

es, and of transferring the contents of the salt stand to his tea, instead of the contents of the sugar bowl. Fellow citizens, let me give you one specimen of the folly of modern institutions of learning! It is this; from two to five years are commonly devoted to the study of three dead languages; Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Now, how much wiser or more useful is a man for all these? It is indeed true, that he may have learned something from these dead creatures. It reminds me a little of the man that learned something by thrusting his arm into the Tiger's cage; he lost his arm by it, but had the happiness to think that he had learned something. He probably learned among other mysteries that ten dead arms were not worth one living one; and I am of the opinion from some personal knowledge, that ten dead languages are not worth the value of one living language. And to me there is about as much sense in counting beads, playing "three men morris," or "blind man's buff," as for a President of a College at a public commencement, to put on a cocked-up, three cornered hat and wig, and pompously fulminate sentences of dead Latin in the ears of a purely English congregation. They must have forgotten the wise man's proverb that "a living dog is better than a dead lion." We indeed, sir, profess to teach more living languages than any other University, and are not envious at the erudition acquired from dead men's tongues. The boy that drives an ox team from Council Bluffs to the Salt Lake, acquired more amplitude of intellect, than by two years drilling in dead Latin.

Fellow citizens, the three most reputable professions are all drilled at a great expense of time and means and health in this dead lingo, as medical, theological and legal treatise will show. English men wading through exegetical and expository treatises in dead languages! A costly labyrinth crowning the explorer with the

laurels of vanity and arrogance! When a bigoted priest happens to be hard pushed to sustain a weak point in his theology, he ostentatiously takes shelter under the cover of dead Greek and Hebrew where he conceives himself as invincibly at home as the lunatic was among the 'tombs.' The medical practitioner rides down the spirit of inquiry in his patients in like manner, with his latin verbage. Thus these professional men neither enter the door of improvement nor suffer such as would enter to do so. I am reminded to be brief, and therefore I will draw to a close. It is designed by the Regency of Deseret to put the arts and sciences upon their natural and permanent basis and not derive their Encyclopedia of knowledge merely from what is passing on this planet: a single dark speck in the great Solar System! We shall not run before we are sent, or shout before we get proper and official tidings. What little we do teach will be done upon the eternal principles of truth even *all* truth. We shall not define *gravitation* as an omnipotent cause while it simply is an effect dependent upon an intelligent cause.— We have not the vanity or arrogance to suppose that this earth is the head quarters of science but if it bears any relation to the grand system of learning and intelligence it is only a tag-lock of the great body. A man might with equal propriety content himself with the intelligence that is limited by the confines of his native parish as with the mere scanty confines of this earth.

The earth might as well dispense with the aid of the borrowed light of the sun, as its inhabitants can dispense with the aid of intelligences from other parts of the Solar System. The feet of a tall man might as well dispense with his head by reason of remoteness of parts. Children might as well grow up from infancy without their proper parents or guardians, as the inhabitants of

the earth could dispense with a correspondence with their progenitors living on other planets and in past ages and worlds.

Is any one incredulous whether an intelligent correspondence can be carried on with other parts of the Solar System? Ha! One ignorant of navigation might as well doubt the practicability of crossing the Atlantic as that a more intelligent person should doubt the necessity and practicability of an acquaintance with other parts of the planetary creation.

The man scripturally called Christ Jesus, who is the oldest brother among many sons living on the earth is perfectly familiar with every thread and fibre of the whole Solar System; with the nature and element of all matter and all spirit; with the nature of Angels, men, animals, minerals and vegetables and the susceptibilities of each of them. His knowledge is perfectly accessible to all his brethren of the earth on easy and equal conditions. What he knows, it is their privilege also to know. What he can do as an Aeronaut, an architect, an explorer of science; it is the privilege of men on this earth to do on equitable conditions. We testify soberly that we know that the time has come, that the channels of communication with every part of the Solar System are being opened and the darkness and ignorance of the inhabitants of the earth must sink into merited contempt, for, pure hearted men do now walk into the light of the past present and future. Their light has come from the places where just and wise beings reside. And the tide of light upon all possible subjects will increase till the earth is as literally full of knowledge as the bed of the sea is with water.

Now Sir, can the most enthusiastic person overdraw the picture of the glory of this latter day, that begins to dawn. The veil long spoken of will be removed, and the channels of intelligence with all parts of the planetary system will