

He has been lifted up, and He will save every son and daughter of Adam and Eve, except the sons of perdition, in some kingdom where there shall be no more death, no more aches and pains to afflict and torment them; and let me assure you that none of those kingdoms will be any worse than the one we now inhabit. Jesus Christ will draw all men unto him, except those who contend against the power of God and against His kingdom until they have sealed their own damnation.

The adversary present his principles and arguments in the most approved style, and in the most winning tone, attended with the most graceful attitudes; and he is very careful to ingratiate himself into the favor of the powerful and influential of mankind, uniting himself with popular parties, floating into offices of trust and emolument by pandering to popular feeling, though it should seriously wrong and oppress the innocent. Such characters put on the manners of an angel, appearing as high like angels of light as they possibly can, to deceive the innocent and the unwary. The good which they do, they do it to bring to pass an evil purpose upon the good and honest followers of Jesus Christ. Yet the little good, if any, that is in them, they have received from God. Lucifer, the son of the morning, has not got a good principle, does not say a good word, perform a good act, or present a good idea to any people upon this earth or any other earth that he has not received from that God whom you and I serve. Every thing that is good, every thing that is lovely and truthful, virtuous and kind, every thing to be admired and desired by the pure in heart comes from God, our Father, who dwells in heaven. The most wicked person that ever dwelt upon the earth, the Lord supports; He gives to him the breath of life, and causes His sun to rise upon that poor miserable wretch, who would, if he had the power, destroy every thing that is good. The Lord our God sends His rain upon the just and upon the unjust, and gives food and raiment to the good and to the evil; He parcels out the earth among His children, and His mercy and loving kindness are over all the works of His hands. Though the Lord is thus kind and merciful to all, yet He saith, "them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

In the days before Noah's flood those who served God and kept His commandments were prepared to receive glory, immortality and eternal life, according to the law of the gospel. When this law was given to the people in any age, the kingdom of God was established, and the devil and his hosts were made mad even as they are at this day.

We are told that if we would give up polygamy—which we know to be a doctrine revealed from heaven, and it is God and the world for it—but suppose this Church should give up this holy order of marriage, then would the devil, and all who are in league with him against the cause of God, rejoice that they had prevailed upon the Saints to refuse to obey one of the revelations and commandments of God to them. Would they be satisfied with this? No; but they would next want us to renounce Joseph Smith as a true prophet of God, then the Book of Mormon, then baptism for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Then they would wish us to disclaim the gift of prophecy, and the other gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, on the ground that they are done away and no longer needed in our day, also prophets and apostles, etc.

They want us to yield all these points, transgress the laws God has revealed for the salvation of the world, and change all the ordinances of God's house, and conform to the dogmas of modern Christianity and to the corruptions of the age. Will the Latter-day Saints do this? No; they will not to please anybody. Shall we have a warfare? We shall; we will war and contend for the right, and trust in our God, until righteousness is established upon the earth, until peace shall reign everywhere, until the children of men shall lay down the weapons of their warfare and cease to exhaust their ability and ingenuity in forming weapons of destruction to slay their fellow men, until the minds and affections of mankind shall be turned unto the Lord their God, and their energies be directed to beautifying the earth and making it like the garden of Eden. We calculate to struggle on, and continue to exercise faith and enjoy our religion, keeping all the commandments of God, observing the ordinances of His house, trying to fulfil all His words, trusting in Him, and we shall see what this course will come to.

I can tell the whole world that we shall preach the gospel of life and salvation and call upon the children of men to cease their wickedness and their warring against God and one another, and embrace those saving principles that will lead them to life here and to eternal life hereafter. We shall preach on, we shall struggle on until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. To be gentle and kind, modest and truthful, to be full of faith and integrity, doing no wrong, is of God; goodness sheds a halo of loveliness around every person who possesses it, making their countenances beam with light, and their society desirable because of its excellency. They are loved of God, of holy angels, and of all the good on earth, while they are hated, envied, admired and feared by the wicked.

What, then, is the mission of satan, that common foe of all the children of men? it is to destroy and make desolate. When this house was built, every principle, every desire that prompted the putting of these materials together, had good for its object in making the people comfortable and happy. The desire to build cities, open farms, set out orchards and adorn and beautify the earth in every possible way is of God. But you say that those who do not believe in religion at all do that. Very good, are not their lives as much in the hands of God as yours and mine? Does He not prompt them day by day to do good, and blessed are they who resist not the Spirit. There is a spirit of truth gone forth to all the inhabitants of the world. The book of Job says, "but there is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Again, it is written of Jesus, "that was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." "For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

There is that in all men which prompts them to do good and forsake evil; then there is another principle which prompts them to do evil and forsake the good. The few who have moral courage enough to yield obedience to the promptings of the Spirit of God, bringing themselves in subjection to His will, are the ones who compose the church and kingdom of God on the earth, so far as they have opportunity. Whatsoever is good is of God, no matter by whom possessed or presented. If the devil presents principles that are good and pure and lovely, they are not of him, but they are of God.

The devil delights in the work of destruction—to burn and lay waste and destroy the whole earth. He delights to convulse and throw into confusion the affairs of men, politically, religiously and morally, introducing war with its long train of dreadful consequences. It is evil which causeth all these miseries and all deformity to come upon the inhabitants of the earth. But that which is of God is pure, lovely, holy and full of all excellency and truth, no matter where it is found, in hell, in heaven, upon the earth, or in the planets. Let us live in obedience to the good; let us live our religion.

I do not know that I have explained these things sufficiently clear to you. The thread of the whole subject is clearly defined in my mind. I know what the children of men are when they come upon the earth, and the influence that attends them, and the power of satan who lives upon the earth by permission like the wicked and ungodly do. Will we live our religion? I hope so. It was asked me by a gentleman how I guided the people by revelation. I teach them to live so that the Spirit of revelation may make plain to them their duty day by day that they are able to guide themselves. To get this revelation it is necessary that the people live so that their spirits are as pure and clean as a piece of blank paper that lies on the desk before the inditer, ready to receive any mark the writer may make upon it. When you see the Latter-day-Saints greedy, and covetous of the things of this world, do you think their minds are in a fit condition to be written upon by the pen of revelation? When people will live so that the Spirit of revelation will be with them day by day, they are then in the path of their duty; if they do not live according to this rule, they live beneath their duty and privileges. I hope and pray that we may all live up to our privileges. Amen.

THE sugar crop on the Sandwich Islands is said to be less than it was last year.

NEWS ITEMS.

A COLONY of German Jews is about to settle near Jaffa, in Palestine.

AN English mint has been built in Hong-Kong.

It costs England \$25,000,000 per annum to collect her taxes.

LOCUSTS were doing much damage in Algiers, April 30.

MORE passports have been issued this year to American pleasure travellers to Europe than ever before.

ISAAC BARKER, of Tiverton, R. I., owns a house which was built 239 years ago.

WHATEVER you wish children to be, be that yourself. This is the secret of all government and of all education.

THE new London waterworks will cost \$45,000,000, and will supply daily 200,000,000 gallons to the huge metropolis.

AUSTRALIA is shipping sparrows from Austria, to eat the caterpillars which are so numerous as to be a great annoyance.

THE news from the interior of Georgia represents that agricultural products have been already ruined by late heavy rains. Great destitution prevails, and hundreds of families are destitute of food.

A NEW city slaughter-house has been opened in Chicago, and at the opening ceremonies several cattle were killed for a prize of \$25, the quickest time between the putting the rope around the cow's horns and the completion of the slaughtering and dressing the carcass being ten minutes.

It is reported, on reliable authority, that Ireland has not been in so prosperous a condition for some years, in many respects, as it is at present, notwithstanding what is said and the excitement that is being created by the Fenians, there and elsewhere.

IN Blackwood's Magazine is an article on "Demonology at Home and Abroad," in which the writer states as late as August, 1863, a man 80 years of age was flung into a mill stream in the parish of Sible Hedingham, and "swum for a wizzard" and died of his maltreatment, in Christian England.

SEVERAL steamers have gone into "summer quarters" at Cincinnati. The papers of that city say it takes three to four weeks for a boat to get a load, and then the freight paid would hardly keep the chambermaid in cologne water, or the cook in matches during the trip.

THE trial of Dr. Newland at New Albany, Indiana, for killing Prof. Evans, the seducer of his daughter, has been concluded by his acquittal. The jury was out about three hours. The verdict was received with applause by the spectators, and each jurymen shook hands with Dr. Newland congratulating him on his acquittal.

THE case of Dexter, the swindling cotton agent at Mobile, has been decided, and he has been fined \$250,000. It was proven on the trial that he swindled the Government out of 3,425 bales, which, at sixty cents per pound, brought \$1,052,000.

It is said that Sweden is going to send the world another nightingale, even more marvellous in vocal powers than Jenny Lind. The name of the warbler is Marie Taskatt. The Stockholm papers say that this lady's voice surpasses everything that has been heard since the time of Malibran.

THE Round Table says it is alarming to examine the real condition of the clergy; to see three-fourths of our pulpits filled with persons who would fall below mediocrity in any other pursuit; to hear from them utterances so feeble, so crude, so undignified, so utterly puerile and contemptible, that if they proceeded from the lecturer's desk or the professor's chair they would fall upon empty walls; and to turn away from them without having received a new thought, unless it be one of indignation at the insult to the intelligence of the community.

A PROPHETIC Mrs. Hill has informed the world that the millennial morn will dawn on the 9th of February, 1869 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. This will be rather late in the day for dawn, but Mrs. Hill lives in the foggy city of London, and takes her coffee late. Rev. Tresham Gregg, of New York, has issued a different programme. He is going to have the entire Irish people converted to protestantism during the present year, and this is to be the final triumph of Christianity.

A YOUNG man recently died in France whose internal organs were reversed—the heart was on the right side and the liver on the left, etc.

M. THEVENIN, speaking of French girls, declares that he had rather turn hermit, and spend his whole life in contemplation, than espouse one of those empty, stupid, proud, and pretentious women, who believe they can get through a polka, distinguished because they are draped with cashmere, and well-born because they do not know the price of butter.

THE official report of the progress of the cattle plague in England, from its commencement and including the week ending 27th of April, shows the following united totals for England, Wales and Scotland:—

| | Totals. |
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| Farms, &c., where the disease has appeared..... | 24,178 |
| Cattle in those places..... | 402,160 |
| Slaughtered healthy..... | 46,780 |
| Attacked..... | 221,996 |
| Killed for security..... | 55,971 |
| Died of the plague..... | 121,896 |
| Recovered..... | 30,435 |

THE ladies of Lansing, Michigan, are adopting a new style of dress. It appears to consist of cloth-pants like those worn by men, and an old-fashioned Indian "wampus" or sack, which comes just above the knees. Everything is said to hang from the shoulders, doing away with tight lacing, and alleged to be very conducive to health. It does away with hoops and skirts, and decreases the lady in quantity about 200 per cent. It is an easy costume, and will probably be better liked when custom makes it fashionable.

THE manufacture of steel fusee watch chains for the internal machinery of watches is and has been for nearly a hundred years a staple of Christchurch, Hants, England; young girls with small fingers and delicate touch being the manufacturers. Each chain is about eight inches in length, and contains upwards of 500 links, rivetted together. It is not thicker than a horse hair, and the separate links can but just be perceived with the naked eye. Modern invention has as yet discovered no substitute for this chain equal to it in slenderness, strength and flexibility.

A SINGULAR discovery has been made at Rye, England. While some workmen were excavating for a drain near the Udimore crossing, in the suburbs of that town, they came upon what has proved to be the deck of a vessel made of English oak, and of larger construction than are built at that port in the present day. This appears to confirm the tradition that the town was at one period nearly surrounded by the sea.

AN INDUCEMENT.—A boy was caught in the act of stealing dried berries in front of a store, and was locked up in a dark closet by the grocer. Then the boy commenced begging most pathetically for release, and after using all the persuasion that his imagination could invent, proposed: "Now, if you'll let me out, and send for my daddy, he'll pay for the berries, and lick me besides!" This appeal was too much for the grocery-man to stand out against.

COMING EVENTS.—A literary curiosity has just appeared in London under the title of "Louis Napoleon the destined Monarch of the world," &c., by the Rev. M. Baxter, author of the "Coming Battle," and well known in many places in Canada as an itinerant street preacher. It is said that twelve thousand copies have been sold, the book finding readers, notwithstanding its apparent absurdity, on account of the note-worthy names used by the author as authorities. We are indebted to Mr. Baxter for the cheerful news that the world is to end in 1873—so that people may set about their preparations for that event as soon as they like; but during the brief interval of six or seven years the Emperor of the French is to become sole monarch of the world, personally representing the Antichrist of the latter day. He is to become supreme over England and most of America, the rest of Christendom submitting to his sway. He is to make a covenant with the Jews, who by his aid are to return to Palestine, resume their rank as a nation and rebuild Jerusalem. Napoleon is then to begin and carry on the persecution of Christians which answers to the pouring out of the vials. "Two years and six weeks" after the date of the covenant with the Jews, "the ascension of the one hundred and forty-four thousand wise virgins" is expected to occur. The Jews are to be favored only for seven years and two and a half months, and then the great battle of Armageddon is to take place, in which Louis Napoleon (the "great beast") is to be defeated and slain.