

nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."—[John, chap. 15, verses 1-7.]

This is precisely the position we occupy in the church of Christ. If we do not abide in the vine, we shall be cast out; and all the inhabitants of the earth that do not connect themselves to the true vine—Jesus Christ, will become as stubble, and they will be burnt up, and become ashes under the soles of the feet of the Saints, that will come upon the earth, to trim it, adorn it, and make it like the garden of Eden, that they may dwell upon it forever.

If we are in the vine of Christ, we shall bring forth the fruits of righteousness, and our works will be performed daily according to the requirements of the law of God. Except we live daily in the line of our duty, and keep the platter clean inside as well as out, we cannot obtain the blessings promised. If we take this course we shall live and prosper, and bear off the kingdom independent of those that do evil, for God will nourish and cherish those who do right.

Supposing we compare this church to a tree, and suppose that one-fourth of the limbs are dead, what use are they to the tree? They are lifeless, and consequently the sooner they are taken away the better for the health of the tree. Is there anything lost by lopping off those lifeless limbs? No; for the power and strength that was formerly in the whole tree will enter into that part which is left. Do you not go and clip off the small sprouts and sometimes some of the bunches of grapes from your vines, in order to make the rest of the vine and the fruit grow larger and stronger? Upon the same principle, this church has to be proven, for the work of God must and will roll on, and all the opposition in the world can not stop it. It is a kingdom that is established to remain upon the earth until it subdues every other kingdom, and brings them into subjection to the law of God. I know this just as well as I know that I stand here to-day, and my desire is that you may know it also, and that you may become as the heart of one man, Jesus says—if you are not one, you are not mine. For instance: suppose I come into this stand and offer up a prayer, it is the duty of all present to join with me not only in the sentiments, but to actually allow the very words to pass silently through their minds. In this way we become one, our faith is united, and we answer the requirement of the law of God.

I have frequently said in your hearing that I would give a good deal if I could unfold to you the secret feelings of my heart. I do not know of any better way to get at this than by comparison. I have not language to soar above and spread myself like an eagle, but I desire to present my sentiments in such a way that all will understand. There are none of you but what know right and wrong just as well as I do, and you are obliged to carry out the principles of right.

Has there been any change in the first principles of the doctrine of Christ as revealed by Jesus himself? No, that doctrine stands good, and will forever remain so. Some suppose that the Ten Commandments given through Moses, have been done away; but I can inform you that they are still in force. It will do no harm for me to read those commandments, as contained in the 20th chap. of Exodus; they are as follows:

"And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

An altar of earth, thou shalt make unto me, and shalt

sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar; that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

You will find in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants that these commandments have been renewed unto us. The Lord says in one place, all old covenants have I caused to be done away, and this is a new and an everlasting covenant, it is even that which was in the beginning; it is that covenant which was made in the days of Jesus. It is that same covenant which the Almighty revealed to Father Adam in the garden of Eden, but it has been renewed in these last days, and hence it is a new and an everlasting covenant. If you would only think of it for a little while you would remember that we imitate many of those things that were done in former dispensations.

Jesus told the people in his day to seek to enter in at the narrow gate, or as the new testament calls it, the strait gate; he also told them to seek not to counsel God, but to walk in that path which leads to life, for narrow is the gate that leads to life and few there be that enter in thereat. And he further says that the wicked will come and say we have prophesied in thy name, and in thy name done many mighty works. And I will add to this that many of them will have to say, we have stolen hundreds of cattle from the Mormons, and driven them from their homes, because they preached a new religion. Still the Lord will say, I know you not.

Those covenants that we have made with God, were also made in the beginning of the creation. They are now renewed to us, and revelations of this kind are just as binding upon you and I, as the words and counsels that come from President Young and others. We are acting in the same capacity that the Apostles and Prophets of former dispensations have acted, and our word will have the same effect upon this generation that theirs had upon the generations in which they lived. We have the same God to worship, the same Jesus lives to save, and he has spoken and renewed this covenant to us and for us, and to remain with us forever and forever.

Brethren reflect, look at yourselves and see what you are about; consider the positions you occupy, and ascertain if you are acting well your part, if you are speaking the truth and guarding against all manner of evil.

The Book of Mormon informs us that the devil will come along with all manner of deceitfulness; and persuade the people to lie a little, to steal a little, and to rob your neighbor of anything that lies within your reach. Such a course leads to death and dissolution, and will call those to mourn hereafter who follow it.

These are mysteries that are worth finding out, and although you may have read them from your childhood, and your mother may have taught them to you from your infancy, yet still they apply to you, and it is very important that you should not forget these small things. Some people come to this country who have been taught these things, and many other good lessons, and when they get into these mountains they forget all their claim to the blessings that flow through obedience to the requirements of Heaven, and the requirements of their parents. Men who hold the priesthood and dishonor their fathers and mothers and the servants of God, will see sorrow. But some do this and still consider themselves good men, and they claim that they honor their calling and priesthood. I will tell you how I feel; when my son turns away from the truth, and disregards my counsel, he turns away from God. Why is this so? It is because I am a branch of the vine. I am a limb that is attached to the great tree, and when my son disengages himself from the tree, he dishonors me, and by dishonoring me he dishonors the God whom I serve. It is a most excellent thing to find children listening to the admonitions of their parents, and especially if they are blest with good ones. Those whose parents are not in the Church should strive to get within them the righteousness of Christ.

When the adversary begins to tempt a person, he persuades him to do a little thing here and a little wrong yonder, and persuades him to walk in that course that will cause the disposition to do wrong to increase upon him.—The best way to do, is to let alone that which is wrong.

These are some of the small things. I am down among the little roots and little vines, entering minutely into the subject of keeping them clean. I wish all to understand who believe on Jesus Christ, that they should repent of all their evil deeds, and the only way that a man can prove his penitence, is by forsaking his evil practices and being baptised for the remission of his sins. But what good does it do for a man to come and be baptised, to be overwhelmed in water in the likeness of the death of Jesus Christ, and then to go and partake of those cursed old sins that they have just been washed clean from? I tell you that baptism, in such cases, brings greater condemnation. When people are baptised they should then receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, he will show them things to come, he will dwell with them and comfort their hearts, and cheer up their spirits.

There never should be a limb upon a fruit tree that is not bearing fruit. But you will see a great many members in this Church, who are not bearing much fruit. Where is there an Elder, High Priest, Seventy, Apostle or Prophet that is not required to bring forth

the fruits of Christ, and those that will re-bounce to his glory? Let us pursue that course of life that will make us the friends of our father and God, friends of his servants Joseph, Hyrum, Peter, Paul, Jesus and all the Apostles of Christ, and let our friendship extend back to those who are in the spirit world.

Don't you suppose that the Lord will send his angels to sustain this people? Yes, he will, and if he has to knock these mountains, by which we are surrounded, into ten thousand pieces in order to accomplish his purposes, he will do it.

It is very easy to be seen that the nation that has oppressed us is going down. The Lord revealed to Joseph Smith something about the judgments that await the inhabitants of the earth, and he said in the revelations that the judgments should commence at the house of God. I will read to you parts of the revelations which speak of these things.

"But, behold, I say unto you, that before this great day shall come, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall be turned into blood, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and there shall be great signs in heaven above, and in the earth beneath; and there shall be weeping and wailing among the hosts of men, and there shall be a great hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the earth: and it shall come to pass because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent; for the cup of mine indignation is full; for behold, my blood shall not cleanse them if they hear me not.

"Wherefore, I the Lord God will send forth flies upon the face of the earth, which shall take hold of the inhabitants thereof, and shall eat their flesh, and shall cause maggots to come in upon them; and their tongues shall be stayed that they shall not utter against me; and their flesh shall fall from off their bones, and their eyes from their sockets; and it shall come to pass that the beasts of the forest, and the fowls of the air, shall devour them up; and that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall be cast down by devouring fire; according as it is spoken by the mouth of Ezekiel the prophet, which spoke of these things, which have not come to pass, but surely must, as I live, for abomination shall not reign."—[Doc. & Cov., Sec. 10, par. 4, 5.]

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, that when I give a commandment to any of the sons of men, to do a work unto my name, and those sons of men go with all their might, and with all they have, to perform that work, and cease not their diligence, and their enemies come upon them and hinder them from performing that work; behold I behove them to require that work no more at the hands of those sons of men, but to accept of their offerings; and the iniquity and transgression of my holy laws and commandments, I will visit upon the heads of those who hindered my work, unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not and hate me, saith the Lord God. Therefore for this cause have I accepted the offerings of those whom I commanded to build up a city and a house unto my name, in Jackson county, Missouri, and were hindered by their enemies, saith the Lord your God: and I will answer judgment, wrath, and indignation, wailing, and anguish, and gnashing of teeth, upon their heads, unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not and hate me, saith the Lord your God."—[Doc. & Cov., Sec. 103, par. 15.]

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning and of lamentation, and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord. First, among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord.—[Doc. & Cov., Sec. 104, par. 9, 10.]

Let them importune at the feet of the judge; and if he heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the governor; and if the governor heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the president; and if the president heed them not, then will the Lord arise and come forth out of his hiding place, and in his fury vex the nation, and in his hot displeasure, and in his fierce anger, in his time, will cut off those wicked, unfaithful, and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers; even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Pray ye, there, that their ears may be opened unto your cries, that I may be merciful unto them, that these things may not come upon them. What I have said unto you, must needs be, that all men may be left without excuse; that wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have never considered; that I may proceed to bring to pass my act, my strange act, and perform my work, my strange work, that men may discern between the righteous and the wicked, saith your God."—[Doc. & Cov., Sec. 98, par. 12.]

And do you hear it, O Israel, and have you seen it and felt the pangs of war, when they have sent their army to this Territory, intending to drive us from our homes. As they commenced it upon the House of God, it must go forth upon themselves, for as they measured out to us, it must be measured unto them four fold.

The nations are already convulsed, not only the United States, but many of the European nations are feeling the effect of the judgments of the Almighty, and they will continue to be afflicted more and more, until the above revelations are fulfilled. There is no evading the judgments of the Almighty; their only escape in obedience to the gospel we have to preach, but do they believe what we have said? No, they do not believe a word of it, and therefore there is but little hope in their case.

Brethren and sisters, let your hearts be open to receive the word of truth, that the spirit of the Most High may be in you as a

well of water, springing up into everlasting life. God bless you forever, and all those that hear these sayings, and will render obedience unto the law of God. Peace be upon the righteous, that they may multiply and increase in wisdom and knowledge. I know as well as I know that I am here, that the priesthood will be taken from those who dishonor it, for they have no power to hold the oracles of God who do wickedly. They may not all be cut off from the tree, but they are dead, and the spirit of God does not dwell with them, and therefore there is no life in them.

May the blessings of the Lord our God attend you all, is my prayer. Amen.

[From our Extra of the 6th Inst.]

EASTERN NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH AND PONY.

Another Pony from the East arrived here this forenoon with interesting details, touching the rumored arrangements for the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

MR. LINCOLN AND THE BALTIMORIANS.

The brief summary of the rumors of a plan devised in Baltimore against the life of Mr. Lincoln, published in the *Deseret News* of this morning, is confirmed by the advices now received. A Washington dispatch of the 25th says:

"Despite exciting rumor brought to the city last night, Mr. Lincoln slept and rested well. To-day, President Buchanan, Mr. Stanton and other prominent Democrats called on him.—Lord Lyons and the Ministers from France, Russia, Prussia, Spain and elsewhere left their cards with Mr. Lincoln, as did also the Secretaries of various legations. Gen. Scott, Seward, and several prominent representatives and Senators were closeted with him this morning concerning the ceremonies connected with the inauguration. At a general levee given by Mr. Lincoln, several hundred gentlemen from all sections of the country paid their respects to him."

MR. LINCOLN'S LIFE THREATENED.

Mr. Wood, the manager of the "Presidential trip" from Springfield to Washington, had called upon Gen. Scott to report the proceedings so far as he was concerned. The General said that everything had been properly conducted. Mr. Lincoln did exactly right when he left Harrisburg by night, and passed through Baltimore in disguise. Information was laid before the proper authorities tending to prove that an organized band of 500 men had sworn that Mr. Lincoln should never sleep in the White House.

THE PLOT DISCOVERED BY A SECRET AGENT.

From the first intimation of designs against the life of Mr. Lincoln assuming consistency, secret agents of the Government were dispatched to Baltimore and every place within the route of travel where parties were known to be particularly hostile to the new administration. One of the agents joined the organization referred to, and says that the plan determined upon, was that the entire band were to occupy a position as near the President on inauguration day as they could obtain, and one of the number, standing in the centre of the band, was to shoot Mr. Lincoln with an air gun. The crowd around the assassin would, of course, do their best to render his detection or capture impossible.

THE NEW CABINET.

The most reliable parts of the construction of Mr. Lincoln's cabinet is thus set forth: Wm. H. Seward, of N.Y., Secretary of State; Ed. Bates, of Mo., Attorney General; J. A. Gilmer, of N.C., Secretary of the Navy; C. B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior; Welles, Postmaster General; Simon Cameron, of Pa., Treasurer.

DETAILS OF GEN. TWIGGS' SURRENDER.

The Secretary of War had received a dispatch from the commissary of subsistence, and dated New Orleans, confirming previous reports that Gen. Twiggs had surrendered to Texas all the military property of the United States. He adds, that as a loan, the use of the Government means of transportation was allowed to take the federal troops to the seaboard, and they were permitted to take with them three or four cannon and their side arms.

The Secretary had also received documents from Texas, showing that as early as the 7th of February, Gen. Twiggs was entering into negotiations with the Texans for the surrender of the military property.

Col. Waite was several weeks ago appointed to succeed Gen. Twiggs as chief of the military department of Texas; but it appears that he had not reached there at the time of Gen. Twiggs' surrender, which is considered by government authorities, as one of the most