

Original Poetry.

LITTLE EVA'S QUESTIONS.

Mamma, do you think that Congress,
 Cannot stop that naughty Bill?
 Then, where ever will he go to,—
 Down! Down! don't you think he will?
 If he puts papa in prison,
 O, how hard I'll pray and cry!
 And I'll hope—I could not help it,—
 Every one of us may die!

Will he make poor auntie leave us—
 Will her baby have to go—
 And our darling brother David,—
 Do you think it will be so?
 Then, I'll have no sister Rattie,—
 And papa will have no girl,
 Only baby, Hat and Allie;
 And myself and sister Pearl!

William Caliums—what a mean name!
 Sounds just like he was a knave;
 And I know he is a rascal,
 To want pa to be his slave;
 Simply 'cause he loves you mother,
 And my dear, good auntie too;
 He must think that men is Utah,
 Don't have anything to do!

And no little boy but Archie;
 And I 'spose' he'll have to oath,
 That, when grown, should two girls love
 him,
 He will never have them both—
 Aint that Bill a stupid fellow!
 I just think he's sick, don't you?
 And I would'nt wonder either,
 If great Congress thinks so, too.

Let me ask you one more question,
 Ere you tell me to be still;
 He's no brother to us, is he,
 This base, lowlived, horrid Bill!
 No he aint—but I'm not angry,—
 Don't you see I'm very cool?
 Now just once, ma, may I whisper,
 Old Bill Calium—what a fool!

Smithfield. LULA.

Correspondence.

OTTAWA, La Salle Co., Ill.,
January 24th, 1870.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir,—I
 arrived at this place on the 5th of Nov.,
 and visited my brothers living near
 here, stopping only a few days. I then
 took the cars for Cumberland County,
 Pennsylvania, the place of my boyhood,
 and visited among friends and relatives
 there for a time, teaching the way of
 life when opportunity offered.

On the 6th day of December, I started
 west and went as far as Knox County,
 Ohio, where I stopped until the 13th
 when I again took the cars for Ottawa,
 La Salle County, Illinois, stopping at
 Chicago, Frankfort, and Joliet, and ar-
 rived at my destination on the 18th.

Immediately on my arrival here I
 commenced public preaching in the
 district school houses in every place
 where opportunity offered. On the
 30th I had the pleasure of meeting my
 old friend Bro. Silas Richards, who
 joined me near this place; on the next
 day Bro. Peter Madison of Brigham
 City also joined us. We held a number
 of meetings, and in some places they
 were well attended. On the 12th of
 January those two brethren left for
 Iowa. Since then I have preached in
 different places in this country.

No people could receive any elder with
 greater (apparent) kindness, or admin-
 ister better to his wants. Yet it re-
 mains a truth, that the masses do not
 want anything to do with "Mormon-
 ism" as they call it. They consider it
 condescending to come out to hear
 preaching, and do so only for curiosity
 and for respect to an old neigh-
 bor, nevertheless my testimony has
 surely left its impression.

Nearly all the old apostates, that have
 left the church since its first organiza-
 tion, that are now living, have united
 under one common standard, and they
 acknowledge young Joseph Smith as
 their prophet and leader, with their
 headquarters in one of the adjoining
 counties, (Piano Ills.). In many instan-
 ces the members of this band are men
 who apostatized and made war on the
 prophet of God, and on the institutions
 of Heaven as revealed through him.

And this warfare is kept up in the
 full sense of the word, against the peo-
 ple of God and the Lord's anointed,
 and they, having several branches or-
 ganized in this country, have succeeded
 in prejudicing the minds of the people
 here very much. Nevertheless I shall
 baptize some, and shall be well satisfied
 to let all others act upon their agency.

This organization comes with the
 same character; being the sons of the
 prophet, who are at the head of it, and
 it is all the more dangerous, and it cer-
 tainly would, if it had the power, sap
 the very foundation of the kingdom of
 God, and lay the ax at the root of
 the great gathering of the Lord has
 commanded, and the preparation for
 the holy endowment with all its bless-
 ings and appendages. And it would
 also destroy and annihilate those sacred
 and holy institutions that Heaven has
 ordained for man's eternal glory and
 greatness. It denies the fruits and works
 and the blessings that have come to the
 children of men through the power of
 the holy spirit; sets at defiance the au-
 thority of God and leads to darkness and
 to death.

And it is also true that apostasy and
 the work of the opposing power to the
 kingdom of God does not end with this
 organization of spiritual darkness com-
 posed in many instances of men who
 sought the blood of the prophet of God.
 God moves in majesty and in great
 power, and He rules in wisdom and in
 much mercy over all the creations of
 His hands; and His kingdom will move
 steadily on amidst all opposition in the
 wisdom, power and glory of God, until
 Israel's banner floats over all the Prom-
 ised Land and His great and glorious
 purposes are fully accomplished for the
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