Mrs. Margaret N. Dusenbery visit to Kirtland: said the former speaker is my sister. I love her, although she is not my mother's child; but she is the child of my father and I love her with all There were four human figures, the sisterly regard and affection that I have for any and all of the balance of my sisters and brothers. glyphic figures and devices. As I protest against any interference in our family ties, they are endeared to us and I claim they are pure, of the characters, and I gave him and protest against the petition of the interpretation, and like a genthe anti-polygamists.

Many other ladies raised their certificate: voices on the occasion protesting against the movement of the antipolygamists which threatened the

life itself. the ladies assembled.

journed sine die. A.J.

ABRAHAM. BOOK

Its Genuineness Established.

BY ELDER GEORGE REYNOLDS. CHAP. I.-Introductory. The dis-

covery and subsequent history of the Mummies. Translation of the Papyrus by the Prophet Joseph.

The late republication of the Pearl of Great Price has drawn re- Joseph of Egypt, &c., a more full of the faithful. Being thus fully It is the happiest portion of our newed attention to the Book of account of which will appear in assured, we shall lay the forthcom- lives. We meet with the contempt Abraham, which forms a portion of their place as I proceed to exa- ing chapters before our readers and scorn of the world, but we its contents. And as but very lit- mine and unfold them. Truly we can with the joyful assurance that they thank the Lord that we have the tle has ever been said by the Elders say the Lord is beginning to reveal will add to the already incontro- truth, and are privileged to bear it of the Church in advocacy of its the abundance of peace and truth." claims as an inspired record, writ- From this time it appears from Smith was a prophet, seer and rev- Since our Conference in Septem-

Joseph Smith. into the possession of our martyred | many things concerning the dealthis incident in his history, is to be the formation of the planetary sysfound under date of Dec. 30th, 1835, tem."* (vol XV Millennial Star,) from The next thing we deem in order which we condense: He states that is to give the Prophet's description the records from which the Book of of the appearance of the papyrus, Abrahamwas translated were found | which description, we may remark | in one of the catacomies, near the in passing, is identical with that of city of Thebes in Egypt, in the President John Taylor, who freyear 1831, by a French traveller quently saw them when in Brother named Antonio Sebolo, who had Joseph's possession. The latter received permission from Mehemet writes; to belate and second ten days, died at Trieste. In his points." will, he left these valued remains Before proceeding further it will uninteresting to your many read- will be gratifying to our people at of ancient Egyptian art, to his ne- doubtless he desirable to give a ers. In a local to the second of the local to the second of the local to the lo phew Mr. M. H. Chandler, and slight sketch of the contents of We are making some progress sent off, were chosen from the most after various vicissitudes they came those portions of the Book of Abra- with the work, and amidst all the worthy, as well as those who were into this latter gentleman's posses- ham already translated and pub- hard times, still prevailing here to in the most pressing need. Pen to make a living by their exhibi- count of his early life at the home with the help of the Lord, to keep joy which they manifested on Brothers; ed bus mind and tion an i traveled about the coun- of his father in Ur of Chaldea, of up a continual interest in "Mor- being told to "pack up and get try for that purpose, reaching Kirt- the persecutions he suffered for monism" in the minds of the hon- ready for Zion." Some idea of land July 3rd, 1835. In the mean- righteousnessake from his idolatr- est seekers after truth. We are their feelings of gratefulness may time he had opened the coffins ous kindred, and of the causes that constantly adding to our numbers be formed when it is understood and found "that in connection led him to leave Chaldea for Ca- by increasingly frequent baptisms, that many of those shipped home, Chaldea for Ca- by increasingly frequent baptisms, that many of those shipped home, with two of the bodies, was some- maan. It gives at greater length and we can safely speak of favor- had "given up all hopes of ever DW 111 the covernments able prospects for the future. We going to Zion?" thing rolled up with the same kird than does the Bible, the covenants able prospects for the future. We going to Zion." of linen, saturated with the same made with him by the Almighty, anticipate a very busy season this The condition of the country is bitumen, which when examined and affords some exceedingly inte- winter, and we look for good to re- about the same as last year, but all proved to be two rolls of resting details with regard to the suit from our labors. The Saints, things betoken a gloomier future. inc cheering qualities and excellence and lacting char-

"On the 3rd July, Michael H. Chandler came to Kirtland to exhibit some Egyptian mummies. together with some two or more rolls of papyrus covered with hiero-Mr. Chandler had been told I could translate them, he brought me some tleman he gave me the following

Kirtland, July 6, 1835.

This is to make known to all adopted by the unanimous vote of acters in my possession, which I have, in many eminent cities, or how sublime its thoughts. matters of Zion was herstlett

MICHAEL H. CHANDLER.

characters or hieroglyphics, and of the opinion that there is not a and privately. The result of our much to our joy found that one of book in existence whose genuine- labors we cannot now foresee, but the rolls contained the writings of ness can be more easily proven than we leave it in the hands of the Abraham, another the writings of can that of this record of the Father Lord. We rejoice in our ministry.

ten by one prophet of God in the the history that Joseph set himself elator, and servant of the Most ber last, Elders Emery, Howells infancy of the earth's history, and diligently to work to translate the High God. translated by another prophet of records as often as his other importhe Most High in the dispensation tant duties permitted. Under date of the fulness of times, we think of October 1st he records in his to all who seriously consider the men, and have done well since that a few chapters written to prove journal: "This afternoon I labored matter, that if the Book of Abra- they landed. Elders Jones and its genuineness and divine origin on the Egyptian alphabet, in com- ham, as given to us by Joseph Williams are now with me here. will not be without value to the pany with Brothers O. Cowdery Smith, be true, it must have been We are now engaged traveling Latter-day Saints and to the world and W. W. Phelps, and during the translated by a greater than human among the branches, holding meetat the present time. For while the research, the principles of astrono- power. We well know, that so far ings every night. By the collieries people of God have said or written mg, as understood by Father Abra. as the wisdom of this world is con- closing in some places and opening little in its defense, there have been ham and the ancients, unfolded to cerned, Joseph Smith was an un- up in others, the Saints move about those opposed to the revelations of our understandings." It is desir- learned man, unskilled in the high- very frequently. This opens up God in these days, who have vigor- able that these dates and facts er branches of science, with little new preaching districts, and with ously attacked it, who have styled should be remembered, as they have other knowledge than that which a few baptisms added, necessitates its language "gibberish" and class- an important bearing on our future heaven conferred, but had he been the organizing of small branches of ed it among the 'pious frauds' that incuiries. Under date of October a scientist of the highest order the Church, which, in due have so often disgraced the history 7th, November 24th, and in other the production of the Book of Abra- time, grow to important centre of religion, Christian, and heathen. places, he refers to his labors in ham would be but little less re- places. In this matter, the energetic We hold, and we have confidence translating the papyrus. He also markable, as many of the truths local elders we have here, are great that we can prove, by history, makes frequent reference to show- taught therein (as we shall present- auxiliaries to the work. They are that the Book of Abraham is exact- explaining to them their contents, ly what it claims to be, and that it not only to those in the church, but was translated by the wisdom and to numbers who were not members. power of God for the benefit of the We will simply cite one instance. human family, by the Prophet December 16th, 1835. Elders Mc-Lellin, B. Young, and J. Carter Before entering into the discus- called and paid me a visit, with sion of its contents, we deem it ad- which I was much gratified. I exvisable to say a few words, with re- hibited and explained the Egyptian gard to the manner in which it fell records to them, and explained Prophet. The account he gives of ings of God with the ancients; and

Ali, the then ruler of Egypt, to "The record of Abraham and Joopen it. After vast labor an en- seph, found with the mummies trance was effected on the 7th of is beautifully written on papyrus, July, 1831, and several hundred with black, and a small part with mummies discovered therein, in red, ink or paint, in perfect preservarious stages of decomposition. vation. The characters are such as M. Sebolo obtained eleven of the you find upon the coffins of mumbest preserved mammies and start- mies, hieroglyphics, etc., with many ed with them for Paris, the capital characters or letters like the presof France. Ou the way he was ent (though probably not quite so doings for some time, but presume firm; some were living on the taken sick and after an illness of square) form of Hebrew without that an item of news from old charity of the parishes, others were

papyrus." "Two or three other history of the priesthood in that too, are increasing in good works, There is still a great deal of suffer-

own husbands, lest perchance they &c., were found with others of the given, and the revelations of God our travels we meet very few of men who are honest enough to acshould not keep to the path of vir- mummies." In Joseph's history is to him, with regard to the order of our people, who are trying to live knowledge that the judgments the following account of Mr. C.'s the planetery worlds, the condition their religion, who are altogether which our Elders predicted years of the spirits of mankind in their out of employment. Of course ago, are really now at hand. Our pre-existant state, and a history of work is uncertain and very irregu- Elders foretold these hard times, the creation of this earth, are laid lar everywhere in this region, but and when every branch of trade before the reader, in plain and the Saints have the best work that was flourishing, and money plenty, simple, but inspired and soul in- is going. All of which is attribut- they warned the people, both saint spiring language. No short synop- ed to the favor of the Lord. sis can give any idea of the beauty, During the last summer the tra- means, and flee to Zion. Many grandure, and value of the truths veling Elders and I, have preached heeded their words, and to-day made manifest by the Most High in the principal towns and vil- possess comfortable and happy to his friend and servant, Abraham; lages of every county in both homes in Utah, while those who truths which the world, to-day, in North and South Wales. With a few considered not their warning are part ignores, and partly compre- exceptions we were listened to very to-day suffering the bitter pangs of hends. We suggest to our readers attentively by large congregations. Want. There are many Saints here, the study of this important, though It was a new thing, and in some as well as elsewhere, who might brief fragment, feeling assured that places the people came out en have been out years ago had they they will arise from its perusal masse to see and hear the "Mor- fostered their means, instead of with a more exalted and more mon preachers." The newspapers recklessly squandering them. Now, rights which they held dearer than who may be desirous, concerning comprehensive realization of the took it in hand to let the people they look for help, and some think the knowledge of Mr. Joseph power, the glory and the love of know that we were among them they ought to have it from their The report of the committee was Smith, Jr., in deciphering the an- God, than the study of any unin- seeking for proselytes. We occa- friends in Utah, or they can never then presented and the resolutions cient Egyptian hieroglyphic char- spired treatise could ever give, no sionally encounter apostates and leave here. matter how beautiful its language other bitter opponents. Little else There seems to be a reviving in-

> translation of some of the tions into this subject that we are great many people, both publicly declared the truth. vertible testimonies that Joseph, to the nations of the earth.

> > visedly, because it must be evident are faithful and energetic young and were as unknown to the sage opportunity offers, and are doing as to the simpleton, in the year that much good. the papyrus was translated, and inmade manifest.

*History of Joseph Smith, Millennial Star. Vol. XV, Page 285. Millennial Star, vol. xv., page 519. # Ibid, vol xv., page 550.

To be continued.

The Work in Wales-Relief for the Poor-Baptisms, &c.

CARDIFF, South Wales, November 18, 1878. Editors Descret News:

to post you on our whereabouts and helped, many were aged and in-

and Lewis have been appointed to We make this last statement ad- labor in other conferences. These

During the past season, 186 perdeed for many years afterwards. | sons emigrated to Utah from Wales. and human wisdom could not give baptized. We thought that with them to the world. By some other so many going from here, that our power, which we claim was divine, winter's work would be crippled. they must have been revealed and But with so many coming in the Church, and our local brethren acquainting themselves so energetically in the spread of the work, we hardly miss the little host that we have sent away. This is very grat-

itying and encouraging to us. I do not know how to express in adequate language, the gratefulness of the poor and faithful Saints who have been helped off by the liberal Welsh Fund, raised by the kind-heartedland benevclent Saints at home. Ninety persons have received help to emigrate from this fund; and but for its aid, they might be here now, suffering for the common necessaries of life. Besides this number, about 35 persons more Dear Brothers—We have been were helped out by their friends kept so busy the past summer, in and kindred, or they too might re-Cambria even now, would not be supported by sundry clubs etc. It home to know that those whom we

and sinner, to repent, save their

than good, however, resulted from terest in the work on all sides, and After singing the benediction was showed to the most learned; and, It is our intention, as we pass their hostility gave our Elders are getting busier every pronounced by the wife of Bishop from the information that I could along, to take up the various sub- opportunity to the friends of fair day. The judgments of the Lord John Brown, and the meeting ad- ever learn, or meet with, I find jects treated in the Book of Abra- play to come out in our behalf. This are plainly discernable in all the that of Mr. Joseph Smith Jun., to ham, and demonstrate the exact naturally created a greater interest nations of the earth. Nations are correspond in the most minute truthfulness of the record, by the in the minds of the people towards perplexed, the hearts of the people writings of historians, ancient and us and the doctrines we represent- fail them for fear, and none can modern, by the discoveries of arch- ed. Thus we had a better opportu- tell the nature of the perils that al-Traveling with, and proprietor of eologists, Egyptiologists, astrono- tunity to bear our testimonies to ready cast their shadows before Egyptian mummies."* mers and other scient ste, and prove, the people. After each meeting them. Rumors of war are in every The Prophet a few days later we believe, beyond the possibility we distributed large numbers of man's mouth, and war is considerwrites: "Soon after this some of of successful contradiction, that no tracts of various kinds. We traveled ad again inevitable in the east. the Saints in Kirtland purchased element of fraud enters into its almost entirely on foot, and as we Communism, nihilism, and socialthe mummies and papyrus, and I, composition. So remarkable have moved through the country we left ism are likely to let themselves with W. W. Phelps and O. Cow- been the confirmatory evidences, tracts by the wayside and in the loose on the "big" nations at any dery as scribes, commenced the that we have met in our investiga- | smaller villages, thus warning a time. Surely the prophets have

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