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tions of God that this work is true," is strong presumptive proof of the absolute truth of this work.

If you Saints here do not know this work is the work of God, it is your duty to rise up and declare you have been deceived, acknowledge that the Spirit of God has not been given you, and that the declaration of the Elder who promised it is entirely false, and thus try and correct the error which you have been guilty of propagating. At once, leave the Mormon Church and you would assume a position that would be more consistent; then get a testimony from the Almighty that some other Church possesses the system of salvation; get a testimony from the Almighty that the Book of Mormon, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants are false, and just the moment you get that testimony where are you? Where are the words of the Apostle Peter: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, and you shall receive the Holy Ghost? Where are the words of the Lord Jesus? He says, "It (the Holy Ghost) shall lead you into all truth and show you things to come." Where are the words of the Apostle Paul: "Let this same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus, who, finding himself in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God?" Where are the words of John: "We know that we are the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he (Jesus) shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; and every man that hath this mind in him purifies himself, even as God is pure?" Throw these doctrines aside, let them pass; and go to a Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, Quaker or Shaker, then where is your Bible?

I testify before this assembly, as I have testified before the people throughout the different States of the Union, and throughout England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Switzerland, and France, that God Almighty, through my obedience to the gospel of Jesus, has revealed to me, tangibly, that this is the work of God, that this is his gospel, that this is his kingdom which Daniel prophesied should be set up in the last days. I prophesy that any man who will be humble before the Lord, any man who will, with childlike simplicity, be baptized for the remission of his sins, shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, which shall lead him into all truth and show him things to come; he shall receive a knowledge from the Almighty that his kingdom has been established in these latter days; and that it shall never be thrown down or be left to another people.

In saying this, I say no more than every man could say and has said who had a dispensation of the gospel. I would not be here to-day, I would not have traveled over the face of the earth as I have for the last thirty-five years unless God had revealed this unto me. I have already said nothing but absolute duty ever inspired me to travel and preach this gospel; but I received a dispensation from the Almighty, and I could say and do say now, as the Apostle Paul said: "I received not this gospel from man, but I received it by revelation from the Almighty." I say that any man who will humble himself before God and will be immersed in water, after repentance, for the remission of his sins, shall receive, through the laying on of hands, the gift of the Holy Ghost. Can I give this to him? No, I, simply as a messenger of the Almighty to whom has been delegated authority, administer immersion for the remission of sins; I simply immerse him in water, having authority so to do. I simply lay my hands upon him for the reception of the Holy Ghost, then God, from his presence, acknowledges my authority, acknowledges that I am his messenger, and confers the Holy Ghost upon the individual. Well, this is the gospel; this is what makes a man a savor of life unto life, as Jesus told his disciples they were.

Now talk about this kingdom being destroyed! Talk about, reason upon, lay plans here and there by the combined wisdom of governments to destroy the kingdom of God; why, you might as well try to pluck the stars from the firmament or the moon or the sun from its orbit! It never can be accomplished, for it is the work of the Almighty. I advise every man who has a disposition to put forth his hand against this work, to hold on and consider. Take the advice of Gamaliel the lawyer. Said he: "If this is the work of God, ye can do nothing against it; if it is not, it will come to naught."

are fanatical. Well, it is very good fanaticism. We have philosophy, science, truth, the power of God, and the testimony of good men on our side. I can pick out twelve men, whom I have been acquainted with for the last twenty-five, thirty or thirty-five years. I have known them under varied circumstances in which their hearts have been proved, their feelings tried, and their honesty and integrity tested. Have I confidence in such men? I have, just as much as I have when I read in the New Testament about Twelve Apostles. I know nothing about Peter, James or the rest of the Apostles; but these men I know something about; I have seen their honor and integrity tried under various circumstances in life. Have I not a right to believe in their testimony? Most assuredly I have, and I will prophesy of them, no, excuse me, I am not in the habit of prophesying, I will predict, I will say here, that in generations to come, the doings of these men will be read, the account of their works in preaching the gospel to the nations of the earth, what they have suffered for the cause of God; the imprisonment, contumely, drivings from Ohio, Missouri, Jackson County, and the northern counties in Missouri, and from Illinois, and how they have passed through all this and everything by way of suffering that can be imagined, and have still adhered to and borne their testimony to the truth; their works will be read and in generations to come people will have just as much confidence in these men as they now have in the Twelve Apostles whose doings are recorded in the New Testament. They are just as good men I have every reason to believe. As to the truth of what these apostles said, that I read about here in the New Testament, I know nothing about that at all, only what I experience, through having observed the same system they preached. They received the blessings pertaining to it, so have I received the blessings which they promised should be conferred upon those who received that system. Therefore I and my brethren, who have received a like experience, are the only witnesses in regard to the truth of what those apostles said; we are the only witnesses in regard to the truth of what Jesus said. Jesus said, He that will do the will of my Father shall know of the doctrine. We are witnesses that Jesus told the truth. The apostles say that those who receive the gospel by baptism for the remission of sins, shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. We are witnesses that they told the truth. Can the Methodist or Presbyterian ministers witness to these facts? No, they know nothing about them. They received their certificates and endowments at college, they trust in the wisdom of man, to the knowledge of the sciences, we trust to the power of the Almighty. Perhaps it may be said to us: "For ye see your calling, brethren; how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

Well, I do not feel materially concerned about anything that respects the advancement and prosperity of the Kingdom of God. It is a matter that I have not contrived, nor my brethren; it is the Lord's affair. He has done this work. We never came to these valleys through our own designs and wishes; the Lord God Almighty brought us here, and when he warts us to leave these valleys, we are just as well prepared to leave as we were to come. We simply do what the Lord our God commands us. God loves his offspring, the human family. His design is not simply to furnish happiness to the few here, called Latter-day Saints. The plan and scheme that he is now carrying out is for universal salvation; not only for the salvation of the Latter-day Saints, but for the salvation of every man and woman on the face of the earth, for those also in the spirit world, and for those who may hereafter come upon the face of the earth. It is for the salvation of every son and daughter of Adam. They are the offspring of the Almighty, he loves them all and his plans are for the salvation of the whole, and he will bring all up; into that position in which they will be as happy and as comfortable as they are willing to be. Our missions to the world, and not simply to carry the gospel to the people, but to establish plans and lay schemes for their temporal salvation. Our object is the temporal salvation of the people as much as it is for their spiritual salvation. By and by the nations will be broken up on account of their wickedness, the Latter-day Saints are not going to move upon them with their little army, they will destroy themselves with their wickedness and immorality. They will contend and quarrel one with another, State after State and nation after nation, until they are broken up, and thousands, tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands will undoubtedly come and seek protection at the hands of the servants of God, as much so as in the days of Joseph when he was called upon to lay a plan for the salvation of the house of Israel. He was brought up in Pharaoh's house, and learned all the sciences taught at that time in Egypt, and he became one of the members of Pharaoh's house. But after a time the Almighty appeared to him in

a dream and vision and told him what he wanted of him. He was to go and lay a plan for the salvation of that nation as well as for the salvation of the house of Israel, and Joseph worked according to the revelation that he received.

We have received revelation and, accordingly, we are here in these mountain valleys, and we are going to stay here. We shall cultivate our farms, and lay a foundation for a time when the nations shall be broken up. Multitudes will then flee to these valleys of the mountains for safety, and we shall extend protection to them. You may say, shall you require them to be baptized and to become Latter-day Saints? Not by any means. I meet with gentlemen from time to time, from different portions of the Union. I never offer them my religious views unless they seek them. I am not anxious to push my religious views upon any man. I will do them all the good I can. If a gentleman comes into my neighborhood, a stranger, I will say, "Will you have something to eat? Is there anything I can do for you?" I am not anxious to make a "Mormon" of him, not by any means; we extend the hand of charity just as far as people are willing to allow us; but when, as I said at the beginning, people are crowding upon us, persons who are determined to destroy us and have not the principles of humanity in their bosoms, we cannot exercise that charity in their behalf that we desire.

Well, we expect to do good; it is our duty as the servants and ministers of God upon the earth to do good to his offspring. This is our mission, and it is as much our duty to do good to those who do not receive the gospel, as it is to do good to ourselves; and God will give us the opportunity, just according to our desires, despite the efforts of evil-minded men. Our business is to save, not to destroy, and as we improve and advance, and develop the attributes of deity within us God will remove from our path the impediments and obstacles to our progress that are found therein; and the bitter branches, as they increase or manifest themselves, will be removed one after another, until the people of God have all the opportunity they desire to do good to the world.

I have occupied time sufficient. God bless you. Amen.

ACCORDING to the act for holding a convention and preparing a constitution for the admission of Utah into the Union as a State, the delegates to said convention are to be elected on the 5th, and the convention is to be held on the 19th, of February, the latter in the City Hall in this city.

This business of applying for admission as a State is so old, and has been talked of and prepared for so many times that it is beginning to become a little wearisome, and it is getting time that Congress acceded to the request of the Territory. All the arguments that can be used in the question are in favor of admission, at least we have never seen one worth considering upon the other side—all that have been offered in opposition arise manifestly from unrepudiated and unworthy motives, mere political intrigue by those who do not care a fig for the welfare of the people, so long as selfish interests can be gratified. The desire to rule no less volens is at the bottom of the opposition to the admission of Utah.

WE sometimes wonder what manner of body certain people would have one think the Federal Government can possibly be. To hear them talk, one might be led to imagine that the legislative department of the Government was some fearful Moloch, that demanded propitiation terrible in amount and in nature, as the condition of peaceful relations between it and Utah. The people of this Territory are advised, with bated breath, that unless they do thus and so, unless they give up this thing and that thing and promise to walk in such and such a groove, some dreadful thing or other of the heavens-falling order, if not worse, will be the speedy consequence.

Now what does all this mean? What has come to the Federal government, what has come to Congress, if these representations are correct? We have always understood that the United States government is one, deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed, and specially and peculiarly instituted to secure to the governed, so far as is possible, certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. However it may be with others, it has never entered into our mind that Congress has any rightful intention of dragging the inhabitants of any State or Territory into the enjoyment of life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness, because such a thing, so long as such inhabitants interfered not with the enjoyment of those rights by others, would be a

palpable contradiction in terms and things.

There are two points in this connection which appear in bold relief to us—one, that we are not aware that Congress requires of Utah any arrangement which she has no right to enter into; and the other, that we are not aware that Utah contemplates making any arrangement, propitiatory or otherwise, which Congress has no right to ask. Congress has a perfect right to be reasonable in its relations with Utah, and we are satisfied that Utah will not be unreasonable in its relations with Congress. Wherefore then, any essential grounds of serious disagreement? We see none. Utah presents none. She is the most orderly and law-abiding of all the Territories, and this can hardly be considered just cause for disagreeable and unfriendly relations between her and Congress. Whence then all this "senseless clamor" about Utah and Congress and the terrible things which it is prophesied are at the doors, unless Utah goes down on her devoted marrow-bones, confesses herself grievously guilty of something or other, and promises faithfully to "never do so no more?" Whence comes this clamor? Wherefore is it raised? We see not the slightest justifiable reason for it. For our part, we see nothing to confess, and nobody to propitiate.

SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.

By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 18.—Trumbull, from the judiciary committee, reported adversely to the woman suffragists asking to be heard before the Senate, and asked that the committee be discharged from its consideration. He promised an early report upon the claim that women have the right to vote under the constitution as amended.

Trumbull proceeded with his argument, controverting Carpenter's views, as to the extent of the President's powers under the constitution. In conclusion, speaking of the use of government patronage for party purposes, he said:

"Now I am free to say, and will say it here and everywhere, if the Republican party has not power enough to sustain itself without using the patronage of the government, let it go down. No party ought to be sustained that cannot be sustained by the unbiased votes of the people, without party patronage."

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

A petition was presented from the society of Friends in their annual meeting, asking that in all national disputes a reference be had to arbitration in lieu of the sword. Referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and to have probably a favorable report.

The post office appropriation bill was made the special order for Wednesday. It appropriates \$28,225,750, including half a million for the China mail, \$150,000 for that of Brazil, and \$75,000 for the Sandwich Islands mail. The pension bill appropriates \$34,080,000.

The report that Braxton was entitled to a seat from Virginia was adopted and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

HARRISBURG, 18.—A fire at Mount Jay to-day destroyed the Brady & Bro's. malleable iron works, Brady & Son's edge tool factory, and Buckinger, Maskey & Co's. iron foundry.

NEW ORLEANS, 18.—The city is very quiet.

John Q. Childs, the well-known engraver, was found dead in bed. Cause, overdose of laudanum.

NEW YORK, 18.—Interested parties write from Philadelphia that a proposition will be made to take a six hundred million United States loan, on the same terms that the one hundred and thirty million loan was taken by the Syndicate, but that Boutwell has made no decision in the matter.

There was a great crowd at the court this a.m., to witness the arraignment of Stokes. He was brought to court in a close carriage, and was arraigned. His counsel asked a postponement, as they had not seen the indictment. The case was then adjourned till Wednesday next.

Catacazy sailed for Europe on Saturday.

The run on the 3rd Avenue Bank continues, but is decreasing. About \$200,000 has been paid out.