

good or desirable, was to make it reachable, to bring it into being; and no man ever allowed to well up from his heart, or fall from his lips, the far too-suggestive query—*Will it pay?*

A WITNESS FOR CHRIST.

Elder Don Bartholomew sends the following communication from Beyrout, Syria, dated January 31st, 1894:

Thus said the Lord; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hands of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand.—(Ezekiel 37: 19.)

Wherefore the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines, and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to a knowledge of their fathers in the latter days; and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.—(Book of Mormon, II Nephi, 3: 12.)

In the days of the Prophet Ezekiel, books, instead of being in what is now known as book form, were rolled up on sticks, and still retain the term "volumes" from the time they obtained their form by the revolving process. Hence by the "stick of Judah" the Prophet refers to the sacred writings of the Jews, represented today by the Bible. "The stick of Joseph in the hands of Ephraim" is the sacred writings of the descendants of Joseph through Ephraim on the American continent, and are what the Latter-day Saints have today in the Book of Mormon.

To a careful observer and true Christian it is easy to be seen, that the time has come when a *new witness* for the Bible, and for Christ is absolutely necessary to the establishing of peace, the putting down of contentions, and the bringing of men to a knowledge of the covenants of the Most High. A theological student endowed with even the least particle of heaven's light will have no difficulty in understanding the words of the ancient prophets, concerning this *witness* that should be brought forth in the latter days. But the Latter-day Saints are the only people who can place the prophecies of the two sacred books side by side, and testify in the name of their Redeemer, that the sticks of Judah and Ephraim testify of each other, and are overthrowing false doctrines by bringing the honest in heart to a knowledge of the Son of God. The almost numberless sects of Christianity are groping as the blind for the wall, writing comments and criticisms, while crying lo, here, and lo, there; others, disgusted with the absurdities of the so-called Christian world, rise up and deny God; thousands and thousands of missionaries of many different beliefs respecting salvation, are rushing to the old world bewildering the heathen and amusing with their contentions the Jew and Moslem. While all this confusion is reigning the Latter-day Saints can lift up their heads and rejoice for having had their eyes opened. They are prepared to stand forth and protect the integrity of the Jewish writings when it seems the rest of the world are bent on dragging them down. While learned doctors and professors devote their time in trying to convince the world that the Bible is not

what it pretends to be and that certain passages in the sacred books are interpolations, and certain others are misinterpretations, and others have a kind of mystical meaning that cannot be understood, the Latter-day Saints, armed with a new witness, are as firm as the mountains with which they are surrounded, and are, in their quiet way, gathering souls from the four quarters of the earth up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob.

Though oft times accused of not believing in the Bible, they are showing the world the beauties of this most precious book, and teaching the honest in heart how to be saved by rendering obedience to the doctrines contained therein. The Book of Mormon, which through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph was brought to light, confirms the teachings of the Bible, and the testimonies of the two books are flowing harmoniously together and are gradually sweeping away false doctrines and winning people over to the side of Christ.

Fair minded Christians ought to acknowledge that divine help is necessary to cause them to come back into the right channel. For over 1,800 years the Christian world has been trying to come to a unity in Christ, but is today farther away than ever. And how is this? Is the Bible at fault? Certainly not, the Bible is all that it claims to be. It is the stick of Judah. The fault lies with the world who, though professing to believe in and be guided by its teachings, and foolishly supposing that revelation—the means through which God communes with His Church—had forever ceased, have taken it upon themselves to interpret and explain the scriptures, each one according to his own fancy, disregarding the fact that while the spirit of man can understand the things of man, the things of God can only be understood by the Spirit of God. But thanks to the great I AM, the time has at last arrived when the "Stick of Joseph" testifies to the truth of the "Stick of Judah." People who lay aside their hasty and ill-formed conclusions and read the two sticks will receive light. Their eyes will be opened and they will behold a new world. The dispensation of the fullness of times has been ushered in, and all things are being gathered in one, and to the prayerful and honest in heart the Book of Mormon is a new and impeachable witness for Christ.

DON BARTHOLOMEW.

UTAH AT THE FAIR.

UTAH PAVILION, Midwinter Fair, SAN FRANCISCO, March 10, 1894.

The Utah exhibit at the Midwinter Fair is now placed, and open to the public. It is arranged on the east gallery of the Mechanical Arts building. In point of interest it stands collectively superior to any exhibit occupying equal space at the Fair. It is divided into three departments, first, Agriculture; second, Manufacture; third, Mining. Each department is separate from the others, but an entrance from one to another allows visitors to go through the three departments.

The space occupied by our exhibit at the Fair consists of 60x20 feet with

12 feet additional for passageway along the gallery. The booth is built of California redwood. Each department has an arcade front entrance, beautifully lettered and decorated to suit the nature of each exhibit.

In agriculture we have exhibits of the various grasses and grains grown in Utah; also the natural fertilizers, an exhibit of wool, butter, cotton, silk, and a really splendid exhibit of sugar from the Lehi sugar works. This represents the various stages through which it passes from the beet to the finished white product; and also the different classes of confectioner's stock as prepared for their use. The interior is decorated with oats, wheat, barley and rye straw, and the varied rich grasses of Utah.

In the department of manufactures we have excellent exhibits from the Prove woolen mills. These consist of cassimeres, tweeds, chevots, swills, broadcloths, flannels, blankets, yarn and woolen thread. In cotton we have a good exhibit of the cotton in the pod and as taken from the field; also cotton batting and chevots, gingham, denim, Canton flannel, towels, table cloths and spreads, napkins, bed spreads, and a good variety of cotton yarns. These are from the Washington mills, near St. George, and the entire cotton display was produced from the fields along the Virgin river and on the Santa Clara, in Washington county, Utah.

The silk exhibit which was so attractively placed by Mrs. Margaret Caine is one of the most beautiful silk displays ever made on the Pacific Coast. It consists of silk cocoons, silk as first reeled from the cocoons, then the yarn after spinning, next woven into cloth, and next the various methods of dyeing. There are silk parties of the most exquisite design, and all the work of Utah women.

The boot and shoe and leather display made by Z. C. M. I. factory of Salt Lake City is a very creditable showing, and occupies a whole space. As with the other goods exhibited from Utah, this contains excellent material well made.

The soap display from Grant Bros. soap works at Salt Lake City is one of the most wonderful pieces of artistic work at the Midwinter Fair. It consists first of a large lot of the soap as sold in the market, and next two large carved representations, one of the Salt Lake Temple and the other of the City and County building in Salt Lake. When lighted up by electricity these look most beautiful.

Fred J. Kiesel & Co., of Ogden, have a beautiful display of their famous mineral waters.

Dr. Dunn, of Salt Lake, has a fine grouping of his patent medicines, and the Nephi plaster works have done exceedingly well in the nature of their advertisement. It consists of representations of various castings made from their plaster. Then the plaster ground and placed in glass jars, and a large tank filled with the alabaster as taken from the mines.

There is a very neat wine exhibit from John Barker, of Willard, Utah, which stands its own against anything produced in California; and in the department of mining we show the splendid cabinets of Mr.