PURE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Charles W. Penrose was delivered at the quarterly conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion in the Tabernacle on Sunday, September 13:

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Presented the General Authorities of Church and those of the Salt Lake the Church and for the votes of the Stake of Zion for the votes of the Saints assembled. They were all unan-smously sustained. He was then asked impusly sustained. Stake of Zion to speak to the conference and said:
I am requested to address the congre gation this afternoon, and having been so called upon I trust I shall have your attention, as I have had it during the ation of these names, and that be aided and assisted by the spirit of the Lord in saying those things which will be appropriate and benefit to this great congregation. I will say, for the information of our may be visiting with us. that it is not customary with us to pre-pare sermons to preach to the public be Elders are supposed to be always dy, when called upon, to give a non for the faith that is in them; ready. called to perform any duty irch, for which he is author-ill be aided and assisted by it of the Lord to perform that he is in a right condition of mind and is endeavoring to fulfill the

I trust that this afternoon I may be able to preach to you the Gospel as restored to the earth from heaven in these last days, and which has been ched to the people in the world, opportunity has offered, for the last 60 opportunity has offered, for the last 60 years. We have no new thing under the sun to present to the people. It is the old Gospel, preached by Jesus Christ and His Apostles when they were upon the earth in the flesh. The question may be asked, Is there anything differ ent in it to that which has bee preached ever since their day? In som preamed yes, respects, yes. There are very great differences between the Church in its organization today and the churches of the world, although this Church (the authorities of which have been presented this afternoon) claims to be the old Church restored. We have in this Church the same order of authority, the same power in the Priesthood, same doctrines, the same ordinances he same gifts and blessings and the same spirit and power that charactersed the Church which our Savior Jesus Christ established in person, and which was carried on by His Apostles after His death and resurrection. We find by reading the scriptures, which contain an account of the Church esablished by them in olden times, that here are many very great differences etween the churches of modern Chris-endom and that Church which the Lord established.

Now, in saying that, I wish it to be listinctly understood that the Latterday Saints do not wish to hinder any nan or any organization on the earth, whether it be civil or ecclesiastical. ing good among the inhabitants earth. We recognize the cath of the earth. herever it is found, "whether on hristian or on heathen ground," mong religious people or among people who do not profess religion. Wherever the truth is, that we receive, and that we admire; and whenever men or wo-men endeavor to inculcate the truth, we say "God speed" to them in their labors. And even if they are in error, do not despise their efforts, whe y are sincere and are endeavoring promulgate that which they verily leve to be true. At the same time w ognize the great distinction ween truth and error. Truth and error will not harmonize. They will not You cannot make them one. ndivisible, eternal, immulable, unchangeable; and when peo-ple are in error, they must be in op-position to the truth. That is a very lain, simple proposition which every-ody can understand and, I believe will admit. So, when a person who professes to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be appointed to be a preacher, promulgates that which is a preacher will not sanctify any error that he presents. That which is untrue is bound to be overcome some time or

That there are a great many errors in the Christian world, as well as in what we call the heathen world, must e apparent to every person who re-lets, because these different organizations that exist in Christendom class one with the other, and they preach different doctrines. Yet they all claim to take their doctrines and principles from the one book—the Bible. It is evident that they misunderstand the old scriptures, and therefore they do not agree in regard to them, and the peole in the world are principally being aught by the precepts of men. Men do not occupy the h was taken by the servants of God n times, whose words we have in ok called the Bible. Whether we he book called the Bible. ead the Old Testament or the New festament, we find that the men who wrote and spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost gave the word of the Land ord: not their own notions, and ideas in regard to religion and the y of man to his Maker, but God Almighty had revealed, and which they had been appointed and do deliver to the inhabitants n the preaching and admin strations and writings of the servants f God of olden times, and the teach-

ings in modern Christendom among the Various acets and denominations.

This afternoon we have been present-ing to this congregation the authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latsaints, and everybody who has attention to this must have difference between this or tion and that of other Christian mations existing in this cen-For instance, we have at this organization men who of the Lord Jesus Christ-a sidency of three and a Counwelve. Those of you who are ted with the New Testament are noted that when Jesus anything very important to proclaim, apart from the selected Peter, James and went with them in private, them and gave them instrucbestowed upon them the Apostleship and of the It was Peter, and James. n who went up with Christ into ered unto them. It was Peter ames and John whom Jesus favored on many occasions with on many occasions with teachings and instructions con-the Church. They were so at that Paul, after he came into arch, in writing to the saints, acknowledge that they seemed pillars in the Church. But talled Twelve Apostles, and He out to preach, so we read in chapter of Matthew, and He m a charge that when they they were to take neither gold, nor silver, nor purse. from their journey, nor purse, for their journey, nor even s; for "the laborer," said He, my of his hire." Well, what hire? Why, wherever they did the people received them I houses, and fed them, and hem, there they should stay y should let their peace abide. That was the hire they had. That was the hire they had re not hired by the year, or by on third by the year, or by the horizonth, or by the term, with so money for so much preaching; by went as Christ sent them, the purse and scrip. As He told "Freely ye have received; freely They were to go and preach

the Gospel, to heal the sick, to comfort those who mourned, and to proclaim the glad tidings that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. They went out as they were called. Christ had ordained them, as we read in the gospel according to St. John. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Again, He said when He breathed on them: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. . Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained."—John xx. 21—23. These Apostles went out in the spirit and power and authority of that 23. These Apostles went out in the spirit and power and authority of that mission; and after Jesus Christ had suffered upon the cross. His body had been buried in the tomb and had been been buried in the tomb and had been raised again. He appeared to them and spoke to them again. As you may read in the last chapter of Mark and the last chapter of Matthew, He gave them a commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every

creature. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. "He that believeth and is baptized

shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; "They shall take up serpents; and if

they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."—Mark 16:

The Anostles went out as they were instructed and preached the Gospel everywhere, and God confirmed the word "with signs following." That is, the signs followed those who believed the Apostles. "These signs shall follow them that believe." As recorded in Matthew, Jesus said to them:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all na-tions, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the tions. Holy Ghost

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28: 19, 20. This was His command to the Apos-

ties, and they went out and preached as they weer instructed. The first great Gospel sermon by these Apostles was preached on the day that is called the day of Pentecost. They had before that gone into Judea and the regions round about bearing the testimony Christ told them to bear, and ministering in the way that they had been ap-pointed to minister; but Christ had enjoined them after His resurrection not to preach to the world until they were endowed with power from on high. Said He: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."—Luke 24: 49. Also: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all na-tions, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 24: 47. In the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we have an ac-count of the opening of this great mission given to the Apostles. We read that the people had gathered to Jerusalem from different parts, to worship, according to the custom of the Jews. This chapter names the different nations that were represented there. people, thus gathered together in Jerusalem, heard of a grat manifestation on the part of the followers of Jesus, a few of whom were gathered there also, and they came to hear what there was about it. It appears that when Peter and the rest of the Apostles and a num-ber of the Saints had assembled, the Spirit of God rested upon them in great power. It came with the sound "as of a rushing mighty wind," and they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance; and the multitude heard, every man in his own tongue, the wonderful things of God. Peter, who was the chief of the Apostles, arose and bore his testimony concerning the coming of the Messiah, His being slain upon the cross by the Jews. His resurrection from the dead and the blessing that would come to Gospel. Now, these people belonged to that nation that had crucified the

Messiah, and we read:
"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles. Men and brethren, what shall we

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you ir the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (That that Peter and his brethren

poured out upon them in such great power that day.) "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."—Acts 2:37-39. We read that 3,000 went forward and were baptized that day. So the Church was built up. Now, mark this particularly in reference to the Gospel as preached by Peter: Peter did not offer any of his own opinions and ideas about religion or philosophy; but he delivered the message he was appointed

and ordained to deliver. He was an Apostle of Jesus Christ, and he had to teach the people that which Christ gave to him. He told them that if they would revent of their sins and be baptized for the remission of sins they should receive the Holy Ghost, and that this promise was to every-body. That is the Gospel to all the world. He taught them the principle of faith in Jesus Christ, by testifying concerning His life and death and restion, and that He was the Mes-But they were not only to believe in Christ; they were also to repent of their sins, turn from them, and be baptized—what for? "As an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace?" There is nothing of the kind said here. What was it for? For the remission of sins. Very plain, very simple! Why, that is what John the Baptist taught, as you will find by reading the 4th verse of the 1st chap-ter of Mark. "Johns baptized in the wilderness, and preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; and the people came from all the reglous round about and were baptized in the river Jordan, confessing their Jesus himself was baptized by The latter part of the 3rd chap-

ter of Matthew tells you the whole story. Jesus came and wanted John to story. Jesus came and wanted John to baptize Him. John, knowing He was the Lamb of God, ordained from before the foundation of the world to bear the sins of the world, said. "I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to Jesus replied, "Suffer it to be so for thus it becometh us to fulfil De not forget that all righteousness." my friends. Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of the world, the spotless Lamb of God, the sinless Redeemer, the Son of the Almighty, could not fulfil at righteousness without being baptized

"And Jesus, when he was baptized. went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting

baptize!

one having authority from God to

upon Him: "And lo, a voice from heaven, say-ing, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."— Matthew 3:

That is the way Jesus was baptized in the Jordan. He came up out of the water, after His baptism, and received the Holy Ghost, and the plaudit of His Eternal Father, to the effect that He had done right and set a pattern that all should follow. This was the baptism that His Apos-

The following sermon by Elder the Gospel, to heal the sick, to com- ties preached. Read the 8th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and you will find there that Philip baptized a will find there that Philip baptized a great many people in Samaria. Then two of the Apostles came down from Jerusalem to Samaria, that the people might receive the Holy Ghost. How did they receive it? We are told that after they received baptism at the hands of Philip they waited until the Apostles came, who when they were come down laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost. In and they received the Holy Ghost. In that same chapter we read how baptism was performed. A certain man was riding in a charlot, and Philip taught him the Gospel.

> "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be bapized? "And Philip said, If thou believest

with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."—Acts, 8: 36-28.

So we shall find, if we search through all the New Testament-which we have not time to do this afternoonthat when the Apostles baptized they baptized by immersion. Paul calls it "being burled by baptism." They were "being burled by baptism." They were burled in the water in the likeness of Christ's burial; they were raised up from the water in the likeness of His resurrection. And baptism was for the remission of sins. As the water passed over their bodies in the liquid grave, so the regenerating power of God passed over them spiritually, and their sins were remitted, through the atonement of our Lord and Savior Jesus Then the Apostles laid their hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came upon them.

Now, the effect of this Holy Ghost

was to make them one. They were all baptized by one spirit into one body. They were blessed with the gifts and powers that Christ had promised. powers that Christ had promised. They spoke with new tongues: they prophesied; the sick were healed; the heavens were opened to them; the power of God rested down upon them, and whether they were Jew or Gentile, head or tree they all deads income they all deads income they all deads in the first the power of the they all deads income they all deads i bond or free, they all drank in of the one spirit and became one in Christ Jesus

This is the kind of church that was This is the kind of church that was built up then. Now, in order to make the matter as clear and as short; as possible (for I do not want to detain you too long), I will read you a few verses from the fourth chapter of the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians, stating in advance that Paul, when called Saul, was one of the perseculars of the Saints, became convert. secutors of the Saints, became convertsections of the Saints, became convert-ed to the truth by the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in giving an account of it thich you may read in the twenty-second chapter of Acts) he stated that this light came from heav-en and struck him to the earth, and he heard the voice of the Lorizontia. en and struck him to the earth, he heard the voice of the Lord speaking to him. Being stricken blind, he was taken into Damascus, and after awhile a man named Ananias—not the man who was struck dead for lying, but a servant of Jesus Christ—came to him and said:

"Brother Saul, receive thy sight. An1 the same hour I looked up on him.
"And he said, the God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know His will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of His

For thou shalt be His witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and

-Acts xx; 13-16, Saul was baptized, and was afterwards called and ordained to be a ser-vant of God, to preach the Gospel, as we read in the fourteenth chapter of Acts. He did not call himself; he was called by those that Christ had ap pointed, and was ordained by the laying on of hands and sent out with Barna-bas to preach the Gospel. Paul, in

writing to the Ephesians, has this to "There is on body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling:

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
One God and Father of all, who is
above all, and through all, and in you
all."—Ephesians 5; 4-6.

That is the kind of body that was or-That is the kind of body that was organized by the Apostles in every place, whether in Ephesus, or any other part of Greece, or in Palestine, or in any country where they went. They only had one Gospel. They had one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Spirit, one body; they were joined together by the power of God, because they all had embraced the same truth. There was no error in it, and there was no need for error in it, and there was no need for division; for it is only when truth comeagainst error and error against truth that there is a clash. Truth is never discordant with itself.

I wish to read a few more verses from this same chapter. It speaks about the resurrection of Christ and His ascending above all things, and the Apostic

"He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heav-ens, that He might fill all things. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists and some, pastors and teachers;
For the perfecting of the saints, for
the work of the ministry, for the edify-

ing of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of

That ye henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning crafti-ness, whereby they lie in wait to de-

But speaking the truth in love, may

grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in ove."-Ephesians iv; 10-16.

That is the kind of church that Jesus Christ and His Apostles built up. Some people have an idea that Christ never had any Church. That is because they do not read carefully. Christ set up His Church and named it, and spoke of it as a Church: and the Apostles es-tablished churches in every place; but these churches were all one Church, one body, just as we read in the twelfth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. I will read just a verse of two. It would take too long to read the whole chapter, but you can read it

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

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For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."—I Corinthians xii; 12, 13.

This whole chapter goes to show what the organization of the Church was, and what were the blessings entoyed in that Church. I will read the joyed in that Church. I will read the last verse or two in the chapter:

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and

governments, diversities of tongues. "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of

miracles? "Have all the gifts of healing? do all "Have all the gitts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more ex-cellent way."—I Corinthians 12: 27-31.

Now, my friends, I want you to un-derstand distinctly that the Church which God established through Christ and His Aposties was one body, no matter how many branches or how many members there were. It was perfectly and compactly joined togeth-

er. Each member of the Church was a member of the body, and the Apostle and other authorities were placed in the Church, as I have read to you, for the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ, until they should come, not only to the unity of the faith, but to the KNOWLEDGE of the Son of God; that they might not be tossed to and fro and carried about with night all be united together, baptized by one Spirit into one body, and en-joying the gifts of tongues, interpreations, prophecy, healing, etc.

Just take a glance at that kind of a

church, with apostles and prophets and inspired teachers, with these gifts and blessings and powers, with the Holy Chost present and given to the mem-bers, everyone who was baptized re-celving the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands, manifesting these gifts of the Spirit, and having the unity of the faith; no confusion or conten-tion in regard to doctrine, understand ing it alike, and these inspired men teaching and guiding and leading them to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God. Oh, what a difference between that kind of church and modern Christendom in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries! do not want to say anything against any denomination. That is not what I am preaching for. It is to proclaim the truth, and it will come in contact with error powerfully enough to make that manifest. We do not want to do any injury to or hinder anybody from proclaiming anything that is true. Anything that is good anything that leads to good to virtue, to honor, to integrity, to uprightness, to the benefit of mankind and the amelioration of the condition of the children of men, we recognize as coming from God; but that which is error, that which is imposture that which is pretentious, that which pretends to be of God and is only of man,—that, of course, we come in con-tact with, not purposely, but because the truth comes in contact with er-This is the kind of church that Christ

established. It lasted upon the earth for some time in that condition. But

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after awhile, as predicted by the Apostles, it became corrupted. You can read in the Epistle of Peter, in the Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, and in other Epistles, that the time would come when the people would not endure sound doctrine, but, as one Apostle says, "after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they shall turn their ears away from the truth turn their ears away from the truth and be turned unto fables." II The Apostle Tim covetousness leclared that through declared that through coverousness men would arise and make mer-chandise of them, and the Apos-tles all foresaw that the time would come when darkness would intervene and overspread the earth, and when the power and Spirit of the Alnighty in the Church would be with-In the first few chapters of Revelation—the vision that John had on the Isle of Patmos—the condition of the churches is portrayed. There were only seven of them that were worthy of a word from the Lord, and He declared tal if they would not repent He would come and smite them with the sword of His mouth. John, in this vision, was commanded to write to these seven churches and give them "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

In this vision, was commanded to write to these seven churches and give them the word of the Lord, and picture before them the wickedness and corruption of the lord. tion that had come in among them John also saw a woman, sitting upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy; and the woman was ar-rayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness; and he beheld that she made "all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Now, that this was something to take place after John's day you can learn by reading the 4th chapter, first verse, which says: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumwhich I heard was as it were of a trum-pet talking with me: which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter." And in the last chapter of the book we are told that no man shall add to the words of

> This was a prediction that was given to John, part in literal language and part in figurative form, but these things were explained as he went on. He saw this woman, clothed as I have shown you, and sitting upon a scarlet coolred beast; and he saw that she had power to make all nations on the earth drunken out of that golden cup. Previous to thta you will read that John saw the Church of Christ-the pure Thurch-figured as a woman, clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown to 12 stars upon her head; and he beheld that she brought forth a man child, and the child was caught up unto God and to His throne, while the woman fied into the wilderness, be-cause of the power of the evil one that as after her in the form of a dragon The pure Church taken away, the false church came in and overspread the earth and gross darkness the people." in the midst of this darkness there have been a great many good men and women, who have striven to serve God and to do His will, and the Lord has been with them. There have arisen reformers also from time to time, who have seen errors existing in the world have seen errors existing in the world and have tried to drive them out and bring in the truth. But where has there been an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ? Where has there been a Prophet of the Most High God? Where has been the power of the Holy Ghost by which the prophets wrote and spoke? Where the baptism by immersion by one having authority, for the remission of sins? Where the outpouring of the Holy Grost in gifts and blessings and signs which Christ promised to them that believed? Have not these things gone from the earth? Certainly. Ask the preachers about them, and they say, "Oh! they are done away. They were all right in the time of Christ and His Apostles; but now they are no longer needed. because we are living in an age Gospel blaze." Indeed! Indeed? yet they are divided and contending about doctrine—cannot see eye to eye—

not baptized into one body-split up into different factions, all jarring one against the other, throughout the whole of Christendom! My friends. "Mormonism," as it is called, is simply a restoration of the old Church. In these last days—in the 19th century—our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ condescended to apear to a boy named Joseph Smith when he was a little over 14 years of age, after his earnest prayer that he might find out what was true. He prayed that God would show him which was true of all the sects that were then holding revival meetings, and contending one with another, and confusing him in his mind, and other people too. He prayed earnestly that God would reveal to him which was true, and the Father and the Son ap-peared to him and told him to go after none of them; that their professors taught for doctrines the commandments members in particular.

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps,"

"And Hat they drew near to God with their mouths and honored Him with their lips, while their hearts were far from Him. When Joseph told of this manifestation, although but

boy he was hounded and persecuted ou the professors of religion on every They said it was of the devil But after awhile the Lord rehand. vealed to him the fulness of the everlasting Gospel, and it came in the way spoken of in the book of Revelation. In the 6th and 7th verses of the 14th chapter of that book you will read

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gespel to preach unto them that dwel on the earth, and to every nation, and

kindred, and tongue, and people, "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

John saw that in the vision which was to "come to pass hereafter." We bear testimony to the whole world that that angel came to the Prophet Joseph Smith and revealed to him the everlast ing Gospel. That Gospel is contained n the Book of Mormon, the plates of which were engraved among the ancient inhabitants of this continent, to whom Jesus Christ ministered after His resurrection in Pales tine. They received the Gospel then and what they had has been handed down to us. The plates were hidder in the ground, and were revealed to Joseph Smith, who had the power of God iven to him to translate them into the English language. The Book of Mor-nion corresponds in its doctrines and principles with what I have been tellng you this afternoon from the Nev Testament. It corroborates what is in the Bible. It bears witness that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Eterna God, and that He is the Savior of the By comparing the two books world. we find that they came from the same Spirit and are one in principle.. Now, by the power of God and the authority given to the Prophet Joseph Smith this Thurch was established. People call t the "Mormon" Church, because might just as well call it Smith's or Peter's, or James', or John's. Mormon is the name of the man who compiled the Book of Mormon, and was a prophet of God on this continent. But it of God on this continent. But it does not matter. What's in a name? This Church is the Church Jesus Christ; and it is the Church of Latterday Saints because we live in the lat-ter days, and the saints of old lived in the former days. The right name for members of Christ's Church, as you may read in the New Testament, is Saints Beloved of God, called to be saints."-Romans i, 7. "To them that are sanc-Romans i, 7 tified in Christ Jesus, called saints."—I Corinthians i. 2. Not saints."—I Corinthians i. 2. Not all are saints that are called saints; but they ought to be. That, however, is the proper, name for members of the

The Gospel has been revealed from heaven, and with it also the authority of the Apostleship that I have been talking about this afternoon. We have sustained certain men as Apostles. How We have did they come to be Apostles? I will tell you in a few words. You may not believe it: but a good many of us know t, and it is a great satisfaction. Nothng can give a person more satisfaction than to know that God lives, that He is approachable, that He reveals Him self for their benefit, that they can iraw near to Him, that they can ask and receive, that they can seek and find, that they can knock and have the door opened unto them, and receive His word and the testimony and power of His Spirit. We testify that John the Baptist, who baptized our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and who was be-headed by the power of wickedness in King Herod, has in these last days come and ordained the Prophet Joseph Smith to the authority that he hald on the earth in the flesh. Many people think that when they die that is the end think that when they die cheeve dif-ferently, I am glad to say. They be-lieve that when their bodies go into the ground the real being, which was in the body and is separated from it at death, goes somewhere where the Lord shall appoint until the future shall appo develop. I have not time to enter into this today, though it is a very interest-ing subject, about which we know some things. But John the Baptist, some things. But John the Baptist, when his head was presented on a charger, was not there himself. That was part of his dead body. John lived, and always will live. And here in these last days as a ministering spirit, and ordained Joseph Smith and his fellow servant Oliver Cowdery to the authority which he held, and which belongs to the Priesthood of Aaron. That gave power and authority to bap-tize for the remission of sins, but not to lay on hands for the gift of the Holy

Ghost, just as I quoted to you from the Acts of the Apostles in the case of Philip and the Apostles. Afterwards, Peter, and James, and John—the three Apostles who held the presidency and the keys of the Prinsthood in their time. the keys of the Priesthood in their time -came and ordained Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery to the authority of the Apostleship. Thus they were made Apostles of Jesus Christ, and given full authority to go forward and build up the Church and Kingdom of God in the last days and prepare the way for the second coming of the Son of Man. How else could the authority be restored? Not a vestige of it remained on the earth. No Apostle, no Prophet no communication with the heavens, all the Christians repudiating the idea of new revelation: what chance was there for any ordination, except in the way I have spoken of? And these men came and brought their authority, and they ordained the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery to it, who then went forward and built up the Church of Christ as they were commanded—not teaching their own notions and ideas, but preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and organizing the Church after the ancient pattern, with Apostles and Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers, Bishops and Deacons, and

all the rest of the authorities that were in the old Church. Some of you may say, "that is all very well it sounds pretty plausible; but how do you know this has been done? What evidence have you that there is truth in it?" This congregation is part of the evidence. And peoain valleys, from north to south, and east to west, are some other witnesses of its truth. They heard this Gospel lands that gave them birth. The believed it, because it was scriptural nd they had been taught to believe n the Bible. They went forward and n the Bible. ere baptized by men professing to old this authority, who baptized them or the remission of sins, and laid their hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came upon them and bore witness of the truth. The signs followed the believers: the sick were healed, the lame to walk, the tongue of the dumb to speak, the ears of the deaf were un-stopped, and the power of God was made manifest through and with the administration of these men in every land and clime where they went with this Gospel. The people who received this Gospel received the witness of its truth from on high. They did not have to depend upon Joseph Smith, or any other man; they were brought into communion with the Lord themselves; God made manifest to them individually, in divers ways and manners, all by the power of the Holy Ghost, that this is His Church, set up in the last days in fulfillment of the things written in the old Scriptures. And here they are in this land, from all nations, and they have the same testi-mony and witness. They were baptized by one spirit into one body, no matter what nationality or church they belonged to before, or if they did not

and joined together in the spirit of this Gospel, to build up the kingdom of God in the latter days and prepare the way for the second coming of the Son of Man.

belong to any church. They have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one hope of their calling. They are knitted

have been presented this afternoon-has been organized, not by the wisdom of man, but by the wisdom of God. Joseph Smith was scouted as an ignoramus, a miserable untutored, unlettered So with a number of the me the first assisted to build up this king dom. But they were endowed with the power of God from on high, and the ruits of that power were made mani-

I bear you my testimony, as one who eceived this Gospel in his youth, in is native land, that this is the Gospel Christ. God has witnessed it to me have seen the signs following the believers. I have gone out to preach this Gospel, and wherever it has been preached and the people have received t the same signs and gifts and bless-ings have followed. God has backed in the testimony of His servants by the power of the Holy Ghost as He did in former times, for He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His truth oes not change.

How does this affect the Christian world? may be asked. It comes right to contact with the errors they have. It is not to be expected that men whose incomes depend upon teaching what they believe to be true will relish it very much. None of these men whose names have been presented this afternoon are receiving salariese. When we sustain an officer we simply sustain him by our confidence and prayers in his office and calling, that he may be able to discharge his duties properly. re not paid for this. We have no hired lergy. Men are called upon from time to time to go out without purse and scrip and without pay, and preach in he name of the Lord, and they depend upon Him for their sustenance and upon the light that God gives to them to bear their testimony. And this great admiration of the world, has been set up on the earth through an "unlettered, ignorant youth," who was in-spired of God and led by His Spirit to build it up after the pattern that God gave to him. I tell you, my friends, God is with this people. As sure as we are in this Tabernacle, this Church, which has been established upon the old pattern on sure foundations, will re-main, and there is no power that can prevail against it. They may put Prophets and Apostles to death as they have in many instances, they may drive our people from state to state, from pillar to post, but they cannot obliterate the truth. God has sent from heaven to remain here and to complish the work of the great dispensation of the fulness of times in the latter days. And it will remain and abide. In the strength and power of God we expect to go forward and bear testimony to all the world, and we invite all people to receive the truth. can tell you, my friends, that it is more precious than the gold of Ophir. nore valuable than the fewels that can be culled from any part of the globe. This thing called "Mormonism" is the great eternal truth of heaven,

Some may say, "Why, I thought Mormonism meant polygamy." all. People who dont know anything about it generally think that. There is a great outcry being raised by our ministerial friends that we are teaching polygamy. But we are not. They are the ones that are teaching it. Why, how is that? They are publishing the Bible in various languages and ing it out by the shipload to the hea then. Read the Bible if you want to know anything about polygamy! We That. are not marrying plural wives. practice ceased some years ago. Book of Mormon does not teach polyg-amy. Well, where did we get it from? We got it from the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith; and when the Lord said, "Enough," it ceased, so far as marrying wives is concerned. But men who married wives in times past are in duty bound, before God and man to take care of them. And that is what they are doing: and if people don't like that—well, they will have to do the other thing. We are not bidding defi-By the revelation of the Lord this sys tem was established; by the word of the Lord to His servant who stood at the head of the Church the thing was stopped because the man who stands at the head of the Church is the only The idea that these people in Utah are all marrying wives is a foolish idea, which you can sense by reading the ensus, that tells us there are over six housand more men than women in

'Mormonism" is the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the truth of heaven and every principle contained in creed may be found in the Bible. creed may be found in the Bible. We believe in the Bible. We believe that holy men of old wrote as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost. We believe that Abraham was a good and glorious man, and we believe that Jesus Christ spoke the truth when He said, "Many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom and isaic, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out." I am afraid some of our kind Christian friends will not go in there at all, for fear that Abraham may have his wives with him. I do not think they will want to go in through the gates of the New Jerusalem, that we read about in Revelation, which John saw coming down from God out of heaven, clothed with beauty and glory, with gates of pearl and walls of precious stones, and streets of gold. There were twelve gates, and on the head of each gate was the name of one of the twelve sons of Jacob. Now, Jacob had four wives, and they brought forth these sons to him; and I am afraid our friends go through those gates because of these names. Well, that may be taken as a little pleasantry. We have no quarrel with our friends in regard to this matter. "Mormonism" is simply the doctrine of Mormon. That is where the word comes from. Mormon was a prophet who lived on this continent propnet who lived on this continent hundreds of years ago—one of the peo-ple who preceded that dark and be-nighted race that we now call the American Indians. The story is told in that book of how they came to be in this condition. The history of this continent is given therein, and Mormon is the name of the man who abridged the writings of the prophets here and made them into one book. They call us "Mormons" because we believe in his testimony. Well, read it. What is it? The same Gospel that I have been reading to you from the New Testa-I tell you before the Lord, my friends,

that the Latter-day Saints are a people who have come to these mountain valleys to serve God and keep His com-mandments. They received the truth in the lands that gave them birth. They received a testimony from God that it was true, and so they turned their backs on their friends and on the graves of their ancestors, and they crossed the mighty deep, and then over these weary plains, as many of us did years ago, with ox teams, taking u was 11 weeks from the Missouri rive to this city when I came. They came here, I say, to serve God and keep His commandments—that is all; and ware united together, brothers and sisters, Of course, we have our differences are only human beings, like other people. We have our faults and fail-ings, but we are trying to overcome them. If you had been in our conference this morning you would have heard some of the purest teachings that ever came from the lips of mortals, spoken in order to get our people to live upright, honorable and pure lives. That is what our religion is. We receive the truth, and recognize it wherever it is. We welcome good men and good women into our midst. We have no quarrel with them; we do not want them to have any God in the latter days and prepare the way for the second coming of the Son of Man.

This Church—the authorities of which

are brothers and sisters. God speed to all people who are trying to enlighten their fellows! We say to all people, whether they are religionists or otherwise, if you have any truth for man-kind, proclaim it and we will help you; for we love the truth, and expect to be sanctified by it. As Jesus prayed for His Apostics, "O Father, sanctify them by the truth. Thy word is truth." The word of God isstrue always, and will

live and abide forever. I bear testimony to you, my friends, this afternoon that I know this work is the work of God. God has set it up. God is with it. God is inspiring His God is with it. God is inspiring His Apostles and Prophets who are at the head and His servants who are laboring under their direction. We are ready to go any time, without purse or scrip, without pay or reward, to publish the truth anywhere in the earth; for we truth anywhere in the earth; for we love our brothers and sisters, whether they see as we do or not. We know the kingdom of God is set up, and we know it will grow and increase until the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our God and His Christ. and He whose right it is to reign will come and take possession of His king-dom and reign from pole to pole and from shore to shore. May God enable us to understand the truth, to live in the light thereof, and serve Him in all things, that we may be one with Him things, that we may be one with Him in His kingdom, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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