

THE book is the title of a book, purporting to be the life of Joseph Smith. We have had a variety of books published, professing to give a history of the origin, rise, and progress of this Latter-day work; and of the character, reputation, and social status of Joseph Smith and his associates, some of which have been very fairly written, while others have been pure fiction without any semblance of truth.

The only authentic record of the life of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, is one published by himself, in the Times and Seasons, in Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Illinois, vols. III, IV, V and VI, and afterwards republished in the Millennial Star, Liverpool, England. After our removal to the mountains, the history of Joseph was continued in the Deseret News, and transferred from that paper into the Millennial Star. Since which time a child's history of the Prophet Joseph has been published by Elder George Q. Cannon in the Juvenile Instructor for which the editor is responsible. There are, of course, many circumstances, incidents and facts, contained in the authorized works of the Church published during the lifetime of the Prophet, which are really authentic and correct, among which works are the Evening and Morning Star, the Messenger and Advocate, the Elders' Journal, the Times and Seasons, the Nauvoo Neighbor, and the Millennial Star, all of which were published by the properly constituted authorities of the Church, and in which during his lifetime will be found many important historical facts associated with the history of Joseph Smith, as well as the rise and progress of this latter-day work.

For these works the editors are of course responsible, but any article published in them by the properly constituted authorities of the Church (excepted) would be considered authentic. Elder Parley P. Pratt has written his own life, for which he is of course responsible. Edward W. Tullidge has written the life of President Brigham Young; whatever authority he may have had, we are not prepared to say; it is but fair, however, to state that President Young never, officially or otherwise, to our knowledge, contradicted it. Many of "the women of Utah" engaged Mr. Tullidge to write their history; but this, of course, cannot be considered as a standard work of the Church, nor for any doctrine contained therein. The Church holds itself responsible neither for the "Life of Joseph the Prophet," as published by Edward W. Tullidge, nor for any contradictions therein. It is not published by authority, and Edward W. Tullidge alone is accountable for what is contained in his book. We are inclined to think that President Young looked at his life, published by Mr. Tullidge in the same view, or how can we account for the following statement found in the preface of that book?

"But it must not be forgotten (says Mr. Tullidge) that I have been, for many years, an apostate, and cannot be justly charged with a 'spirit of contradiction' against him."—Edward W. Tullidge, "Salt Lake City."

"First Edition, Life of Brigham Young, or Utah, and her Founders. Several months ago (in December, 1897, Mr. Tullidge called upon President Taylor at his office, and there intimated that he proposed publishing the life of Joseph Smith, what the following is reported as a brief summary of a conversation that ensued:

Pres. T.—I see, Mr. Tullidge, that in your preface to the Life of Brigham Young, you publish your own self as an apostate.

Mr. T.—That is not my doing; it was put in by some one else. I am not an apostate.

Pres. T.—But you permitted it, and have not contradicted it, and you are the avowed author.

Mr. T.—This is taken out of the last edition.

Pres. T.—But that does not put right; your former statements still proclaim the ugly fact, and is uncontradicted. If, as you say, you have been corrected, how is it that you will permit so foul a stigma on your character?

Mr. T.—But I do contradict it.

Pres. T.—Yes, privately; but allow it publicly to go uncontradicted:—Where is your manuscript?

Mr. T.—I suppose it was put there with the expectation that it would make the book sell better in the East.

Pres. T.—Then, when in the East you are an apostate, because it is expected your book will sell better, and here you are a saint, because to a saint you are better.

Mr. T.—I repudiate your remarks.

Pres. T.—We cannot look upon you as a saint to write the history of Joseph Smith, or any Church work, and I forbid you having access to the historical office, of which I shall inform the historians.

In his preface Mr. Tullidge has assumed to show an air of Church authority around his work in the following terms:

"In its completion I have been placed under obligations to the Hon. Joseph P. Smith and Eliza R. Snow, who kindly read and revised the manuscript."

"The Hon. President Young requested me to write this book, and the late Apostle George A. Smith, on his death bed, charged me solemnly to do so."

The following from Elder George P. Smith and Sister Eliza R. Snow will show their action:

"The Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith," recently published by E. W. Tullidge, I am credited, in connection with Mr. E. R. Snow, with having read and revised the manuscript. This statement is incorrect. The facts are these: By the request of the author I read the manuscript, but refused to accede to his desire for me to revise it, repeatedly assuring him that I would not assume that responsibility.

"With the exception of two instances, in which I called the author's attention to errors in quotations, I carefully avoided making any suggestions, alterations or suggestions. The statement referred to, in the aforesaid preface, is therefore not only wholly unauthorized by me, but is directly contrary to my expressed determination in the matter; and so far as I am therein credited with revising the book, it is incorrect."

Very respectfully,  
Your brother in the Gospel,  
JOSEPH P. SMITH.

"SALT LAKE CITY,  
October 7th, 1878.

"The preface to a recent publication entitled, 'Life of Joseph, the Prophet,' contains an acknowledgment to me as a reviser of the manuscript which is not only inapplicable, but without any knowledge or consent."

"In justice to Mr. Tullidge I will state that he kindly presented the manuscript for my perusal, and also gave me permission to make any corrections I should think proper. The biographical narrative I read with deep interest, and suggested a few alterations, and the position of 'Scott's Reviewer,' of the responsibility of criticizing the production of another as 'I would my own.'"

How far the alleged statements of Presidents Brigham Young and George A. Smith are correct we are not prepared to say, and they are not here to speak for themselves.

We should not have entered so lengthily into this subject, had it not been attempted to issue the work under a pretended Church authority, as we cannot become responsible for the works of unauthorized men. Furthermore, we have a Church historian and his assistants, who are regularly sustained in that office by the vote of the general conference, and all works where doctrine, ordinances, history, or the rise and progress of the work is concerned, ought to be written under their supervision, and then be carefully compared and revised with the original records, that errors, either in ordinances, organizations, doctrine, principle or history, as well as those of a clerical and typographical nature may be detected and corrected, and the truth go unaltered and uncontaminated to the world.

In the book written by Mr. Tullidge, it is only justice to him to say, there are very many extracts from the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants; the History of Joseph Smith and other historical records and details that are very interesting, but whether they have been correctly transcribed and whether the interpretations and general remarks are correct, can only be known by a comparison with the works from which his record is taken. As regards his own peculiar views, of course, we have nothing to do; and whatever merits the book may have in the abstract, we feel ourselves obliged to say, most emphatically, that we cannot endorse it as a reliable Church record, assume errors of a very flagrant nature have been pointed out to us.

There are principles that all the Saints should understand with regard to the importance of guarding, with fidelity, the sacred records of the Church, and therefore, while on this subject, we have thought it well to make the following remarks: The records of the Church are of too sacred a nature to be tampered with by irresponsible persons. The apostles guarded their records with the most scrupulous care. The Lord, in giving commandments to Israel, wrote them with his own finger. (Exodus xxxi, 18) and when those were destroyed, the Lord told Moses to have other tablets like unto the first and bring to the Mount, and the Lord also wrote upon them. Moses read to the people from the Book of the Law of God, and afterwards expressly forbade anybody adding to it.

When Lehi was commanded to leave Jerusalem and come to this land, Nephi and his brethren were commanded to go to Laban to obtain from him the records of the house of Israel and of their father's family, and they offered to him a large amount of wealth for those records, which was refused, but afterwards the Lord especially interposed in delivering them into their hands, and those plates and the subsequent history of the people were vigilantly guarded by custodians especially appointed for that purpose, and before the nation and people were destroyed, Mormon, who had them then in charge, was commanded to hide them up in the hill Cumorah, and others were placed there by Moroni. They were there guarded under the express direction of the Lord by those appointed to that office, and when the time had arrived for their coming forth, that portion of history which was permitted was delivered to Joseph Smith by the angel Moroni, who hid them up for their personal security until the person designated by the Almighty should receive such portion of them as was indicated. So particular was the Lord in relation to this matter that the Urim and Thummim was deposited with them, that might be along with record, for the full and correct development of the contents thereof. Those that were not sealed were then translated by the gift and power of God. Thus, as expressed by the ancient prophet, Enoch, was the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, united with the stick of Judah. So particular was the Lord about this matter that an angel of God was sent to show them to three witnesses, and afterwards they were shown to eight witnesses, who saw the plates and engravings upon them with their eyes, and they were all commanded to bear this testimony to the world; not one of

whom has ever denied this testimony. So strict was the Lord in relation to the preservation of his word in purity, that when Joseph Smith, on a certain occasion, on the importunities of Martin Harris, permitted him to take the translation which he had made and which was lost, the Lord severely reprimanded Joseph Smith for permitting them to go out of his hands, contrary to his (the Lord's) commands. Moses, in his day, said:

"I'll not add unto the word which I command you, nor shall I diminish aught from it." Deut. iv, 2.

And John, having had marvelous manifestations and revelations, says:

"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues, that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and of the things which are written in this book."—Rev. xiii, 18, 19.

With the above and many other examples before us, and having committed unto us a sacred trust, we cannot allow that trust to be violated, nor the sacred records of truth to be in anywise tampered with, nor have them placed at the disposal of, or subject to the manipulation of irresponsible men. We must be guarded by us as the apple of our eye, and God will hold us to an account for our acts. God the Father and Jesus, with the ancient apostles, prophets, patriarchs and men of God have revealed to Joseph Smith principles on which hang the destinies of the world; that is, that was, and that will be; he has committed them to the custody of this Church, they are had among our most sacred treasures; our historians have been revelations, presidents and apostles, we have guarded the sacred oracles thus far, and with the help of God we will continue to preserve them unaltered and unimpaired, until not only shall we have the stick of Joseph and the stick of Judah, but until we shall have the word that is among the Ten Tribes, as was foretold by one of the ancient prophets:

"And it shall come to pass that the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews; and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews."

"And it shall come to pass that my people which are of the House of Israel, shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions; and my word also shall be gathered in one. And I will show unto them that fight against my word, and against my servants, who are of the House of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham, and that I would remember his seed forever."

JOHN TAYLOR,  
In behalf of the Twelve Apostles.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR THE NEW YORK TELEGRAPH LINK.

NEW YORK, 25.—The Times Washington special says: At the last session of the Florida legislature, a law was passed authorizing the local commissioners of elections to correct the registration lists by striking therefrom the names of voters who have died and those who have been removed from the country during the preceding year. Under this law the commissioners, in those counties where the negroes are in the majority, claim to have arbitrary power to examine and purge the registration lists, and are striking off the names of republican voters in sufficient numbers to carry out the demands of the Democratic party.

The plan of disfranchisement is being carried out in the most barbaric manner in counties in which the republicans are in the majority. San Leon County alone, where the negroes outnumber the whites, over 2,000 names are reported to be stricken from the lists.

Sections Illinois of Prof. Edison.

The Herald says Prof. Edison is seriously ill at his residence in New Jersey. At a late hour last night there was no improvement.

The Impertinence of Pure Tea.

The Times Washington correspondent says: The delegation of New York and Baltimore merchants, engaged in the importation of pure tea from China, visited the Chinese minister, yesterday, and conferred with him on the subject of extending the use of pure tea, such as the Chinese themselves are beginning to use.

Business Improving.

As an evidence that times are improving, the fact is cited, as the Times says, that the industrial establishments, that 17 1/2 percent of more skilled workmen are employed here this month than there was a year ago.

Murder and Suicide.

CINCINNATI, O., 25.—Henry W. Tyler, a well-known desperado of Parkersburg, West Virginia, shot and killed his wife, yesterday, then put a bullet through his own head, dying in a few minutes after.

Funeral of the Late Bishop. Rochester, N. Y., 25.—The funeral of the late Bishop Doane was held at St. Joseph's Cathedral, this morning, in presence of an immense crowd, and thousands were unable to gain admittance. At 11 o'clock, the body of the deceased was celebrated by visiting bishops and priests. High mass was then celebrated by Bishop Doane and Gregorian. A requiem was chanted by Bishop Doane.

The remains were enclosed in a vault under the Cathedral, in the place selected by Bishop Doane for his entombment, when the Cathedral was being built. The church was profusely decorated with mourning, evergreens, and flowers. Flags on the State House were at half-mast, and the Catholic merchants were draped with mourning during the obsequies.

Seizure of Precious Stones.

CHICAGO, 25.—Special agent of Treasury Hinder, this morning, seized a mail package containing a large quantity of precious stones, valued at \$100,000, on a party in Keokuk, Iowa.

The package contains some very valuable jewels, including 600 moon stones, and a valuable semi-precious gem of India. They have been turned over to Appraiser Ham, like all other stuff through the mail, in violation of the customs laws, and order that a valuation may be fixed.

The Foundered Steamer.

BALTIMORE, 25.—Of the persons on board the river steamer Express, which foundered in the gale on the morning of the 23d, fifteen are known to be saved, sixteen are missing, and some of these may be picked up by passing vessels.

Mayes and Farty Return.

WASHINGTON, 25.—The President, Secretary Sherman, and the other members of the distinguished party that visited the Philippines, yesterday, have returned to the city.

Silver Bullion Contract.

Bids for a contract to supply 400,000 ounces of silver bullion to the government, in lots of not less than 10,000 ounces, were opened to-day, and are now in the hands of the commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to award the contract.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Relief Fund.

LONDON, 25.—Steps are being taken to organize a relief fund for the shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

Reduction of Wages.

The iron masters of the north of England have decided to reduce the wages five per cent on the 30th of November. Operatives will probably strenuously resist a reduction.

Silver Stocks.

Silver 49 1/2 pence per ounce. Consols 94 3/16 @ 94 5/16; Bonds, new five, 106 1/2; Erie 10 1/2.

Death of Cardinal Cullen.

DUBLIN, 25.—The death of Cardinal Cullen was sudden. He only complained of indigestion on Wednesday evening. He grew worse on Thursday, when the heart action was found rapidly failing, and he died at four in the afternoon.

GERMANY.

A Prussian Loan.

BERLIN, 25.—The minister of finance and a syndicate of Berlin bankers, to-day, sign a contract for a Prussian four per cent. loan—A loan of sixty million marks.

FRANCE.

Cabinet Council.

PARIS, 25.—It is stated that in consequence of the gravity of the situation between England and Afghanistan, and the state of affairs in Turkey, a cabinet council was held at Versailles, yesterday, and will meet again to-day.

RUSSIA.

Great Britain and the Frontier.

ST. PETERSBURG, 25.—The semi-official journal of St. Petersburg, commenting on the Russian attitude toward the Afghan question in Sir Stafford Northcote's recent speech, says: "If Great Britain is aiming at the extension of its frontier in Asia, an attempt to carry out such a policy might easily lead to serious complications."

TURKEY.

Favorable to the British Policy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 25.—Afr Bey, president of the Red Crescent committee, has gone to Mecca, ostensibly to superintend the execution of the voluntary arrangements adopted on the approach of the Meccan festival. The real motive, however, is to confer with the British minister, Sir Mark Sykes, and Central Asia, who will reach Mecca in large numbers within the next month, to influence them favorably toward the British policy and adversely to Russia.

His Newspaper Contribution.

He was a friend of mine, and used to frequently drop in and give me advice as how I ought to run my paper. He was a minister, and consequently thought I could do a little more to the cause of religion and so much to politics. He was a lover of the original, too, and said he had written for me, and thought I should write more—take time, in fact, to fill the paper up with good new stuff. It seemed an easy thing for him that I one day ventured to say:

"Brother, you had a glorious meeting at the school house last night. I have supposed you write it up for me."

He didn't seem to act as though he wanted to. I argued, and flushed a little and turned around awkwardly. He had never been honored with an invitation to write for the press before. I still argued.

Then he took off his gloves and hat. Then I gave him a seat at the table with pencil and paper. He sat down to editorial work.

LOST.

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NOTICE.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

47TH SCHOOL DISTRICT, SALT LAKE CO.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting will be held at the First Ward Assembly Room, Pleasant Green precinct, on Friday, October 25th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing a trustee for said district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John H. Spencer.

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WM. JENNINGS, Vice-President.

NOTICE.

TO FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

HAVING consolidated my Boot and Shoe business with the Deseret Tanning and Manufacturing Association, I now heartily thank you for the liberal patronage and friendship heretofore extended to me, and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same towards this Association, assuring you that such continued business intercourse will be profitable to you and pleasurable to me.

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