

ceding the coming of the Son of Man; and if ancient men of God were privileged and blessed in understanding the things of the future, how much greater blessing it will be to us, inasmuch as these things are at our doors.

I believe I will make a few more words in relation to this same revelation, that is to be given. In the second book of Nephi, the 11th chap., we have some account of what the Lord is going to do, referring to the things which the brother of Jared saw. The prophecy I am about to read was delivered nearly six centuries before Christ, by a man whose name was Nephi, whom the Lord brought out from Jerusalem, in connection with his father's family and some others, landing them on the Western coast of South America when they formed a colony. Before he got here, he had a great revelation, and also after coming here. I will commence at the 17th paragraph of the vision he had.

"And it shall come to pass, that the Lord God shall bring forth unto you the words of a book, and they shall be the words of them that have slumbered."

He was prophesying of the last days, of the time when the Book of Mormon should be brought forth to the inhabitants of the earth.

"And behold the book shall be sealed; and in the book shall be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof." This is the part that is sealed. "Wherefore, because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people." That agrees with what I was telling you about the generation that is passing away. The people who are wicked shall be swept away from the earth, and those who remain that are righteous will have this great revelation unsealed to them. "Wherefore the book shall be kept from them." The Lord did not suffer these plates to go among the wicked, for he well knew that they would have destroyed them for the sake of the gold upon which they were written. "But the book shall be delivered unto a man, and he shall deliver the words of the book, which are the words of those who have slumbered in the dust; and he shall deliver these words unto another; but the words which are sealed he shall not deliver, neither shall he deliver the book."

I wish to state here for the information of those who do not understand, that before Joseph Smith translated the part that was unsealed, he copied some of the words and sent them by Martin Harris to the city of New York to have them exhibited to the learned to see if they could read them. "For the book shall be sealed by the power of God, and the revelation which was sealed shall be kept in the book until the own due time of the Lord, they may come forth; for behold, they reveal all things from the foundation of the world unto the end thereof." We will get some knowledge of the purposes of God, not only in relation to the six thousand years past, but for the thousand years to come, after the revelation is given showing forth the purposes and designs of the great Jehovah in relation to this creation. "And the day cometh that the words of the book which was sealed shall be read upon the house tops; and they shall be read by the power of Christ, and all things shall be revealed to the children of men which ever have been among the children of men, and which ever will be, even unto the end of the earth."

Wherefore, at that day, when the book shall be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it, save it be that three witnesses shall behold it, by the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein. And there is none other which shall view it, save it be a few, according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord hath said, that the words of the faithful should speak as if it were from the dead. Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and we unto him that rejecteth the word of God."

That gives us a little more light upon the same subject. When that is brought forth I expect that the same Urim and Thummim which the Lord gave to Joseph Smith will come forth with these plates, and they will be translated but by whom I know not. Who will be the favored seer and revelator that will be raised up among this people to bring this revelation to light, is not revealed to me. And not only this revelation, but those twenty-four plates of gold which contain the doings of the old Jaredite nation that inhabited this North American continent; at present we have only an abridgment, not a hundredth part of their history. These plates of gold will come forth, as well as many other records kept by the first nation—the Jaredites, that came here; and I have no doubt that the Lord will give the Urim and Thummim to translate them. And not only these, but the Lord intends, in this dispensation in which you and I live, to overwhelm the whole earth, with a flood of knowledge in regard to himself, in regard to his purposes and designs, and in regard to the future glories and blessings that are ordained for the Latter-day Saints; in regard to the preparation of the earth for the thousand years of righteousness to come. Hence these plates, these great numbers of plates, that were kept by the kings of the Nephties and by many prophets before and after Christ, as well as those sealed records of which I have been speaking, will all come to light; we then will have revelations of heavenly and earthly things, and the designs and purposes of God. We will have, perhaps, the most complete history of this conti-

ment that there is in existence of any other nation or kingdom on the earth. Moreover, we have abundance of promises that God has made to us, in this book, called the Doctrine and Covenants, given through the prophet Joseph, concerning other records, besides those I have named, that were kept by the Jaredites and the Nephties, a record for instance back so far as the days of Enoch. You might say, they did not know how to write in those days. But the Bible indicates that they did know, and speak about the book of the generations of Adam even before the flood. Furthermore, we have an account, that three years prior to the death of Adam, he called together the righteous of his posterity, he called also the high priests of that day, into a certain valley, called Adam Ondi-Ahman, which is located about fifty miles north of Jackson County, or what is now called Davis County, Missouri. Here assembled the righteous of his posterity for eight generations, and he pronounced upon them his last blessing, as the grand patriarch of the whole. And he stood up, notwithstanding he was bowed down with age, before the vast body that were gathered on that occasion, and prophesied of all things of importance that should transpire among his seed, and the nations that should spring from him, down to the very end of time. These things, it says were written in the book of Enoch, and are to be testified of in due time. When we get that, I think we shall know a great deal about the ante-diluvians of whom at present we know so little.

Then there is still another record to come forth. John the Baptist is said by the highest authority to be one of the greatest prophets ever born of a woman; but we have very little written in the Jewish record concerning him. We have a revelation in the Doctrine and Covenants, concerning the record of John, that great prophet. And we are promised that if we were faithful, as a people, the fulness of the record of John shall hereafter be revealed to us. When we get this, I think we shall have still more knowledge in regard to doctrine and principle, and things that are great and marvellous, of which we know very little, if anything about. This is not all. The Lord has told us that he would bring forth those brass plates that Lehi and the families that came with him from Jerusalem, some six hundred years before Christ, brought with them, which contain the history of the creation and the writings of inspired men down to the days of Jeremiah; they came out in Jeremiah's day. We are informed in the Book of Mormon that they contained many prophecies very great and extensive in their nature. And when these plates, now hidden in the hill Cumorah, are brought to light we shall have the history of the Old Testament much more fully, with the addition of a great many prophecies that are not now contained in that record. The prophecies of Joseph in Egypt were very great, and we are told in the Book of Mormon that there were a great many given to him. When we have all those, also the prophecies of Neum, a great prophet who prophesied concerning Christ; also those of Zenos and Zenock, and others of which only bare reference is given; and then again when the ten tribes of Israel come from the north country, they will bring with them their records, which were kept since seven hundred and twenty years before Christ, which will contain an account of the hand dealings of God among that lost people, which doubtless will be exceedingly interesting as well as instructive.

Shall we stop here? No, the time will come when this people will become more fully revelators, and prophets, and seers themselves, and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, and even out of the mouth of babes and sucklings will the Spirit of God reveal things that have been kept secret from the foundation of the world; they will utter forth the things of God, helping to fill the earth with the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the great deep.

We might now stop and say no more about the bibles that are yet to come. From what little I have said, the strangers present may begin to believe the truth of that Scripture which says, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." The Lord has not, because of unbelief and wickedness of the people, permitted these things to come forth to be trampled under the feet, as swine would trample jewels under their feet. But as soon as the righteousness of the people shall warrant, he will reveal these hidden treasures of knowledge, and they will understand and comprehend the great things of God; and not only will records be brought forth, but the minds of men, and minds of women, and minds of children, and the minds of all the people who believe, will be like a fountain of light and intelligence, and they will be able to comprehend all records and books inspired from on high.

Sometimes, when I reflect upon these things in the spirit, it seems as though I can scarcely wait for the present generation to pass away, without seeing the Latter-day Saints in possession of these great things. They will surely come! Rest assured, Latter-day Saints, that these things will be fulfilled, yea, every jot and tittle; and every record that God has commanded to be kept among the ancient seers and revelators, will be brought to light in this last dispensation, and none need think that the Lord is trifling with us, for these things will be made manifest.

May God bless you in my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The old gentleman who married four girls out of the same family was very sister-matic in his proceedings.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

### FOREIGN.

LONDON, 4.—In the House of Commons, this evening, Hardy introduced the war estimates. In his speech he avoided all exciting topics, confining himself to technical details. He stated the estimates had been framed on a strictly peace footing, as would be the case whatever apprehensions were entertained. He said there was a growing feeling that the militia should not be exclusively employed within their own counties. Some of the finest regiments had placed their services absolutely at the government's disposal. Government deeming it desirable to revive the autumn manoeuvres, intended this year to assemble, near Salisbury, 36,000 men ready for foreign service. He trusted that the army might not be called upon for active service, but he felt confident if it should be, it would not be found deficient. The House then passed the vote fixing the strength of the army at 135,432 men.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 4.—To-morrow the plenipotentiaries will enter upon a discussion of the details of the several points of the treaty which were agreed to *en bloc*, taking up first the payment and guarantees for the payment of indemnity.

Intelligence comes from San Stefano that General Ignatieff and a special Turkish ambassador were to leave for St. Petersburg immediately after the signing of the preliminaries of peace. It is thought that the special ambassador will convey the Sultan's desire for a restoration of diplomatic relations, or be charged to conduct negotiations for drafting a definite treaty, the preliminaries only having so far been signed.

The principal conditions of the preliminary treaty just signed are the cession of Batoum, Kars, Ardahan, and the district of Bayazid. The question of the Straits is reserved for future consideration. The question of navigation remains *in statu quo*. A zone will be left between Montenegro and Servia so as to enable the Porte to maintain communication with Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is confirmed that Bulgaria will include Bourgas, Varna and Kustendje, but not Salonica or Adrianople. Russia is to have power to cede the Dobrukscha to Roumania in exchange for Roumania Bessarabia.

The *Agence Russe* says some days must elapse before the treaty can reach St. Petersburg, and the authentic conditions be published. The *Agence* declares that these will show that the indemnity has been reduced to almost nothing, and that the question of guarantees have not been touched.

HAVANA, 4.—A proclamation dated Puerto Principe, March 1st, signed by Captain General Martinez Campos, says:

WHEREAS, The insurgents are surrendering their arms, and

Whereas, A majority of the slaves who took part in the insurrection did not figure in the census formed in the year 1870, or belong to masters who participated directly or indirectly in the insurrection, thereby acquiring their liberty de facto, and

Whereas, The sentiment is taken into account which inspired the present law of the gradual emancipation of slaves in this Island; therefore, authorized by the home government we proclaim,

ARTICLE 1. All slaves of both sexes who were in the lines of the insurgents on the 10th of February, will be free if they present themselves to the legitimate authorities, or government troops, before the last day of March.

ART. 2. The former owners of these freedmen have no right to indemnity if they took part in the insurrection themselves, directly or indirectly.

ART. 3. These former owners of these freedmen who remained faithful to the Spanish government, will receive indemnity in the manner which the law of gradual abolition allows.

ART. 4. All local authorities will furnish papers or free citizenship to those former slaves included in article first, giving direct and detailed accounts to the heads of their respective departments.

A decree signed by Captain General Jovellar and General Martinez Campos dated March 1st says, Whilst during the existence of the insurrection all the attention of the government was absorbed by the war, now, after it has come to a happy conclusion, comes the time to introduce into the organic political administrative system of the island such reforms as without insurrection Cuba would have enjoyed long ago, and would have been in an analogous position with Porto Rico, excepting certain reforms of a social character to be resolved upon after a profound study of the circumstances, therefore,

ART. 1. Dating from the next legislative term, Cuba will be represented in the Cortes at Madrid, on equal terms with Porto Rico, according to the population of the island.

ART. 2. The provincial and municipal laws of Spain, dated October 20, 1877, will be applied to the government and administration of Cuba, as is done in Porto Rico.

ART. 3. The Spanish Government will be requested to apply successively to Cuba all the other laws promulgated in Spain with such modification as thought convenient and in virtue of the prescription of article 89 of the Constitution of the Monarchy.

LONDON, 5.—A special, dated San Stefano, Monday, says General Ignatieff will go to Constantinople to-morrow. It is not certain whether the Grand Duke Nicholas will accompany him. The Grand Duke will remain in Turkey some weeks.

A St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the treaty will probably not be published until the text is received by a courier, a week or ten days hence.

It is now hoped the congress will assemble in Berlin, and that three chancellors will attend. There is reason to believe that Prince Bismarck has already consented to preside.

A Vienna correspondent says Austria rather prefers a congress to a conference.

It is confidently believed that negotiations as to the place of meeting will proceed speedily enough to permit its assembling in the last week of March.

A Paris correspondent says it is asserted that Germany is trying to induce England to occupy Egypt, and thus protect her interests in a way which could not cause a conflict with Russia.

A St. Petersburg correspondent says the southern boundary of Bulgaria has not been closely defined, but will probably depend on the nationality and wishes of the population.

A correspondent at San Stefano gives the following additional details of the treaty, derived from Gen. Ignatieff:

The exchange of the Dobrukscha for Bessarabia, to be subject to Germany's consent.

The Prince of Bulgaria not to be a member of any reigning European family.

The amount of Bulgarian tribute not to be fixed for two years.

Bulgaria will have the seaport of Kavala.

The Russians will embark on the Sea of Marmora and proceed home through the Bosphorus, but not enter Constantinople.

All the Bulgarian fortresses are to be razed and no Turkish troops to remain in the country.

It is stated that the Russians will begin to leave Roumelia immediately, some are embarking here and others at San Stefano. The treaty of peace has been sent to St. Petersburg for formal ratification.

A Vienna dispatch says: At the opening of the congress a motion will be brought forward, probably by the German delegate, in favor of the immediate annexation to Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prince Bismarck has quite recently renewed his advice in favor of such annexation.

A San Stefano correspondent says: The amount of tribute to be paid by Bulgaria is not to be fixed for two years, during which measures will be taken to ascertain the resources and revenue of the country, which will be occupied by 50,000 Russian troops for two years or until the nation's army can be formed and rendered capable of maintaining order. The tribute, when paid will go towards paying the Russian war indemnity. The ultimate form of government, whether constitutional or absolute, will be decided partly by the Bulgarian Prince and the assembly, and partly by Europe. Servia will have Nisch, but not Widdin, which will remain Bulgarian. Thessaly and Epirus will share the administrative reforms stipulated for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Another correspondent says, Roumania is not included in the peace conditions. Russia has told Turkey that she must treat directly with Roumania, whose pretensions are too great.

A special to Lloyds from Golatz says: The work of removing the obstructions in the Danube will begin to-morrow. We expect navigation will open in two weeks.

In the *Cleopatra* salvage suit the court of admiralty fixed the joint value of the ship and obelisk at £25,000.

The talk in the lobbies of Parliament, yesterday evening, was all peaceful, the members even discussing the prospect of a longer Easter recess than usual and an earlier prorogation in autumn.

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