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to the things of God I will be bound that we have children who, if they dare open their mouths and converse, would place them in water they could not fathom. Yet I say go and see and hear them and learn what they know, then you can discriminate and discern, and will be able to understand why the Lord called upon Joseph Smith to come out and declare His will, and why He bestowed upon Joseph the priesthood and its keys and powers. You will then learn, my little boys and girls, that the world of mankind scarcely know anything about the Bible. Ask them concerning the character of the Savior and they will expatiate and expound hour after hour, but they will tell absolutely nothing. I presume that there are sisters here who have asked ministers what a certain scripture meant, and in reply they have talked, talked, and wound up by saying "great is the mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh. Sister, I can not tell you." Have you ever heard sisters and children ask questions of this kind? Yes, and so have I many times, but they have failed to obtain one particle of knowledge from their religious teachers. Why? Because they did not possess it. They did not know that Jesus was the express image of His Father, although they had read it in the Bible; they did not know that man was made in the image of his God, although they have read it hundreds of times in the book they profess to reverence and believe in so much. They can not realize it. When and how will they realize it? When they submit themselves to the Lord, and ask the Father in the name of Jesus to give them revelation by the Holy Ghost. No man can call Jesus the Christ except it be revealed from heaven to him.

I will say to my young friends, my little brothers and sisters, go and learn everything you can. I say to parents, do not be afraid one particle! These children will learn something that we as parents know and understand already, and it is very grievous for us to realize that it is the truth. Joseph our Prophet, was hunted and driven, arrested and persecuted, and although no law was ever made in these United States that would bear against him, for he never broke a law, yet to my certain knowledge he was defendant in forty-six lawsuits, and every time Mr. Priest was at the head of and led the band or mob who hunted and persecuted him. And when Joseph and Hyrum were slain in Carthage jail the mob, painted like Indians, was led by a preacher. And now they follow us up and want us to learn of them, when, so far as the characters of God and Jesus are concerned and the errand of Jesus into the world, our youth know better than the whole sectarian world. In coming to Utah to teach the "Mormons" the way of life, the Christians are but carrying coals to Newcastle. What is the use of going to "Mormon settlements to teach the people temperance and sobriety, or to teach them the Bible? No more use than in going to Newcastle to sell coal. There is no other people in the world that believe in and practice the Bible as strictly as the Latter-day Saints. None but the Latter-day Saints properly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ; no other people acknowledge Him and keep His commandments; and yet they follow us up, their object, professedly being to convert us to Christianity, but in reality it is to induce us to apostatize until they get the upper hand, that the Priesthood may again be destroyed from the earth. But never mind, let them go ahead, we shall see whether Christ or Baal will be king of the earth, and whether Baal will reign several thousand years longer. We shall find it out by and by.

I am saying this to parents, to those who have been in the midst of Christendom and have seen its workings; to women who have sat up night after night, for hundreds of nights, to watch their houses and keep the mob, led by priests, from slaughtering their husbands and families and destroying their property. Perhaps I ought to keep silent rather than say these things, but that would not be justice. Facts are facts and we can not help it. I hope they will prove a little different in time to come. But with the exception of the infidel portion of it, the sectarian world has hewn out to itself broken cisterns that will hold no water; the priests have got their creeds, systems and organizations, they live on the people, and they are afraid that, if truth be proclaimed, their craft will fall. Go to the infidel portion of the world and we are all right; for if they refuse to receive our doc-

trines they will talk and reason like men of intelligence. But with many of those professing to be Christian teachers it is very different, and in my secret estimate of the characters and attainments of many of them I have come to the conclusion that their forte is ignorance and impudence.

I will take another turn in my remarks, and will say if we were known by the world as we are, truly and honestly, I will not except the Christians nor their priests; if we were known by them as we know them, there is not a priest but would pray for the Latter-day Saints. The infidel world would also pray for us, and so would the political and moral world. But they do not know what the Lord is doing through us; they are ignorant, and in their ignorance they lift themselves up against God and His Anointed, for they have no eyes to see, ears to hear nor hearts to understand. But some are becoming acquainted with us, and this has its influence. What is the object of the Lord Almighty in calling this people as He has done? This question may be answered in a very few words,—it is nothing short of restoring to the midst of the children of men every truth, every good, all knowledge and every thing lovely and beautiful for time and eternity, saving all that will or can be saved and exalting His children to thrones, and to crown them with crowns of glory, immortality and eternal lives. Do you see what is going to be the result of the course the Lord is pursuing with this people and with the world? You see some who formerly obeyed the gospel leaving us occasionally. Where are they going? Is there anything else that will satisfy them? Not on this earth; they either remain faithful to the gospel or go to infidelity. This is the fact. When men go from this church they become infidels. They can say they believe in this, that or the other; they may turn to Spiritualism, bogusism, Emmaism or anything else; no matter what, but they must be infidels or else acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ.

The doctrine that we preach is the doctrine of the Bible, it is the doctrine the Lord has revealed for the salvation of the children of men, and when men, who have once obeyed it, deny it, they deny it with their eyes wide open and knowing that they deny the truth and set at naught the counsels of the Almighty.

I have spoken quite awhile to you, my brethren and sisters. I have been teaching parents some things with regard to their children; now I wish to say to the children: obey your parents, be good, never suffer yourselves to do that which will mortify you through life, and that will cause you to look back with regret. While you are pure and spotless preserve yourselves in the integrity of your souls. Although you are young you know good from evil, and live so that you can look back on your lives and thank the Lord that He has preserved you, or has enabled you to preserve yourselves, so that you have no misconduct to regret or mourn over. Take this course and you will secure to yourselves an honorable name on earth among the good and the pure; you will maintain your integrity before Heaven, and prove yourselves worthy of a high state of glory when you get through with this world.

God bless you. Amen.

THE Methodist Revival Meetings, which commenced a week ago yesterday morning, closed last evening. For eight days the preachers have had every opportunity that could be desired to lay before the people of this city and county the nature of their faith and doctrines; and those who never heard it before should now be in a position to pronounce upon its merits. Such patient fairness as has been exhibited these past eight days by the Latter-day Saints towards the Methodists is unparalleled in the United States. President Young when he heard that it was their intention to bring a big tent here and hold meetings, advised the Latter-day Saints to go and hear them, and he particularly desired the young people who had never witnessed meetings of this kind and listened to the preaching of this denomination to attend the meetings. The tent has been crowded every night, and the people have manifested extraordinary forbearance and patience, even when denounced and accused by speakers of sins, and also crimes, of which they knew they were more guiltless than their accusers. There were a few interruptions when speakers did not clear up doctrinal points, which were exceedingly mortifying to the mass of the community; but prompt measures were taken to check them at future meetings, and with such good effect that great stillness prevailed at the last two evening meetings, though we thought one at least of the speakers last night was very abusive; his conduct was quite unjustifiable even for a Sectarian Priest, and we always expect them to use a much greater license than we do ordinary people. We understand, however, that his conduct was not exceptional, for others had been equally as slanderous and insulting in their remarks as he.

Our leading citizens have been desirous that this religious body should have the opportunity of giving expression to their views in the most free and full manner. As a people we have suffered enough to make us appreciate the value of religious liberty, and to be willing that others should enjoy it. Such liberty as the Methodists have had accorded to them in this city, to make their views public, has never been accorded to the Latter-day Saints. Instead of the members of religious bodies being advised to go and hear them, they have been constantly warned to shun them; and the influence of preachers generally has been exerted to the utmost to close every door and the ears and hearts of the people against them. But the conduct of the Latter-day Saints, in this respect, has been as much superior to that of their religious cotemporaries as their religion is more pure and godlike. We trust the lesson will not be lost upon them; but that they will profit by the examples of forbearance, liberality and charity which they have witnessed in Salt Lake City. If this should be one of the results of their visit, then the trip will prove a profitable one to them. We were pleased last evening to hear the speakers say, as we understood they also had said at previous meetings, that they had received kind and gentlemanly treatment since they had been here, that they had had perfect liberty to speak as they pleased, and had been listened to patiently and courteously by the people, and that they did not hold the community responsible for the few interruptions which they had experienced. This was no more than just; for in no country where such meetings are held could so large a crowd be more attentive, make less noise on the edges of the tent or make less movement in the congregation. We think these few interruptions were inexcusable; but had the same courtesy been extended by the ministers in charge of the meetings to the Latter-day Saints that they receive from the latter, there would not have been a whisper heard. There has never been a day, since this country was settled by the people who now live here, that a minister of repute coming to this city, no matter whether Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Universalist or Adventist, could not get a building to preach in, a congregation to listen to him and a respectful hearing. Such ministers have had all the opportunities necessary to expound their views. But at the meetings in the tent which have just been held one or two men, with more zeal than discretion, interrupted the speaker on one evening to have him clear up certain points as he went along. It is not probable that this would have been the case had they not known there would be no liberty to speak accorded to any of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Even had the courtesy of a seat on the platform been extended to President Young, there would not have been the slightest interruption, for a gesture from him would have maintained order. As it was other steps were taken to check every interruption.

The young people of this community have had an opportunity during the past eight days of hearing sectarianism as they never heard it before. They now can judge of and weigh it, compare it with the teachings which they have been accustomed to hear and attach to it the value to which it is entitled. Such preaching as those who have attended these meetings have heard can have but one result upon faithful Latter-day Saints, namely, to make them place a higher estimate upon their religion. The young will be in a position, hereafter, to appreciate the bread of life upon which they are fed, in contrast with the chaff and husks which sectarians proffer them. In this respect the visit of these preachers with their big tent has not been a fruitless one. They are probably disappointed in the number of converts; for it was expected, we understand, they would add at least five hundred to their fold; and if they have made a single convert of a Latter-day Saint we have not heard of it. But they did not know at that time what kind of people the Latter-day Saints were, or how well acquainted they were with the Scriptures. A few meetings satisfied them that they had a people to labor among familiar with the word of God, accustomed to investigate and critically weigh every doctrine presented to them, and who could not be terrified into the adoption of views which their judgments rejected. After this was discovered there was a perceptible change

of tone in the remarks about conversion. We heard one preacher say that they had not come to make the people Methodists or to build up a church, but to preach the Word of God (the Bible) and to have the people learn to love and honor it. We were surprised at this remark, for we had been led to believe that the conversion of the people of Salt Lake city to Methodism was the chief object of these meetings.

CAPTAIN HALL has already started, or has got everything ready to start, on his great arctic exploring expedition. He anchors first at New Foundland to pick up sealers to complete his party; thence he goes to Greenland for skins and stock fish; thence to Jones Sound, in latitude 74 degrees north; and thence, on sledges drawn by dogs, to the pole. At least this is the programme; and from the Captain's intrepidity and long experience in arctic regions it is safe to presume that it will be carried out unless physical or geographical obstacles now unknown shall be found to impede his progress and render the journey to the desired point an impossibility.

The course and progress of the Captain and his party will be watched with interest, and the results awaited in suspense, by the whole civilized world. Life and means have been freely expended by this and other nations in the cause of arctic discovery; but hitherto the field has been fearfully barren as to honor, or profit of any description. Captain Hall has made special preparations for his present undertaking, and having the benefit of the combined experience of himself and all his predecessors to guide him, it is not too much to believe that should he fail to reach ninety degrees north latitude, that he will accomplish more than any previous navigator of the arctic regions.

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*Editor Deseret News:*—Present appearances indicate a very good crop this season in most of our settlements. In some the grasshoppers have been quite destructive. We have had no more rain since May came in than would decently wet a man's shirt through; yet, our mountain streams furnish us an abundant supply of water for irrigation up to the present time. Fears are now being entertained that these streams will soon begin to lessen. Our wheat in this settlement never looked better, neither was there ever more on the ground. I am now watering the third time. The health of the people is generally good. Our range is drying up and our hay crop must be light.

Rumor says that some of our brethren have been baptized for and in behalf of some of our deceased Governors and U. S. Judges, which was very gratifying to me to hear, and I hope it is true. Their fair and liberal minded policy won upon the hearts and consciences of the Saints. They made this people their friends while they did no injustice to, nor brought dishonor upon, the government which they represented. Peace to their ashes! But in case of the departure of our present Judiciary, who will be baptized for them? Their rulings are recorded, and they have denied citizenship to honest men, good and true, because of a difference of opinion in matters of religious belief. The present Judiciary of Utah may be sincere men, and may wish to avoid all acrimonious policy and persecuting tendencies against the Saints. Heaven be their judges! They are the priesthood of the political government of the United States, and they hold the keys thereof. They can admit to citizenship whom they please and reject whom they please. They can rule according to their feelings whether those rulings be according to law or not. They hold the keys of civil power and they can turn them one way or the other as seemeth them good. This is all highly proper, they will establish a line of precedents for the benefit of the servants of God at some day. The time will be when all earthly governments must dissolve and vanish away, consequently all political power must cease to exist when its fountain is dried up. But, there is a kingdom whose priesthood and power endure forever, and its priesthood hold the keys thereof for evermore; and when application shall be made to those holding these keys here and hereafter, for citizenship in this kingdom that shall never perish, those who hold the keys thereof can readily refer back to the line of pre-