they could mount up, as the Prophet Isaiah has said, "on wings as eagles." We have an instance in the case of Philip, who baptized the away by the Spirit of the Lord, and he found himself at Azotus. This was no doubt a miracle, which was performed before the celebrated man who had just been baptized to con firm his faith, for in seeing a man thus caught away, he would undoubtedly be convinced that he was a man who had some Godlike powers connected with him.

Again, we have an instance in the case of Nephi, who lived on this ceed forth through the atmosphere in a continent just before the coming of different manner from what it now proterrible judgments that were about to befall them if they did not repent; and the Lord gave him power that if he should say to this temple this mountain-"Be thou remov- globe so that sound will be more rapidly ations, and he can hold them, as it were, ed," it should be done; and whatsoever he should seal upon the earth should be sealed in heaven, and whatsoever judgment he pronounforth in the midst of the Nephites. from city to city, and so great was their wickedness that they would to destroy him; but as often as they gathered in multitudes to rush upon and destroy him the Spirit of the resting upon him, is able to see into the in the celestial worlds? It certainly does. Lord took him up, and carried him away to another place, that he might warn them also. Now if a man in a state of mortality can gain interior of the earth. It is not transpar. is it? Who are we? We are told by disuch power and influence with God | ent to the visual organs of mortal beings, | vine revelation that we are the Sons of God; as to prevail against and overcome | no light, apparently, proceeds therefrom | we are told in the vision received by the the law of gravitation, which chains us down to the surface of the earth, how much more power will immortal beings have!

us, are limited in our hearing. What man ies? By no means. Immortal beings will what the New and Old Testaments and ever heard a sound fifty miles off? There have their capacity for seeing so much en- the various revelations which God has may have been such instances, but as a larged that they will be able to see down given clearly declare—that God is the Fageneral thing there are, I presume, very into the earth just as easily as they can ther of our spirits. A writer in the New few men on the surface of our globe who see things around about them, or the Testament says-"Beloved, now are we the ever heard a sound that came thirty miles | bodies that revolve in space. I will refer | sons of God"-that is, in this life-"but it through our atmosphere; hence the facul- you to modern revelation to prove that does not yet appear what we shall be, but ty of hearing, through the organs of the immortal beings will be able to see when he shall appear we shall be like mortal tabernacle, through the medium of through opaque bodies, and into materials him." Not unlike him, not so far sepathe atmosphere, which transfers the sound, from which the natural light does not rated from him that the one will be finite is extremely limited in its action. But radiate, as is the case here among the and the other infinite; but "we shall be will that faculty be thus limited in the im- children of mortality. You among my like him." mortal state? I think not. I think there hearers who are acquainted with the little This is consistent and reasonable. Evewill be facilities for hearing, not only at a | work called "The Pearl of Great Price" - ry species of being with which we are acgreater distance, but also through a more a very precious book, because it contains quainted begets its own kind, and the perfect medium, transferring sound with many important ideas given by revelation young thereof, whether man, quadrupeds, immensely greater velocity than it now |-will recollect the revelation given to fowls or fish, finally grow up and become travels through our atmosphere. We all Moses. He inquired of God, concerning like their parents. This is a universal law know that sound is transferred, at sea the creation of this heaven and of nature, so far as we know; therefore, level, where the air is dense, about eleven this carth, and obtained the infor- if we are begotten sons and daughters of by means of which, with the proper facilhundred and eighty feet in a second, taking mation now contained in the Book of God, if we are his offspring, he is our Faalmost five seconds to travel a mile, which | Genesis respecting the creation of the | ther, and why separate man from all the | verse with the people in London, and they, is very slow motion, yet very swift compared world. But before this he had a great rest of creation, and say that he can never by means of the wires laid on the bed of the with the motion of our railway cars. Ex- vision in relation to the earth, the revela- become like his Father? If all other beperiment has demonstrated that with a tion informing us, in substance as follows: ings become like their parents, why not more perfect medium for conveying it, 'Moses was again clothed upon with the we attain to the same? and if our Father sound will travel very rapidly. For in- glory of God, and he beheld every par- and God can pierce all those creations stance, place your ear over a tube, the ticle of the earth, and there was not a par- mentioned by Enoch, and his eye discern other end of which is under water, and ticle of it which he did not behold, dislet a bell be struck, stationed under water | cerning it by the Spirit of God." Now | why maynot his children become like him at some miles distance, and it will be this was a very extended vision. He saw in this respect? This is what the beloved found that the sound will travel through something which you and I have never the particles of water much more rapidly seen, unless we have had a similar vision. than through the atmosphere.

joined, extending one or two miles, and into the earth, which is about eight he shall appear we shall be like him." He let a sound be made at the end of the thousand miles in diameter, and sceing wood farthest from you, and you will find not only large portions of its interior, but prehend all of the perfect capacities of that it will reach your ear at a much discerning every particle of it. There was quicher rate than that at which sound not a particle of it that he did not behold, travels through the atmosphere. Again: you take metal rods and connect them together, and let a sound be made at the end remote from you, and it is found that, in some metals, the sound will travel many times faster along the metal rods than it will through the atmosphere, hence you see that the velocity of sound is really dependent upon the nature of the elements or substance through which it is conveyed.

Now how do we know but what the immortal body may be so constructed that there may be certain fluids-fluids, perhaps, with which we are not acquaintedintervening between world and world, and between one star and another,certain thin clastic fluids, so subtle in their nature that we cannot see them with the natural eye or perceive them by any of the senses of the mortal body, yet the immortal ear may be so constructed that this refined substance would transmit sound with the velocity of light itself. There may be such things in nature; we cannot say they do not exist. We do know, so far as light is concerned, that it is transferred from world to world by the vibrations of the waves of a luminous ether intervening between world and world; consequently, if these waves can proceed forth for thousands and thousands of millions of miles, it proves to us that all space is filled with an ether, which we cannot see, and yet we know it must exist, in order to transfer vision so enlarged that he can, not only ence; but let the effects of the fall be relight.

through that medium to the immortal be- this creation. ings in another world. There is nothing

lous power, will cause this sound to prorequire a long time for it to travel eight, them also." ten or fifteen thousand miles so as to the people of different worlds?

which light can be radiated or reflected. God." Indeed! Begotten sons and Again, we, by the laws which surround tions when we receive our immortal hod. these creations? Yes. This agrees with Only think of a man, here in a state of Again: let a succession of timbers be mortality, being permitted to look down not yet appear what we shall be, but when discerning it by the Spirit of God.

Now how do we know but what the Spirit of God which exists in connection with the elements is able to quicken the sight of an individual so that he can see even to the very centre of the solid earth with all the apparent ease with which he can see objects near him onits surface ? Now, for instance, what human being ever saw an ultimate particle of the elements of nature? We can see their compounds, we can see bulk to affect our vision. We can construct instruments which will magnify a common house fly's eye and make it ap pear twelve feet in diameter; we can look into a drop of water and see creatures, apparently two or three inches long, living, without the aid of the Spirit of God, these elementary atoms or particles of matter, how great must have been the enlargement of the vision of Moses-a man still in mortality-to enable him to dispect that the immortal being will have his of that fall a vail shuts us from his presether, or some other substance, which of worlds like this. I can be much and they will be in his presence. might not in all cases affect the eye, but | would binder an immortal being from which would yet be susceptible to the im- having his vision enlarged far beyond the ceive their resurrected body, return into pressions of sound, then sounds, voices enlargement which the mortal Moses reor noises in one world might be transferred ceived before he obtained a knowledge of Alma said to his son Corianton on this

ent according to our limited ideas; but it same "Pearl of Great Price" concerning known to me by an angel that the spirits is not inconsistent with the power of that the vastness of the number of the crea- of all men, as soon as they are dead, Almighty Being who controls all these ma- | tions of the Almighty. The language is | whether wicked or rightcous, shall return | him? If each world should roll into his | ed form for sale at the NEWS Office,

terials. To prove this to you let me refer something like this-"Enoch beheld the bome to that God who gave them life;" you to that revelation in the Book of Lord and the heavenly hosts weeping over that is, they go back into his presence. Doctrine and Covenants called the 'Olive the fallen inhabitants of this world, and he The wicked, however, are again cast out Leaf." We read there that when the first marvelled at it, and he said unto the Lord, into outer darkness, the light of the counangel among the seven shall sound his 'How is it that thou canst weep, seeing tenance of their Lord is again withdrawn eunuch: as soon as he had perform- trump all nations and kindreds and that thou art holy and from all eternity to from them, a vail is let down between ed that ordinance he was caught tongues of the earth shall hear it. Will it eternity, and were it possible that man them and their Father and God. But to be near him personally, if each one be so much louder than any sound we hear | could number all the particles of this earth | how is it with the righteous? When they that it will go to all the nations and and millions of earths like this, it would go back and behold the face of their tongues of the earth and all men hear it? not be a beginning to the number of thy Father they will continue in the light of "Every ear," the revelation s'ys, shall creations, and thy curtains are stretched his countenance, and have the privilege of hear the sound of that trump; it will be out still, and yet thou art there, and thy seeing him. They have returned to their something that all the kindreds, peoples, bosom is there, and out of all the creatongues and nations upon the face of the tions which thou hast made, thou hast whole earth will be able to perceive and taken Zion to thine own bosom." The where they dwelt ages and tages before understand. Now, there must be some Lord gave Enoch a reason why the heavmedium through which this sound is trans- cas wept and shed forth their tears like ferred, different from our atmosphere; or, rain on the mountains; he told him that it their memories will be so increased and in other words, the Lord, by his miracu- was in consequence of the wickedness of perfected after they leave this body that person? Yes. How? Through those more the inhabitants of the earth. And the the things of their former state and con-Lord said - "Man of Holiness is my name, dition will be fresh to them, and they will immortal man. It is as easy for his chiland Endless is my name, and I can stretch look upon this little speck called time, in Christ. He was commanded to go | ceeds, for if it took the sound of that | forth mine hand and hold all the creations | which they have dwelt seventy, eighty or forth and warn the people of the trump five seconds to go a mile, it would that I have made, and mine eye can pierce

Do you not see, then, the increased reach the ears of the different powers and faculties which the Almighty nations of the earth. Does not this has? His creations are so numerous that they will have a bright recollection of all prove then, that God will, at that time, the number of particles composing this these things, and of the familiar counten--"Be thou rent in twain," it should either effect the ear of man or act upon earth would not be a beginning to them, ance of their Father, and the countenance be done; and if he should say to some materials in connection with our yet the Lord's eye can pierce all these creconveyed than it is at the present time? in his hand. Not physically, not hold brother and sister spirits, with whom they Now if this change is effected among the them in the hollow of his hand as we can once lived. And the memeries of the children of mortality, what may we not a ball or an orange; but by the power wicked, after they leave this body, will be expect among the children of immortality? which he possesses he can hold them and so increased that they will have a bright Is it not reasonable to believe that among his eye can pierce them. Would not this recollection, Alma says, of all their guilt. and if he can grasp in his comprehension ced in the name of the Lord upon them there will not only be enlarged capa. be a far more extensive vision than that | Here they forget a good man things where- and vision all these numberless creations, that people it should be done, even cities of hearing, but enlarged facilities by which Moses had, when under the influ- in they have displeased God; but in that so will those who are made like him be able according to his word. He went which the Lord will communicate with ence of the Spirit of the Lord? Why, yes; condition, even before the resurrection, to do the same. he was enabled to see the particles of this they will have a bright recollection of all Again, we will take the sense of vision. one creation, a mere speck among God's | their guilt, which will kindle on them a Although that sense is not limited like works, while the Lord was able to pierce flame like that of an unquenchable fire, hearing, yet it is limited so far as opaque all these creations which Enoch speaks of. | creating in their bosoms a feeling of tor. not repent of their sins, but sought | bodies are concerned. What man, of all | Does it not show an increased capacity in the children of mortality, without the those who are immortal in a future state? sinned against their own Father and their of power that will accompany it; the great miraculous power of the Spirit of God in other words, among those who dwell own God, and rejected his counsels.

depths of our globe? No man living, na- | Now shall we be made like the Lord, or turally, can see through anything that is | are we some other species of beings so far opaque, and no man naturally, can pene- disconnected with him that we never need trate with his powers of vision into the expect to reach this high standard? How and affects the optic nerve of man so as to | prophet Joseph, concerning these different produce the sense of seeing. Man; in this creations, that "the inhabitants thereof state, can only see those objects from | are begotten sons and daughters unto Shall we be thus limited in our percep- daughters unto God? The inhabitants of

> what is going on in the midst of them all, disciple John the Revelator, one of the Apostles of Christ, meant. He says-"Now, we are the Sons of God, it does knew that much, though he did not comman in this state. Though we are chained down here by the laws of nature, yet renature, and all the worlds that are spoken of, we expect to come up, and that the attributes which our eternal Father possesses will be fully developed in us, and that we also shall be able to penctrate the immen sity of space and gaze upon the workmanship of our Father's hands.

It is said concerning us that we shall be not in his presence; the Fall has let down a vall between us and our Father and God. This vail does not prevent the eye of the Almighty from seeing and discerning the us, while in this state of mortality, from floating here, while with the natural eye beholding his presence, unless we rend the we cannot see anything. If, then, no man | vail by our faith and obedience and, like the brother of Jared, are permitted to has ever been able to detect even one of come back into his presence. But to be in the presence of God is it absolutely necessary that our earth should be waited system and carried off to some immense cern every part cle of the earth, inside as distance in space? Is this really necessawell as on its surface! If a man in a state ry? What are we to understand by being look with all ease upon every particle of moved and mankind be able to again look

Will the spirits of men, before they rethe presence of God? Yes. Read what

ancient home, to that God who gave them they came here. They have gone back to meet with familiar acquaintances, and ninety years, as but a dream or night vision during which the things of former ages were shut from their memories; but when they get back to their ancient home of his only begotten Son, and the countenances of the millions on millions of their ment, pain and misery, because they have

To go back then, into the presence of God, is to be placed in a condition wherein his presence can be seen. It does not mean, in all cases, that people who return into his presence are immediately placed within a few yards or rods, or within a short distance of his person. Is there any revelation to prove this? Yes. I have already quoted what the Lord said in refrom the whole of them which he had and control. These things might be spaken made he had taken Zion to his own bosom. Now if he has taken Zion to his own bosom from all these numberless creations, can they all be concentrated in a little spot of a few rods in diameter in | know where to end, for there is no end to it. order to get into his presence? Why no. If each Zion did not occupy any more space than one particle of our globe, yet inasmuch as the worlds are more numberiess than the particles of millions person of the Lord? They could not do it. But suffice it to say the vail is removed, and no matter how distant a redeemed world may be it will be in the presence of

In order to make it familiar let me bring up an illustration well known among the children of mortality. For instance, we have, within the present century, invented methods of communicating by telegraph, ities, we in this room in Ogden can congreat Atlantic Ocean, can reply in about two seconds. This wonderful invention has, in some measure, diminished the distance between the inhabitants of Ogden and those of London, has it not? The people of the last century and of centuries preceding would have had to wait for a long period of time, before they could get a communication from London; but now a few seconds are all that is necessary. We will suppose that it was within the scope of man's power-which it is not-to hear as well as to converse through the aid of the telegraph line. Supposing that by such means we could hear the people in London; or that there was a facility for so doing, such as is mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants, when the first angel shall sound. by which the people of all the earth will hear the words that he speaks: I say, supalizing that we are the children of that posing there was such a principle brought Almighty being who controls universal into operation so that we could actually hear the words spoken by the people in London, would not that also diminish the impressions of distance? Now, supposing still further, that there was a principle differing from our natural light, a principle of light of a more refined nature, that could penetrate from London to this point, so that it would affect our eyes, enabling us to see persons there, then we could both see and hear them at eight or nine thouin the presence of God when we become sand miles distant. Would we not be in the particles when united in sufficient immortal and perfect beings. We are now their presence? Would it be really necessary for us to travel eight or nine thousand miles, to get into the same room with them, in order to get into their presence? We should consider ourselves in their presence if we could see them; and if in addition to conduct of his children, but it prevents this we could communicate with and make them hear us, we should feel all that familiarity and sociability that we should if we were within a few steps of them. I look upon the condition of things in this respect in a future state as somewhat similar to that. If you or I lived upon one of the most remote stars that has ever been seen by the most powe ful telescopic instruments inaway from its present orbit ir. the solar | vented by man, from which it would take light, travelling at the immense rate of one hundred and ninety-two thousand miles every beat of the pulse, six hundred thousand years to reach this planetary system; of mortality could have his vision so en- in the presence of God? Is it necessary, to I say suppose we were living on one of larged that he could see all these particles do so, that we should be in the same vi- these very remote bodies, and suppose prayer. at once, what may be expected when we civily or within a few yards or feet of him? there was a principle pervading all space are immortal and entirely freed from all I think not. We are now laboring under that would transmit to the immortal eyes the defects of mortality? We may ex- the imperfections of the fall, and because much more swiftly than the natural light, and that 192,000 mlles a second would be considered a very slow motion compared with that still more refined light that shines forth from the personage of our Father and | quick consumption, aged 39 years, 1 month Now, supposing that this same kind of this earth, but on the particles of millions upon the face of their Father and Creator, God; and supposing that our eyes were so constructed and adapted that we could behold the light of his countenance without traversing this space, or in a time much less than six hundred thousand years, but still taking a certain length of time to go all that distance, would we not be subject, describing the state of the spirit in the presence of God? If every world has Another thing occurs to my mind in between the time of death and the resur- got to be removed into his presence one by 1791. inconsistent in this. It may be inconsist- connection with this. You read in that rection. He says-"It has been made one, and all the inhabitants thereof, how many millions on millions of ages would it take, before all these successively could enterinto his presence so as to be near by

presence successively, and then give place to others, we should be out of his presence almost continually, for all those worlds I have named are not a beginning, not even a beginning to the number of his creations, and yet if they had to come along and be stayed there only five minutes, there is no man who could calculate or realize anything about the almost infinite duration that would have to elapse before they could come round a second time into his presence. Hence there is something more perfect in the construction of the works of life, to the mansions and familiar places | the Almighty that lets man into his presence whatsoever part of the universe he may exist in-we may have the veil removed, and his presence become visible.

Can they converse with him when situatperfect faculties which God will give to dren, when they are perfected and made like him, to converse with him at these immense cistances and for their eyes to pierce all these creations as it is for their Father

and God to do so.

Thus we see that man is a God in embryo, agreeing with that which the Lord has revealed to us in the vision given to Joseph-"They shall be Gods, even the Sons of God," growing up like their Father, their bodies fashioned like his glorious body. The attributes and faculties with which man is endowed in a mortal state are Godlike in their nature, but they are weakened and incapable of any very great expansion by being shut up in this frail mortal body; but when we are freed from mortality we have

There are many other things that would be profitable to dwell upon in discussing the increased capacities and powers of man in his future state besides the physical qualities I have spoken of. There is his increased knowledge and the proportionate increase creative principle, the mechanical work which was performed by our Father and God in constructing creations, and in 10deeming and glorifying them; that great principle of knowledge by which our Father and God can call forth from a shapeless mass of dust an immortal tabernacle, into which enters an immortal spirit. All these principles of wisdom, knowledge and power will be given to his children, and will enable them to organize the elements, form creations, and call forth from the dust intellilation to all these creations. He said that | gent beings, who will be under the'r charge of, had we time this evening; indeed it is a subject that is almost inexhaustible in its nature. When we commence to speak upon it we scarcely know where to begin, and having launched out upon it, we scarcely

Man is destined for all future duration, destined to act in the capacity of a celestial being. The faculties he now possesses in cmbryo are but little understood, yet we occasionally see them developed among holy men, as in the case of Enoch, Moses and of earths like this, how could they all get | Abraham, who had the Urim and Thuminto so small a space as to get near to the mim, and who were able to behold many of those creations of which I have spoken. Among the many attributes and powers which man will possess in a future state, I will mention that of being able to comprehend more than one thing at a time. Here we are chained down to one thing at a time, and while a man is attending to and trying to comprehend one thing he almost loses sight of everything else, except it be some few things that are very familiar to him. If he undertakes to work a mathematical problem, he can not, at the same time, work out a bundred problems more, and come to a conclusion in regard to them. He has to concentrate his mind on one subject and bring forth the demonstrations step by step in order to arrive at certain conclu-

> Will man in a future state have increased faculties in regard to this? Yes. Our Heavenly Father notices every hair of the heads of the children of men that falls to the ground; not one of your hairs shall fall to the ground, says Jesus, unnoticed by your Father which is in heaven. If he were noticing a hair falling from my head, could he notice at the same time the falling of a hair from your head? Yes; and if the hair were falling from the heads of every individual on the earth at the same instant he could notice the whole of it, for he has this increased faculty by which he can grasp in his vision myriads of things at once.

> We might also speak of the faculty of going back into the past ages of eternity, and comprehending works that have been millions of ages in progress, also the faculty of seeing and comprehending that which will take place in the future ages of eternity, for millions of years to come. Here we prophecy in part, and here we have knowledge in part; here we gaze upon one thing at once; here we can comprehend the future in some measure. But we see through a glass darkly, then we shall see face to face: then knowledge in part will be done away, for the past, present and future, and millions on millions of creations will come before us and be alike comprehended by the vision of immortal man-

> I will not cetain you any longer. God bless this Association, and we hope that it may exert a salutary influence not only over the young men of Ogden, but over the young ladies also, and over the middle aged and old, and that they may seek every opportunity to develop the godlike qualities with which they are endowed, that in a time to come the young men here, being filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and the knowledge of God, may be able to bear off this kingdom victoriously, and be prepared for the time when the knowledge and glory of God shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep.

> A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, and the meeting was dism'ssed by

DIED.

At Payson, Feb. 28, JOHN ZIMDELL, of and 16 days.

He leaves a wife and one child.

At his residence, 15th Ward, March 8th, after an illness of thirty minutes, of alloplexy, THEOPHILUS WILLIAMS, He was born at St. Clare, Wales, Feb. 14,

MORTGAGE DEEDS of an approv-