

Bible at all without reading precisely what kind of a being our Father is." Said he, "I am not aware that I know anything about it." I asked him if he could tell me what kind of a being Adam was. "O, Adam was a man like I am." I asked him if he believed in the history of the creation, as given in Genesis by Moses, for if he did, he would find that God said to His associates, "Let us go down and make man in our own image and likeness." He believed the history given by Moses, and had read the passage to which I referred. "Then," said I, "you must believe that Adam was created in the exact image of the Father." He had never thought of that in his life. I told him I had read that many times to Christians and to Christian ministers; but they would not believe what was in the Bible. Says Jesus, "Whosoever has seen me has seen the Father." He is the Being the Latter-day Saints worship; He is a man-God. Can you get a better term than that—a God-man. It is said that Jesus is the only begotten of the Father. It is strange that people cannot understand it; but they cannot unless they are told. How can we know unless we are told, and how can we tell the people unless the Lord tells us to do so? Faith comes by hearing the word of God declared, and this must be declared by those having authority. This character whom we serve is God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of our spirits, if the Apostle tells the truth; if he has not, who can correct him unless they have a revelation from the heavens? I have had a great many ministers tell me that I must understand that spiritually, I have told them that I read and understood it just as it was, and if it was not right, and they could give the correct meaning, (which it was impossible for them to do without revelation,) they were under condemnation before the Lord if they did not do so. That would stop them.

Our Lord Jesus Christ—the Savior, who has redeemed the world and all things pertaining to it, is the only begotten of the Father pertaining to the flesh. He is our elder brother, and the heir of the family, and as such we worship him. He has tasted death for every man, and has paid the debt contracted by our first parents. What about this? I am not going to tell this, for I have a few more ideas with regard to the Christian world that I wish to lay before you. Why have they wandered so far from the path of truth and rectitude? Because they left the Priesthood and have had no guide, no leader, no means of finding out what is true and what is not true. It is said the Priesthood was taken from the Church; but it is not so, the Church went from the Priesthood, and continued to travel in the wilderness, turned from the commandments of the Lord, and instituted other ordinances. There are a great many churches that do not believe in ordinances at all, and there are some called Christians who do not believe in the blood of the Savior, and that he, himself, was nothing more nor less than a good man. If they believe in the baby resurrection, or that a person who had committed adultery would have his blood shed in the resurrection, it would be just as consistent as to believe what they do believe. These ideas are all wrong.

The Christian world struggled on until the days of the Reformation. But what of the Reformation? Nothing, only it shows that there were some few among them who had courage to come out against the orthodox principles ordained, published and proclaimed by the priests. They had an idea in their minds that the Lord was going to do something for the people, but they could not tell what. There was a spirit upon them that prompted them to declare against the wickedness of those professing to be Christians. Did they profess to know enough to take the truth and leave the error? No, down to the days of my youth the Christians did not know any better than to renounce any doctrine that the Church believed from which they came. This is more or less the case with every denomination on the face of the earth. Some who call themselves Christians are very tenacious with regard to the Universalists, yet the latter possess many excellent ideas and good truths. Have the Catholics? Yes, a great many very excellent truths. Have the Protestants? Yes, from first to last. Has the infidel? Yes, he has a good deal of truth; and truth is all over the earth. The earth could not

stand but for the light and truth it contains. The people could not abide were it not that truth holds them. It is the Fountain of truth that feeds, clothes, and gives light and intelligence to the inhabitants of the earth, no matter whether they are saints or sinners. Do you think there is any truth in hell? Yes, a great deal, and where truth is, there we calculate the Lord has a right to be. You will not find the Lord where there is no truth. The devil had truth in his mouth as well as lies when he came to mother Eve. Said he, "If you will eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you will see as the gods see." That was just as true as anything that ever was spoken on the face of the earth. She did eat, her eyes were opened and she saw good and evil. She gave of the fruit to her husband, and he ate too. What would have been the consequence if he had not done so? They would have been separated, and where would we have been? I am glad he did eat. I am glad the fruit was given to mother Eve, that she ate of it and that her eyes were opened, and that my eyes are opened, that I have tasted the sweet as well as the bitter, and that I understand the difference between good and evil.

When the Lord called upon His servant Joseph, after leading him along for years until he got the plates, from a portion of which the Book of Mormon was translated; "by and bye," said He, "you are going to organize my church, and establish my kingdom. I am going to have a church on the earth. All these churches you have enquired about are wrong; they have truth amongst them, but not the priesthood. They lack a guide to direct the affairs of the Kingdom of God on the earth, that is the keys of the priesthood of the Son of God." This tells the story. We possess the Priesthood. The Lord sent John to ordain Joseph to the Aaronic priesthood, and when he commenced to baptize people he sent a greater power—Peter, James and John, who ordained him to the apostleship, which is the highest office pertaining to the Kingdom of God that any man can possess on the face of the earth; for it holds the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and has power to dispense the blessings of the kingdom. This priesthood is that which the Christian world do not possess, for they have taken leave of the kingdom and the priesthood. Joseph bestowed this priesthood upon others, and this Church possesses it and its power, which enables us to detect all error, and to know what is true.

There are other things I wanted to talk about, not pertaining to the Kingdom of God on the earth, but to the faith of this people before God: but I shall leave this for the present, as I feel that I have talked as long as is prudent for me. May the Lord God of Israel bless you, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

Washington, 10.

At noon to-day the jury in the Surratt case sent a communication to Judge Fisher asking to be discharged, stating that agreement was improbable, that they stood precisely the same as when they first balloted on entering the jury room, standing 8 for acquittal and 4 for conviction; their discharge was ordered.

Mobile, 10.

Nine cases of yellow fever were reported to-day.

St. Louis, 10.

A dispatch from Ft. Hayes says that all the stock on the railroad beyond here has been driven off by Indians, who attacked the engineers and conductors and wounded several men; several Indians were killed.

An Omaha dispatch says four men were surrounded by Indians at Mud Creek; three men were killed and scalped, the other escaped. The number of men killed in the Plum creek affair was six. Gen. Augur has gone west to examine the position of affairs.

The people in the southwest part of Nebraska have asked permission to raise a company of volunteers for defense.

Gen Sully and Col. Parker report a warlike condition among the northern tribes; they demand possession of the country, the withdrawal of troops and the suspension of railroad construction; instead of being willing to co-operate with the Government, they will not

aid in the effort to induce the hostile Indians to withdraw from the war path; they told Sully and Parker to do it themselves.

Information is received that the Indians attacked and burned the Little Sandy and South Pass telegraph offices, on the line between Laramie and Salt Lake, a few days since, destroying everything; they have had the entire control of that county for the past three weeks.

Paris, 11.

There has been a great fire in Bordeaux, during which eighty persons are reported to have been killed or injured.

St. Louis, 12.

A Ft Gibson letter says Lewis Downing is elected Chief of the Cherokee nation, over W. P. Rose, by a large majority, both northern and southern Cherokees voted for Downing, who is said to favor sectionizing the lands of the nation and other public enterprises.

New York, 12.

Nicaragua advices state that the cholera has been distressing; 794 deaths are reported in the district of Leon.

Additional Nicaragua news. Whole villages on the north coast have been swept away by cholera. The cases along the transit route seem to be sporadic, but even there an alarming epidemic is said to be raging. In Costa Rica, 200 ranches among the Musquito Indians have been stripped of inhabitants. The cholera is entirely gone from the towns on the Parana, and almost so from the river Plata.

Rochester, N. Y., 12.

Rev. H. Windall, for two years past Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum in Philadelphia, was arrested here yesterday, charged with committing rape on seven little girls under his charge. Windall confesses that he has done wrong!!!!

Washington, 12.

The President, at 10 this morning, sent a communication to Stanton suspending him from office as Secretary of War, instructing him to transfer all records, books, &c., in his custody, to Gen. Grant; the Secretary was at the same time informed that Gen. Grant had been empowered to act as Secretary of War in the interim. A communication was sent to Grant, authorizing him to act as Secretary of War, and asking him to at once enter upon the duties of that office.

Shortly after noon Mr. Stanton, in reply to the President, denied that, without the consent of the Senate and without legal cause, the Executive had any right, under the constitution and laws, to suspend him from office; inasmuch, however, as the General commanding the armies of the United States has notified him that he accepted the appointment of Secretary of War in the interim, he concluded by saying that he had no alternative but to submit, under protest, to superior force.

Grant has assumed charge of the War Department, and appeared in a cabinet meeting to-day, for the purpose of considering certain questions connected with the territory recently acquired from Russia.

Galveston, 12.

Deaths for the week ending Saturday, 10th, were 81. The fever is reported to have broken out at Corpus Christi and Houston.

New York, 12.

The following is Grant's letter to Secretary Stanton, accepting the war portfolio: Sir: Enclosed herewith I have to transfer to you a copy of a letter just received from the President of the United States, notifying me of my assignment as acting Secretary of War, and directing me to assume the duties at once. In notifying you of my acceptance, I cannot let the opportunity pass without expressing to you my appreciation of the zeal, patriotism, firmness and ability with which you have ever discharged your duty as Secretary of War. With great respect, your obedient servant.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT.

Louisville, 13.

The next Kentucky Legislature will stand about 111 democrats to 20 radicals and 8 of a third party.

Dublin, 13.

Captain Moriarty, the leader of the Fenian rising in Kerry, has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

New York, 14.

There was a terrible earthquake at Java, June, 18; the sugar crop and a large number of buildings were destroyed; loss of life, Europeans and natives, is estimated at 300.

London, 13.

Shanghai advices state that the United States authorities, having received neither satisfaction nor apology for the murder of the crew of the American bark Rover, their men of war, the Hartford and Wyoming, were ordered to the scene of the outrage on the Island of Formosa, and sailed in June. Upon arriving at the shore a demand was made to surrender the murderers, which was not complied with. In the mean time it was apparent that the natives were preparing for fight, and the shore was vigorously shelled by both of the vessels. Several boat loads of sailors and marines subsequently effected a landing, and a sharp fight ensued with the Formosans, which lasted over five hours. The heat was intense, and 15 officers and men were reported sunstruck. Slidell McKenzie, one of the party, was shot and died of his wounds. At night fall the fighting party was withdrawn from the shore, and the bombardment was resumed and continued till the natives disappeared. The Hartford and Wyoming weighed anchor and sailed for Shanghai, and arrived there June 18.

New York, 14.

The first step towards the development of the new liberal policy for southern reconstruction was brought forward in the cabinet meeting yesterday, and Grant promptly favored it; this was the adoption of an order to Sickles commanding him to rescind his order suspending the payment of debts, also his other order by which the execution of a process of United States Court was interfered with in Wilmington, N. C. This order may be regarded as the first check to despotic administration in the South.

The breaking of the Cuba cable is confirmed.

Washington, 14.

John H. Kirkland has been appointed postmaster at Sitka; mails will be forwarded there by any vessel from San Francisco.

Paris, 14.

Accounts received from various parts of Italy represent the cholera to be spreading, and attended with unusual fatality.

Washington, 15.

The superintendent of police yesterday made affidavit that J. H. Bradley had challenged Judge Fisher, Bradley was consequently arrested and held to bail in 2,000, to appear at the next term of the criminal court.

New York, 15.

Seventeen missionaries to Arabia and Turkey will sail on the steamer Denmark on the 4th inst.; one of them will establish a type foundry in Beyrout; another of them has raised \$50,000 in this country to establish a Bible house in Constantinople.

Augusta, Ga., 15.

The Montgomery Advertiser says that Gen. Pope has removed all the civil officers in Macon County.

It is believed that the late rains have seriously injured the corn crop, by overflowing the bottom lands. So far as heard from, the registration in Alabama gives the blacks 17,700 majority.

St. Louis, 15.

On the 2d inst. a train party with wagons was attacked by Indians near Ft. Phil. Kearney; the fight lasted three hours, when the Indians retreated, carrying away their dead and driving off all the stock. Maj. Powell, who came to the assistance of the train, reports 60 Indians killed.

Frankfort, 15.

Last night a disastrous fire broke out in the Roman Catholic cathedral in this city; the structure is of great antiquity, dating from 1405, and is famous for its architectural beauty and historic associations. All the elaborate decorations of the interior were destroyed, and the walls and roof were so badly injured that probably it will be necessary to take the whole building down.

Constantinople, 15.

The Sultan, on his return to Constantinople, received a report from the Grand Vizier, whom he had left in charge of the government during his absence. In reply the Sultan, after reviewing his recent journey to Western Europe, says: as a result of his observations he is prompted to inaugurate an era of progression for the Ottoman Empire, and promises to submit a series of measures of reform for the benefit of the people.

Berlin, 15.

A meeting is being held between the King of Prussia and the Emperor of Austria.