

friends reside, kindly provide the Elders with introductions, and solicit for them a respectful and patient hearing of the principles which are advocated by the people of God, and in this manner I assure them they will greatly assist the Elders, and will be the means of leaving their testimony with their friends, which will leave them without excuse at the last day.

I should like also to call the attention of my readers to a few passages in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 10, verse 65; Section 29, verses 2, 8 and 9, and Section 44, verses 24 and 25, and ask them to meditate upon the utterances which they contain. These are the words of the Lord, and as faithful adherents to the principles of the restored Gospel we are bound to give them credence. I will quote two sentences from the last section referred to: "And I will not spare any that remain in Babylon." "Wherefore if ye believe Me, ye will labor while it is called today." There is a terrible significance in the first part of this quotation. And I wish to appeal to the true-hearted Saints to take it into consideration. I would point them to a period in their own history when suffering from undue pressure from their employers, and shunned by those nearest them, they prayed for deliverance from Babylon, and when it was accomplished by the blessings of God and often in a remarkably miraculous manner, with what joy did they bid farewell to their native land, and what songs of rejoicing were heard as the vessel sailed out of port! Many were the promises made by them in the exuberance of their delight that those left behind in Babylon should not be forgotten; but the first thought should be their deliverance after their more fortunate brethren and sisters had got settled; but alas! for the hopes thus raised in the hearts of those left. No sooner have the friends gone before than a forgetfulness of their previous low estate overtakes them, and such a thing as a letter to their former associates is almost the last thought of. And this is doubly sad when the thought will protrude itself that many of them have been the recipients of substantial assistance from those forgotten ones. Many have told me who are still here that the means of assistance they have rendered to others would have aggregated sufficient to emigrate themselves.

That such a state of things should exist is rather a sad commentary upon the supposed willingness of the Latter-day Saints to favor emigration to Utah. I am sorry we are not as zealous in this respect as our enemies give us credit for. In all the plans adopted for placing mankind upon a plane of self-supporting dignity can a parallel to the success of the one revealed by the Lord and exemplified by the thousands of happy homes (in Utah and the surrounding States and Territories) owned by the Latter-day Saints be produced? I think not. Individually I thank God for what it has done for me in giving me a happy home of my own, where my dear ones are safe from the stings of poverty and degradation. This, however, is a secondary consideration, the evolution of the soul from spiritual darkness being the pre-eminent object.

The same bone and sinew which have

so successfully battled with the untoward conditions of the western wilds hitherto are still to be met with among the poor Saints in these lands, and I earnestly appeal to those who have received the blessing of the Lord to think of their friends beyond the sea, and while the way is open, and before the judgments overtake the wicked, see to it that they are not left to partake of the coming terrors. Indications of the near approach of the end are evident on every hand, and as our God has said he would not spare any who are left in Babylon, let us labor while it is called day, and we will then be able to rejoice that we have been "saviors upon Mount Zion," and our friends will also rejoice at their deliverance.

Now, just a word to the Elders who have traveled in these lands, and who have partaken of the hospitality of the people, both Saints and strangers: Where are the many promises to write to the friends here? Brethren, let your minds run back to the time when you were traveling here and there, and remember the delight your presence created in the hearts of some poor brother or sister, and just sit down and drop a line to them, and thus give them comfort. Many of them are getting old, and you can cheer them in their path to the grave. Don't forget.

Sensibly realizing, as I do, the nearness of the last scenes of an earthly drama, I earnestly pray for the blessing of the Lord to abide with all, and trust all may remain faithful and true to the end.

Your fellow laborer in the cause of truth,  
W. G. BICKLEY.

### SCATHING REBUKE.

*Messrs. Editors and Owners of the Salt Lake "Tribune," alleged and actual:*

I find in your paper, the said *Tribune*, of February 6th, the following:

"If in the early days a man like Ellis should have bobbed up in Salt Lake, Brigham would have sat on him and flattened him all out of shape," remarked an old-timer. "But how have the mighty fallen! This fellow comes here and, not hankering for work that will cause any expenditure of muscular force, goes to 'lecturing.' The Mormons take him to their bosoms, and, despite his atheistic belief, fall down and worship, as it were, and all because he villifies everybody and everything in the city that isn't Mormon. Shade of the Prophet's rasperaz, how Brigham must roar from his position behind the veil."

As an explanation of your ways that are dark, I want to advise the public that the fact that you have put the above in quotation marks is no evidence that you did not manufacture the paragraph. It is glib from the same mill that ground out the celebrated "Bishop West" forgery, is it not? You are evidently trying to manufacture evidence against "Ellis" in the same way that you seem to have been manufacturing it against the Mormons for years.

But don't you know that "Brigham" was a remarkably good judge of men and would have been the first to take by the hand a man who had the courage to attack such a pole-cat's nest as your *Tribune*?

You are disturbed by the fact that

"Ellis" "goes to lecturing." Why should he not obtain money by the use of his brains as well as you? Or do you get your money in that way? Perhaps you have written your anti-Mormon articles so often that it has ceased to be brain work. Why should not the Mormon people welcome a man who has the courage to tell the truth in regard to them? Why should not the man who tells the truth be paid for his work? You have been publishing a paper for years that has been a continued lie against the Mormon people. You have done that work for money. At any time since you started on that work the Mormon people could have purchased any one of you, could they not?

One of your employees said to me a few days ago that your paper was run as a sensational and villifying sheet because that was the course that brought the money. Another of your workmen heard my lecture on "Utah from '47 to '70." In your paper next morning the lecture was soiled in the usual style of that cat of the *Tribune* nest. I asked your reporter if he could not as easily have given a decent mention of my lecture, and this is what he said:

"Well, Mr. Ellis, you know what kind of men I work for. You know that I have to give them not such reports as I might like to make, but such as they want to have made. I listened to your lecture with great interest. I enjoyed it. You gave me a great deal of information that I did not have. If I could have reported your lecture as I wanted to, my report would have been very different. But, you know, I've got to live, and to do so I must work as my employers direct."

Your managing editor is a cur at heart. He hates the Mormons. He has no use for a man who does not write against the Mormons. He has refused to publish articles written by me because they contained statements that were friendly to the Mormons. Yet he, and all of you, are making money out of your persecution of the Mormons, and you keep many men employed to fill your *Tribune* from day to day with whatever will add to the popular prejudice against the Mormons.

Only a few days since you published a statement to the effect that the old man "Le Baron," who was found dead in his bed, was a Mormon, and he left two families. Your statement was intended to convey the impression that he died a Mormon and that he was, up to the time of death, violating the law. Yet, you know that Le Baron had been a nianiac in his hatred of Mormonism for many years, and your paper had published many of his anti-Mormon articles.

Why can't you be honest? You are all old men. In a few years you will all be in Hades. Why not go in such wise that you could "tell the truth and shame the devil?" All the money you make for lying against the Mormons will do you no good. You will die paupers, and when you pass to the life in which you all believe, beyond the veil, you will not have even the riches of self-respect. You profess to be followers of Christ. But if Christ ever discovers that you are following Him, He will apply the same remarks to you as to the hypocrites of