amusements are provided for 134 members of the Church under direction of committees appointed by Church or ward authority. Music is of universal use, both vocal and instrumental, and is cultivated assiduously.

Education is an essential feature in the Church system, and academies and colleges are maintained according to the funds available. All truth is recognized as Divine and an accepted motto is: "The glory of God is intelligence

The public school system is separate and apart from the Church schools, and is entirely under the direction of the state, no doctrinal or denominational teaching being permitted therein. It is supported by taxation.

DIVINE AUTHORITY.

The great distinctive feature of "Mormonism" among the "Christian' nominations is its claim of direct divine origin. Present and continuous reveation from God to the Church through its earthly head, and to every member who seeks for it in his or her behalf and guidance, is a fundamental principle of the "Mormon" faith. Divine Divine authority is associated with it.

The Church is, literally, Christ's Church, because He established it by personal communication and guides I by present revelation and inspiration, and its ministers receive their commis remission of sins, but cannot confer | sions by His direction. The Holy | Dept.

What the "Mormons" believe is thus epitomized as formulated by the Prophet Joseph Smith:

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Hely Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Cospel are: First. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; sec-ond, Repentance: third, Babtism by immersion for the remission of sing; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances there-

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive Church namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc,

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated cor-rectly: we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We also believe all that God has re-vealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things per-taining to the Kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering 10. We believe in the restoration of the fen Tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and reeive its paradisical glory.

11. We claim the privilege of wor-shining Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may. 12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magisrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in do-ing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul. "We believe all things, we hope we have endured many II things," things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything vir-tuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things .- Joseph Smith.

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