

and the dead. Tens of thousands have been redeemed in the spirit world by their posterity who stand in the flesh and hold the keys of the salvation of their dead. Saviors upon Mount Zion have been raised up, while the kingdom is the Lord's, as the Prophet Obadiah said they would be. This people are doing this work now. The Lord is with you, and your progenitors in the spirit world rejoice. Let us be faithful, therefore, while we are here. God has appointed us to bear this Priesthood. Out of the fourteen hundred millions of people on the earth the Lord has chosen this handful of men to bear this; to ordain, to organize, to warn the world, to preach the Gospel to them. I hope my brethren that bear this Priesthood will remember the value of it. I want to read a few more paragraphs from this same revelation, and then I will close:

For there is a time appointed for every man, according as his works shall be.

God shall give unto you (the Saints) knowledge by his Holy Spirit, yea by the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost, that has not been revealed since the world was until now;

Which our forefathers have waited with anxious expectation to be revealed in the last times, which their minds were pointed to, by the angels, as held in reserve for the fulness of their glory:

A time to come in the which nothing shall be withheld, whether there be one God or many Gods, they shall be manifest;

All thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, shall be revealed and set forth upon all who have endured valiantly for the gospel of Jesus Christ;

And also if there be bounds set to the heavens, or to the seas; or to the dry land, or to the sun, moon, or stars;

All the times of their revolutions; all the appointed days, months, and years, and all the days of their days, months, and years, and all their glories, laws, and set times, shall be revealed, in the days of the dispensation of the fulness of times,

According to that which was ordained in the midst of the Council of the Eternal God of all other Gods, before this world was, that should be reserved unto the finishing and the end thereof, when every man shall enter into his eternal presence, and into his immortal rest,

There are things in that revelation that are marvelous and wonderful. All thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, shall be revealed to the Saints of God in the own set time of the Lord. Today we are in this little world, surrounded with a great many planets that are at present unknown to us. We scarcely know what is on this world. We know less about Mars, or Venus, or Jupiter, or these worlds that are neighbors to us. But here we are given to understand that all these worlds will be revealed. A man's mind must become immortal, and must stretch as wide as eternity and be filled with the glory of God, to ever comprehend these great blessings which are promised unto His people. Therefore, let us be true and faithful. Do not let us lose our hold on the Priesthood, nor upon the kingdom of God. Let us go in secret prayer before the Lord and call upon His holy name. There is where our strength lies. I pray that God's blessings may rest upon all of us. We shall all find our record in the great library of heaven; and I hope we may so live that when we come to meet that record we will be satisfied with it. I pray God to bless President Smoot, his counselors, and those who bear the Priesthood here, as well as our brethren and sisters, unto the end that we may inherit eternal life, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## BEFORE THE CAMERA.

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity," saith the preacher.

The prophet of the Bible could not look down from the press galleries of Congress without repeating this sentence. Half of the public men of today are packed full of self-conceit. A baker's dozen of the Senators do little more than pose for the galleries. Senator Voorhees keeps his eyes upon them while he is making his speech. Senator Gorman, looking as though he had come out of a band box, perceptibly poses a great part of each session, and Senator Matt Ransom of North Carolina would go into a fit if his cuffs did not go at least an inch below his sleeves. When Senator Ingalls was in Congress he spent much time in arranging the red handkerchief which always peeped out of his left coat pocket, and old Senator Morrill, though he has written a book on the vanity of statesmen, is proud of his position as the oldest man in the Senate. Senator Wolcott has the distinction of wearing more new clothes than any man in the chamber, and it used to make Vice President Morton angry to have it insinuated that his wig was not made of natural hair. Our public men of today are very particular as to what the newspapers say about them. The most of them keep scrap books in which they paste all clippings concerning themselves, and the volumes of this kind which belong to President Cleveland would make a library. A curious evidence of the vanity of great men is found in their photographs. The most extensively photographed man today is the Emperor of Germany. He has his pictures taken every week, and you could paper a room with his likenesses which the camera has taken from his boyhood up to the present time. Next to him, perhaps, comes Bismark, and after Bismark, Gladstone. As to American statesmen, nearly every member of Congress has his photograph on sale at one or another of the galleries here. He reaps no profits through the sales, but they are usually sold with his consent. Congressmen buy a great many photographs.

They are much like a set of college students and they exchange with one another. The result is that Washington is a city of photographers. We have some of the best artists in the United States here, and C. M. Bell, who died a short time ago, took as many photographs of the famous men of today as any photographer in the United States. He had a gallery on the road to the Capitol and for the past twenty years he has photographed the leading men of the country. His chief operator, Mr. Dodge, still presides over the gallery. He is a bright young man of forty, who is much noted for his artistic ability as a poser. His long, slender fingers have grasped the heads of the prettiest of our society women and the most famous of our statesmen for the last fifteen years, and his stories as to how these great people look and act before the camera are very interesting. I chatted with him for an hour yesterday. Said he: "The biggest men of the United States are by no means nervous when in front of the camera. They are generally plain, practical, common-sense people. They come into the gallery, pose for their pictures and leave, and we have much

more trouble with the little five-cent fellows than with them. I have posed President Cleveland a number of times. If everybody acted as well as he does we could always take good pictures. He has no suggestions to make, leaves himself almost entirely in the hands of the operator and is what we call a very good subject. Some of the pictures which have been sold of him throughout the United States have been taken here. His pictures have had a great sale and there is a good demand for them still."

"What other Presidents have you taken?"

"Quite a number," was the reply. "I have made a number of pictures of President Hayes. He was a pleasant man to meet and common in his ways. He never notified us that he was coming, but would walk into the gallery and say, 'I want my photograph taken.' He was as clay in the hands of the potter and allowed us to pose him as we wished. President Hayes had a face with a full beard, and this kind of a face always gives a good likeness. He ordered many pictures and both his and Mrs. Hayes' pictures sold well. Mrs. Hayes was, next to Mrs. Cleveland, the best selling subject we have ever had."

"Tell me something about Mrs. Cleveland as a poser."

"It is not difficult to take Mrs. Cleveland's photograph. She submits herself to the photographer, and allows him to choose her poses. I remember the first time she came here was with Mrs. Vilas. It was one afternoon about 2 o'clock. She came right into the gallery, like any ordinary person, and she and Mrs. Vilas went into the dressing room, and a moment later she appeared ready to have her picture taken. I took thirty odd negatives of her that day. She wore a number of different costumes, and we got many good pictures. A number of plates were destroyed at her request, and some were reserved for her own private use. Some of the best pictures of Mrs. Cleveland have never been sold, and I don't think any one but herself and family have copies of one or two of our negatives. Shortly after she came back from her wedding tour I took a picture of her in the conservatory of the White House. One of these was a standing picture, and I think Harper's Weekly published it. Another was a three-fourths view, which was sent all over the country. Mrs. Hayes was as easy to take as Mrs. Cleveland. She had a very fine face, and she allowed us to choose her poses. She had a great many pictures taken, but the one in which she looked best was a full dress figure with the hair combed down over the ears. You may have seen it. Mrs. Hayes stands with her elbow leaning on a chair."

ARTHUR AND GARFIELD.

"How about President Arthur?"

"I took President Arthur's picture one afternoon. I remember that it was Sunday, and Secretary Folger came here with him, and I made a number of sittings. I took the last picture that was ever made of President Garfield. It was just two days before he was inaugurated. He came in because they wanted a tintype of him for the bureau of engraving and printing, in order that his face might be engraved for the bank notes. I had no arrangements for taking tintypes, and I had to send out for material. While we were waiting I took a number of photographs, and