

and the chief desire of my heart, before God, is that I may know that he accepts me.

Well, where shall I go, was the next question, to get a response to this desire? The answer was, go to the President of the Church, to the mouth-piece of God and then you can be taught and there will be no difficulty in learning the mind and will of God.

I thank God that he has brought me back here, where I can receive such instructions, and with a prospect of seeing, notwithstanding my advanced age, the glory of God. Many of you that are young will live, as has been said, to see the glory of God manifested on the earth.—Amen.

FURTHER REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG.

A portion of the congregation have heard what br. Marsh has said, but he spoke so low that you could not all hear. He wants to know whether this people are willing to receive him into full fellowship. When he came to Florence he applied to br. Cunningham, who was then presiding there, for baptism. Br. Cunningham at first refused to baptize him, probably thinking that it would be better for him to wait till he came to this place, but he afterwards gave his consent to br. Marsh's being baptized. Br. Marsh now wishes to be received into full fellowship, and to be again baptized here.

There are many here who have formerly been acquainted with him, with his moral character, and they can judge as well as myself. Those who are not acquainted with him will be willing to coincide with the judgment of those who once knew him.

I shall call a vote, to ascertain whether the people are willing that he should be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and be acknowledged a member in full fellowship. I wish those who are willing to receive br. Marsh into full fellowship as a member in this Church and kingdom, to manifest it by the uplifted hand. [All hands appeared to be raised.] If there are any who are not willing, they now have the privilege of manifesting it by the uplifted hand. [Not a hand was raised.]

Br. Marsh, I think that will be satisfactory to you. [T. B. Marsh:—It is, and I thank God for it.]

I presume that br. Marsh will take no offense, if I talk a little about him. We have manifested our feelings towards him, and we know his situation. With regard to this Church's being reconciled to him, I can say that this Church and people were never dissatisfied with him, for when men and women apostatize and go from us we have nothing to do with them. If they do that which is evil, they will suffer for it. Br. Marsh has suffered. He told me, yesterday, that the Christians might hang up their fiddle in regard to there being no Catholic topset or purgatory.

You are aware that the children of the mother church have dissented from the idea of there being such a place as purgatory, but br. Marsh says that there is such a place, and that he has been in it during the past eighteen years and upwards. I asked him whether he did not have to pray himself out. He answered, 'yes.' I then remarked, if you prayed yourself out I suppose you saved the priests' fees. 'Yes,' he said, 'it did not cost me a cent of money.'

However, it cost him a great deal of labor, trouble and pain.

In conversing with br. Marsh I find that he is about the same Thomas that he always was, full of anecdotes and chit-chat. He could hardly converse for ten minutes without telling an anecdote. His voice and style of conversation are familiar to me.

He has told you that he is an old man. Do you think that I am an old man? I could prove to this congregation that I am young, for I could find more girls who would choose me for a husband, than can any of the young men.

Br. Thomas considers himself very aged and infirm, and you can see that he is, brethren and sisters. What is the cause of it? He left the gospel of salvation. What do you think the difference is between his age and mine? One year and seven months, to a day, and he is one year, seven months and fourteen days older than br. Heber C. Kimball.

'Mormonism' keeps men and women young and handsome; and when they are full of the Spirit of God there are none of them but what will have a glow upon their countenances, and that is what makes you and me young, for the Spirit of God is with us and within us.

When br. Thomas thought of returning to the Church the plurality of wives troubled him a good deal, look at him, do you think it need to? I do not, for I doubt whether he could get one wife. Why it should have troubled an infirm old man like him, is not for me to say. He read br. Orson Pratt's work upon that subject and discovered that the doctrine was beautiful, consistent and exalting, and that the kingdom could not be perfect without it. Neither can it be perfect without a great many things that the people do not yet understand, though they will come in the own due time of the Lord.

As I have but a few minutes for speaking, I will relate a little of the current news of the day.

On Friday evening, the 11th inst., two of the brethren, who accompanied brs. Samuel W. Richards and George Snider from Deer Creek to 118 miles below Laramie, came in and reported that soldiers and a heavy freight train were there encamped opposite to them, and on the south side of the Platte.

They could tell that they were soldiers from the appearance of their carriages, wagons, tents, and mode of encampment. We did not learn anything very definite from these two brethren lately arrived.

Messrs. Russel & Waddle are freighting for Government, and some of their trains were scattered along to the Sweetwater. They have 26 wagons in each train, with a teamster and six yoke of oxen to a wagon. Some of those trains were on the Sweetwater when br. Samuel passed down, and quite a number of them are in advance of the soldiers. The brethren learned that Captain Van Vliet, assistant Quarter master, was coming on to purchase lumber and such things as might be needed for the army.

Last evening br. John R. Murdock arrived direct from St. Louis. He left here with the mail on the 2nd day of July and reached Independence in 16 days, making by far the shortest trip on record, and in 18 days and a half from here landed in St. Louis. He tarried there till br. Horace S. Eldredge and br. Groesbeck had transacted some business and then started up the river with a small train. On the 9th of August br. Murdock left Atchison, K.T. Troubles were daily expected to break out in Kansas between the Republican or Free State and the pro-slavery parties, for which reason Gen. Harney, with the cavalry, a portion of the infantry and I think, one or two companies of the artillery were detained there by orders from Washington, and Colonel Johnson ordered to assume the command of the army for Utah.

Some 15 or 1600 infantry started from Leavenworth, and when br. Murdock passed them, 100 miles below Laramie, about 500 had deserted, leaving, as he was told, about 1000 men on their way to this place. He passed a few freight trains which were entirely deserted by the teamsters, and Russel & Waddle were not able to hire teamsters to bring those trains forward.

Br. Murdock did not think that they could get here this fall, unless we helped them in. Their teams are pretty good, but they are very much jaded. Their mule teams are in better condition, because they regularly feed them grain.

From the time that I heard that the President of the United States had issued orders for soldiers to come here, they have had my best faith that the Lord would not let them get here. I have seen this people, when palsied with agues, fevers, and with various other diseases, hurled out of doors, driven away from their cellars full of potatoes, from their meal chests, from their cows, houses, barns, orchards, fields, and finally from their happy homes and all the comforts of life. I have seen that a good many times, and I pray that I may never see it again, unless it is absolutely necessary for the welfare and advancement of God's purposes on the earth. I want to see no more suffering. I will not use the word suffering, for I call it joy instead of sorrow, affliction, and suffering. If we live our religion and exercise faith, it is our firm belief that it is our right to so exercise our united faith that our enemies never can come here, unless the Lord in his providence sees that it will be for our good.

It is my faith and feelings that if we live as we should live they cannot come here, but I am decided in my opinion that, if worse comes to worst and the Lord permits them to come upon us, I will desolate this whole Territory before I will again submit to the hellish corruption and bondage the wicked are striving to thrust upon us solely for our exercising our right of freedom of conscience.

I will say, in reference to Pres. Buchanan, that for his outrageous wickedness in this movement he shall wear the yoke as long as he lives; he shall be led about by his party with the yoke on his neck, until they have accomplished their ends and he can do no more for them, and his name shall be forgotten; and 'Old Bright', as br. Kimball calls him, shall be free. I am persuaded that for their horrible wicked treatment to this people—the only loyal people in the United States, the only people who know the worth of the Constitution—they will be sorely punished.

After doing what they already have done to this people, after sending among us the filth and scum of all creation (as some of the officers were) as officers of the Government, contrary to the genius of our institutions, I want to tell them that though they continue to send poor, pusillanimous curses here to be Government officers, we will not submit to it, troops or no troops. I shall tell them this in plainness and simplicity, and they shall find that in my simplicity I will try to sustain so righteous a position. And I believe that the point is yielded, both in Europe and America, and I believe they acknowledge that Brigham is a man of his word, and I have come to the conclusion that we will not again have officers thrust upon us contrary to our consent, the Lord helping us.

When br. Murdock left St. Louis, Mr. Cumins, the person who had received the appointment of Governor of Utah, was going to Washington, and he could not learn that there was one of the Territorial officers with the soldiers, hence I do not see but that I shall have to again preside over our Legislative Assembly this winter. I do not see that it can be otherwise; and William H. Hooper will be Secretary, just as he was last winter. They have refused to pay the expenses of the last Assembly and other just debts due to this Territory, but God will overrule those things for our good and the advancement of his kingdom, if we live our religion.

Our enemies will yet be glad to come to us for safety and salvation, and we will do as br. Kimball has said, we will save the old veteran fathers, and the time will come when we will be baptized for them; while those who trample upon the rights of their fellow men will be wailing in hell. Yes, we will bring up those old revolutionary sires and save them, for God loves men who are true to each other and are true to him.

If any want to apostatize, I want them to look at br. Marsh. I wish you could all see and understand what he has suffered. He has suffered a little, and I could tell you a good deal of the suffering induced by the weaknesses of men.

When the Quorum of the Twelve was first chosen, Lyman Johnson's name was called first,

Brigham Young's second, Heber C. Kimball's third, and so on. I had seen br. Marsh and others who were nominated for the Quorum of the Twelve, and I looked upon them as men of great powers of mind, as men of ability, men who understood the things of heaven. I looked upon them as angels, and I looked up to them just as my children look up to me.

I considered br. Marsh a great man, but as soon as I became acquainted with him I saw that the weakness of the flesh was visibly manifest in him. I saw that he was ignorant and shattered in his understanding, if ever he had good understanding. He manifests the same weakness to-day. Has he the stability of a sound mind? No, and never had. And if he had good sense and judgment he would not have spoken as he has. He has just said, 'I will be faithful, and I will be true to you.' He has not wisdom enough to see that he has betrayed us once, and don't know but what he will again. He has told me that he would be faithful and that he would do this and the other, but he don't know what he will do next week, or next year.

I do not know what I shall do next year; I always speak for the present. But a man that will be once fooled by the devil, a man that has not sense to discern between steel grey mixed and iron grey mixed, when one is dyed with logwood and the other with indigo, may be deceived again. You never heard me say that I was going to be true to my God, for I know too much of human weakness, but I pray God to preserve me from falling away, to preserve me in the truth. I depend not upon myself, for I know too much of human weakness and of myself to indulge in such remarks.

I derive strength from a Superior Source. I have been drinking from that Source for many years and, as I told you last Sabbath, I have been trying to be a disciple of Jesus Christ; and if we are faithful we will all be counted worthy to be his disciples.

God bless you: Amen.

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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16.

CAPTAIN STEWART VAN VLIET, ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER U. S. A., arrived in this city on the afternoon of the 8th inst. He left his escort in camp on Ham's Fork, the animals being somewhat jaded, and rode from there with brs. N. V. Jones and Bryant Stringham who were returning from Deer Creek.

Immediately upon his arrival the Captain politely requested Elder Jones to wait upon His Excellency Governor Young, acquaint him with his arrival and solicit an interview, which, by mutual agreement, was appointed in the Social Hall at 9 a. m. on the following morning.

During the evening of the 8th, Governor Young, accompanied by Hon. H. C. Kimball, Lieut. Gen. D. H. Wells, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Adj. Gen. J. Ferguson, Architect T. O. Angel and the Editor of the Deseret News, called upon Captain Van Vliet, at the residence of Hon. W. H. Hooper, Secretary for Utah, and passed some time in a mutually frank and friendly interchange of queries and ideas.

At 9 a. m. of the 9th, Governor Young, Hon. H. C. Kimball, Lieut. Gen. D. H. Wells, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, those of the Quorum of the Twelve now in this city, Hon. William H. Hooper and a large number of our prominent citizens met Captain Van Vliet in the Social Hall, where he was very favorably introduced to the audience by the Governor and gave a general outline of the object in view with Gen. Harney in sending him here on express, and at the conclusion of his remarks presented a letter to Governor Young from Gen. Harney, addressed, 'President Brigham Young, of the society of the Mormons.'

At the conclusion of the interview, Governor Young invited Captain Van Vliet and several others to accompany him to his private office and, (after a time spent in a style of conversation ever pleasing to upright and loyal American citizens,) to a stroll through the adjacent orchard, vineyard, and garden, where the Captain expressed himself highly surprised and delighted with the improvements made in so short a time and under so many disadvantages. From the Governor's grounds the party proceeded to the Editor's peach orchard, and regaled themselves on some varieties of peaches then ripe and ripening.

On the 10th, as the Captain had expressed a desire to see the domestic workings of the 'peculiar institution,' Governor Young showed him the finishing and furnishing of his Bee Hive and Lion Mansions, from garret to cellar, and introduced him to his numerous family of wives and children. Upon returning to the offices and being asked whether any of the

numerous children indicated idiocy or any degree of mental or physical degeneracy, the Captain promptly replied that he could discern nothing of that description, but on the contrary, so far as he could observe, he had never seen a family apparently more cheerful, happy, and contented, nor one any more comfortably sheltered, fed, and clothed.

In the afternoon, with Hon. W. H. Hooper and Territorial Surveyor General J. W. Fox, Captain Van Vliet left on a visit to the military reservation in Rush valley, returned on the 11th and participated in a supper at the Globe, and in the course of the evening he voluntarily arose and requested the privilege of making a few remarks, which was at once most cheerfully granted, in which he warmly expressed his gratitude for his former and present acquaintance and associations with this people, and said that his prayer should ever be that the Angel of Peace should extend his wings over Utah.

On the 12th he partook of a sumptuous dinner at the residence of President Heber C. Kimball, at which Presidents Brigham Young and Daniel H. Wells, Hon. J. M. Bernhisel, Hon. W. H. Hooper, Bishop L. D. Young, Elders John Taylor, Feramorz Little and Albert Carrington, and numerous ladies, were guests. It so happened that for a short period the gentlemen were required to visit some immigrating companies arriving on the Public Square, and the Captain was accidentally left to do battle with the ladies about polygamy, in which he acknowledged that he most signally came off second best, not being able to find a single lady who wished to rally under Uncle Sam's protection and be escorted to the States. The Captain was entertained on this, as on every occasion while here, with the marked kindness he so much merited from his personal deportment in our midst and from his previous uniform gentlemanly conduct towards those of our people with whom he had heretofore been acquainted. 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe,' will you believe the unbiased, frankly learned, and unimpeachable testimony of one of your own most gentlemanly officers? Or will you continue to prefer believing the dastardly lies of stinkingly corrupt curses, as you have hitherto done?

On Sunday, the 13th, Captain Van Vliet attended forenoon service in the Bowery, politely accepted an invitation from the President to take a seat upon the stand, and heard a discourse by Elder John Taylor and remarks by President Brigham Young. During his remarks Pres. Young called a vote of those present who were American born and naturalized citizens and those who were not, and notwithstanding the recent influx of new comers who were present, and the larger proportion of foreign artisans who stop in this city, and the large number who have applied for their naturalization papers but have not yet got them, there was only about one fourth who were not either native born or naturalized, which gives us a more than sixteen times less proportion of foreigners here than in St. Louis. But the foreigner question, in a Government and country like ours, is too contemptible for the notice of any save Stephen A. Douglas and those like him.

In the evening the Captain was again visited by Governor Young and numerous friends, as he wished to start for Washington very early in the morning, and after another very friendly interview the company separated with a cordial shake of the hand and wishing the Captain a speedy journey and safe arrival, with the blessings of Jehovah to attend him.

At about 6 a. m. of the 14th, Captain Van Vliet placed himself in the care of brs. N. V. Jones, O. P. Rockwell and S. Taylor, with animals, carriage and baggage wagon furnished by Governor Young, to proceed to his escort on Ham's Fork, from whence he will use all diligence to make a short trip to Washington City.

Were all Government officers like Captain Van Vliet, and did they conduct themselves with that urbanity and gentility which constantly marked his course during his short stay in Utah, then indeed the more officers sent here the better would our Territory flourish. But alas, with very few exceptions, such has never been the case, and most well does our Government know this fact, and, worse still, most unhallowedly does it intend to strive to thrust corruption upon us, utterly contrary to every principle of the genius of our free institutions.

What hireling priest, corrupt politician, ly-

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