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Harmony in the Testimony of the Missionaries-Their Zeal and Earnestness-Sent Out With Divine Authority-Opposition to Revelation-Religious Confusion and Uncertainty in the World-The Latter-day Dispensation-A Truth Worthy of Thought-Witness and Evidence of the Truth-Gifts and Power of the Gospel

remarks on this occasion, and I hope. prophets to the people, and that He i just us will not to communicate will while I endeavor to do so. I shall have the attention and sympathy of the congregation. No subject specially presents fixelf to my mind, but d trust that I may be able to say somiting that will be profitable for us to reflect upon.

Persons who frequently attend our

services, especially when our missionaries speak after having performed mis. sions in different parts of the world, must be struck with the degree of some. ness which attends their testimony; and to some it may appear rather monoton. lay his head, had to endure scorn at regarding this when he started was dis witness of the Hoty Ghost was given to him; and he obtained a testimony for himself, which was sure and steadfast, that the Gospel he was sent to preach was the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that I had been restored to earth in these lat ter days, to be preached to all the world as a witness before the coming of our Lord. The Elders are united als in bearing testimony that where the ords are received, and the people be Heve, repent, and are baptized, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them, giving to them the same testimony and wit-ness which the Elders themselves pos-They also testify that they hav seen the manifestations of the power of God in the healing of the sick, some times in restoring sight to the billion making the lame man to leap as the ill appearances have given up the shoot maye been restored through the bying on of hands and the prayer of faith.

ELDERS FULL OF ZEAL. from their missions. It will be found too, that after their return they are ful of zeal; they are happy and thankful that they have had the opportunity of going out into the world and galning th experience which that alone can give, and they feel desirous in their souls of being faithful and true, upright and virtuous, keeping the commandments of drift back again into "the beggarty ole-ments of the world," and they lose that intensity of faith and that strong desire to labor for the Lerd which they had while upon their missions. This is much to be regretted, but these are only exceptions. We have a host of young men in these mountain valleys who have been out into the world and extend experience not only in the world. gained experience, not only in the prin-ciples of eternal life, but in the customs and religious which exist among mankind, and they are all the more devoted to the truth in consequence of that ex-perience. It has done them a great deal of good. It has been one of the best means of education that they could possibly have. These men are a strength and a support to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. and they manifest, by the spirit the the Church is not in any danger of be tions which will be open when a great is very encouraging. It gives me great joy to know that so many of the sons of the Latter-day Saints are coming to the front, not only with intellectual talents, but also with the spiritual gifts of the Gospel of Christ, and that witness of the Holy Ghost which it is necessary for them to have to enable them to bear off the kingdom.

ELDERS SENT OUT WITH AU-

These Elders are not sent out to expound their own views and notions in regard to theology, nor to declare to the world that which they have learned in some school at home, but they are sent out with authority from the Lord Jesus Christ. If they do not have that authority, then this system called "Mormonism" is very little better than the rest of the religious creeds. But if they really have that authority; it they really have that authority; it they go forward among the inhabitants of the earth to bear witness of a message that has been sent down out of heaven, and they bear it with the authority which they claim—the authority of the Holy Prienthood restored again to earth—then there is something in it which is worthy the authority of the Holy Ghost, if there has been no examination of the Holy Ghost for hundreds of years? of the Holy Priesthood restored again to earth-then there is something in it which is worthy the stiention of mankind. It should resumant the attention of the cleh and the poor, of people of all races, seets and degrees, of amisters of religion as well as of their congregations, of kings, nobles and slighty men as well as of the common people. It there is nothing in it more than themere preaching of mon's ideas, then we cannot add much to the religious of the common people.

In regard to be any or month is such a conflict of space than there is such a conflict of space than there is such a conflict of space than a ot add much to the religious of the

I have been requested to make a few I same today as He was when He sent terance of that great principle has some one of the best blood of the pitchenticentury. For that Joseph Smith an Hyrum Smith were state in sold blood well so others of our brethren. For

the Bible should be the very foremost to oppose this idea.

What is there unreasonable in the statement that in this age of the world

our heavenly Pather has communicated the time our more with men, in the same way things that He communicated His will in past times" If we take up the Bible, we find all the books therein corroburate each other in the idea that God, when He wished to give a message to His children on earth, chose some man or men, upon whom He placed His divine authority and to whom He communicated tis will, and He sent them out into the world to proclaim it to others. Why double people who believe that Jesus of Surgreth was the Son of God, ordained world, and that He represented the hom He had called and ordained and thereselves are ministers of the same Gospel utterly reject the idea that the Lord would do the same thing-

right. Each one claims to be right and each one seems to have about as much claim as the others to being right. When it comes to the question of authority to preach and to administer in the name of the Lord, we find that there is a difference of equiton about that. This evening the cornerstone is to be laid in this city of a cathedral, and that building will be dedicated to the service of a church which has professed and does still profess to have had this divine authority handed down from the days of Jesus Christ, through the Apostles, and then through the from the days of Jesus Christ, through the Apostles, and then through the Bishop of Rome, and through those who have been ordained under that authority, to the present day. But here are hundreds of religious seems professing to be Christian a life attesty repudiate that idea. They say that authority has not been continued, and that the doctrines which were preached by Jesus Christ and His Apostles are not now preached in that church. Each of these contending rests runesses to have the true Gostel and many of them to have the true authority, yet there is not one of them that even professes to have received it by revelation fesses to have received it by revelation

fesses to have received it by revelation from God.

Now ministers among all these denominations administer certain ordinances. For instance, we will take the ordinance of baptism. According to the New Testament, it is very clear that when that was administered by the Apostics of old the candidate was taken down in the water and buried there, and it was done in the name of the Fullier, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. That same form with variations, exists in the different thristian churches, from laptice by immersion, some by sprinking, some by pouring

y is? It is marvelous to me rhody can believe that God will Hed Christendom there are a variewith Him at all!

LATTER-DAY DISPENSATION

In view of the condition the world is when there would be more manifesta-tions of His power, of revelations of His will, and the accomplishment of His great purposes than ever before. The Apartic Paul told the Thesadonians that the time was coming when there would be mather dispensation. He said the Lettle had made known to him and In heaven, and which are on earth; even

My friends, these missionaries who ing in the has times; that these are things spoken of by the holy proposts since the world began; that God in His mercy, looking The Elders who go out and bear this

NECESSITY FOR REVELATION.

To all persons who will open their eyes and look at the condition of mankind it must be ovident that there is need of something of that kind. Here is no there in regard to doctrine and yet professing to take their religion from the same hook—the fible. Most remarkable thins! There is no authority among them to determine which is right. Each one claims to be right and each one seems to have about as there is no authority to preach and to administer in the content of the chart of th

THE TRUTH WORTHY OF TROUGHT.

There is something in this, I say, that is worthy the attention of intelli-gent people exervision. If it is a fraud a fable, a mistake, it is not worth anything, but if it is a fact, by carried with the Pather, the Son and the Holy Ghost for humbreds of pears? How can they have the authority to administer in the name of Delty of these has been not another from Delty nutherasine men to set in that way? This is worth thinking about HELIGIOUS CONPUSION AND UNCERTAINTY.

In regard to bandlism there is such a country in and an roday, because the country of the such as the part of the such as the country of the set of thous that it would take a long time to explain the differences of opinion some rating if and its administration. The second representation of the final is described in the such as the second representation of the final is true and the comforts there of its because they know it is true, and they are willing to benefit mankind. I bear testiment that its is a positive fraction of the final is only in Humbres of the is examined on my soul. I feel it in every mer of my holing. I and I know it. If there be strangers here today I recommend it to their attention. I say to you, this is worthy of your close consideration; for just as such as the sea in regard to religion. I may were I am warmed on the same in this day, the dispensation of the full is in warm when I am commend in the full has revealed Himself in this day, the dispensation of the full as it was a first the form of the search of t and when I am cold I feel the sensation of callings to sense in regard in religion.

Matching are controlling one with another of the case, and there being the case, and there being the case, and there being such a conflict of ideas and such a discount of their and the case of the case, and there is a conflict of ideas and such a discount of the case of the case, and there is a conflict of ideas and such a discount of the case of the case and the case of the money; and there as a great many very good people amount the verificary so. In the standard of all denominations and some outside of all denominations and some outside of all denominations people who are trying to do thish to the test of their understanding, to serve stud, to help their neighbours and to de weed. And they are not combon to Christen-dom by any means; there are troughed to their in what we called health and from whom all subtored and their in what we called health and from whom anything about Christ or His religion, and where a there are the children of G as lux as much in Christians are. But there is no direct rough and while not dispute that there is no direct rough rounderstands between them and up likes and while not dispute that the ward that there is the authority which all sects, all races, all politicase and all sects, all races, all politicase and out the ward that there is no direct rough rounderstands between them and up likes and while not dispute the transmission of the water for the remission of sins, and after while and some many that can set the north right in regard to the water words, a veil is around that can set the north right in regard to the water words and outletted, and begins the close that there is no direct rough and when the continuous powers the world, a veil is around the continuous powers the world, a veil is around the continuous powers the world, a veil is around the continuous powers the world, a veil is around the continuous powers the world, a veil is around the continuous powers that the water will be a time there will be a time the continuous powers and the last times. This same faith and here, knowledge and testimon, are saint a new to the will be a time there will be

he true Church is, and where the true | not morely in word or in promise, but | when the wicked are cut off, as the I not merely in word or in promise, but in reality; they received a divine afflatius, that constant witness, that abiding testimony, the light of God sent down from heaven, into their own souls, and had no need to depend any longer apportive testimony of the Eiders. They will testify to you that through the prayer of faith God made imatitest His power in the healing of the sick, in dreams and visiens, in the sick in dreams of the Lord Jesus Christ, my Master, that if you will repent of your sins and be baptized by one having authority, you shall know what I have said today in true; for God will give you that witness, which no man can give. May the peace of God rest upon the congress-

arroverted. The same to borne by people who has he various States of this his work that cannot a here sins with all their aptized by one having

EVIDENCES OF THE TRUTH

and they turn from the nich you may know that a person I man truly repents fr em and being serry One truth never contradicts unoth It is error that clashes with tru

Now, that same Jesus Christ has come in this discensation and restered that one way. The beginning of it is faith in God-true faith in the true God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ preach the Gospel and hear their testimony to the truths that have been revealed from heaven Every doctrine and collaboration. He charch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been revealed from on high, in the day and age in which we live. We quote the Scriptures by way of corroboration. We show that these are the same truths that the Apostics of old preached, and that the Saints of God in the primitive Church enjoyed. But we do not take them from the Binks. Our decidine is not taken from any books. We have books, but they are the doctrine is not taken from them. The channel of companients in the channel of companients in the same truth. The channel of companients in the primitive Church from them. The channel of companients in the channel of companients in the first that remission of sin shall come. It is through the blood of Christ that remission of sins comes. Christ made the atomement. Man could not do that: but man can walk in His steps. He set the example: He was sapited in Jordan that He might who have personally visited the earth and trough back the ancient truth. Third all righteousness." He cent out His Apostics and commanded the world, and commanded the world. ond brought back the ancient truth.

Three of the old Apesties also, Peter, James and John, have been sent down to earth to confor their authority upon man on the earth, and that authority is here, and it is by that that the Elders of Ierael go out into the world to bear their testimony to the truth.

The Aposties ancient into the world all the world, and commanded them to preach the Gospel to every creature, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They were also instructed to lay their hands upon the baptized believer, that he might receive the Holy Ghost. The same instructions are given now. As the Holy Ghost & so it descends now, and brings the same convictions, the same power, the same gifts and the same blessings. It opens up the same channel of communication up the same channel of communication between man and his Maker, and makes it clear that God can inspire men now as He did formerly. The gifts and powers of the Gospei are the same, as God is the same. The Holy Ghost is the same, and the work of God is the same. He has restored it for the salvation of marking, and it is our mission to preach this Google are greaters, wherever this Gaspel to every creature, wherever we have the opportunity.

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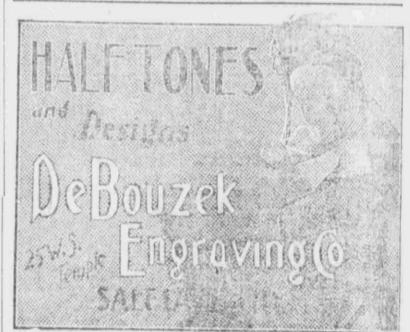
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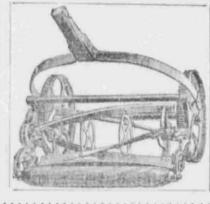
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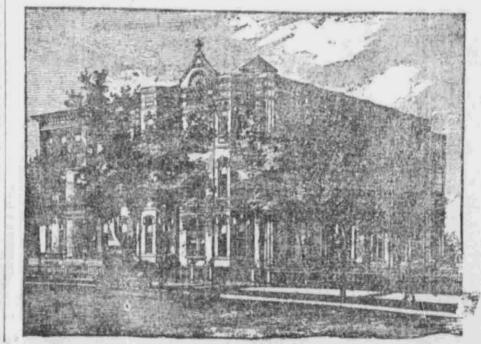


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