

His age. I advise you to keep dark when you think you are on His trail.

You say the Mormons "take him (Ellis) to their bosoms" and "fall down and worship." The Mormons do not fall down. They worship erect, like men, and they worship a live God. Neither is "Ellis" an "atheist," as you say. Don't you know that you are all atheists? Do you not know that the whole alleged Christian world is full of atheists? You think you are worshipping God, but you are only worshipping a personified hole in the ground, or rather an infinite vacuum. Your God has neither "body, parts nor passions," and is, therefore, a non-entity. You should always spell it with a little "g". The Mormons believe in and worship a real God.

To me the universe is God. But that makes no difference. I will defend your right to worship your infinite vacuum just as strongly as I defend the Mormon to worship a personal and real God. You and your Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Unitarian and other sects that worship the infinite nothing, have the same rights to worship that the Mormons have to worship a real God; but you have no more. If you were honest men you would admit this at once. Because you will not, I am obliged to resist you. You ought to see that I am only undoing the wrong you have done. You ought to thank me just as heartily as the Mormons do; and you would if you were as honest as they.

But I advise you not to worry your pin-b back souls at thought of what "Brigham" may feel underground at what "Ellis" is doing. If I may trust the evidences that come to dwellers in the flesh, "Brigham" is not only pleased with what "Ellis" is doing, but he is with him in his work and aids him as far as he can.

I am not a prophet, or the son of a prophet, but this I believe—that what the world calls "God" is the power that works for good through all, and therefore a power works for justice, truth, for right is working in union and harmony with God. Thus believing, I am sure I have the cooperation not only of "Brigham," but also of God. Therefore, it may not be untruthful or sacrilegious for me to suppose that in the resurrection, when "Brigham" meets his people, he will say to the angel who has called them forth from the sleep of death, "Where is Mr. Ellis?" The angel will, of course, reply: "Ellis is a heretic and cannot rise in the first resurrection." But, knowing as I do that "Brigham" was a large-minded man, I believe he will say to the angel: "Will you not go and call Charles Ellis? The resurrection of the Latter-day Saints is incomplete until he stands among us!"

I know, and you know, that the Mormon faith is based upon works and not upon profession. You believe that the "vildest sinner" may, in the last gasp of breath he draws in this life, profess faith in Christ and be lifted from the gallows or the editorial rooms of the Salt Lake Tribune to the presence of God and the angels; but the Mormons do not believe in any such premium on crime.

I advise you, as a friend, not to "bank" on the construction of the atonement. What you have done in this life, what you have been worth in

the evolution of humanity, will be your bank account in the beyond. As Burns said to the devil, I advise you to "take a thought an' mend." Do not fret your souls as to what "Brigham" may think of "Ellis," but do something in the time you have to make a welcome for yourselves in the life eternal.

If you make any reasonable effort to correct the evil of your ways, I have no doubt "Brigham" will intercede for you. When he was here he was almost a Universalist in his faith as to the ultimate redemption of the wicked. Do not be presumptuous. You neither own the earth nor Utah, although you have run the steps of your Tribune building half way across a public sidewalk in violation of the rights of all the people of Salt Lake. When justice is done you will have to take that nuisance down. Or did a City Council, six of whose members were, according to Judge Zane, not elected to the office they hold, give you permission to thus show your contempt for the rights of the people?

Yours until death, and perhaps later,
CHARLES ELLIS.

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular weekly session of the City Council was held Feb. 10th, Mayor Scott in the chair. The following members answered to the roll call: Spafford, Karrick, Parsons, Heath, Armstrong, Anderson, Pembroke, Wolstenholme and Pendleton.

PETITIONS.

Petition of David White, asking that the unexpired portion of the term of his liquor license be remitted. Committee on license.

J. F. Campbell asked for a similar favor. Referred to the same committee.

J. W. Donkin asked that an electric light be placed at the intersection of Twelfth East and Second South streets. Committee on streets.

Wm. H. Chapman and twenty-one others asked that his license as merchandise peddler be remitted. Committee on license.

The Chamber of Commerce requested the City Council to erect street signs at the intersection of all streets throughout the city. Committee on streets.

Osborne & Hayward, building contractors, asked for the privilege of piling building material in front of Little's Row, on Second South Street. Granted, under the usual restrictions.

Fifteenth Ward Relief Society stated that it is a benevolent society and asked to have the city tax of \$25.20, on part of Lot 1, Block, 79, Plat A, remitted. Committee on claims.

A. G. Paddock asked that he be given a lease of the north bench sand-pits upon the expiration of the present lease. Committee on public grounds.

Z. Wood et al., asked for the erection of a spill and watering trough at the intersection of First West and Sixth North streets. Committee on waterworks.

City Engineer Doremus asked that the Council order the purchase of a cement testing machine for his office. Granted.

Assessor Clute asked for authority to correct an error in special water assess-

ment on lot 5, block 26, plat E. Granted.

Arthur Liday asked permission to run an electric bell wire from room 18, Enterprise house, Commercial Street, to No. 222 South First East. Committee on improvements.

L. R. Sharp and others requested that the ditch on Roper Street be lowered. Committee on irrigation.

NOMINATION CONFIRMED.

The nomination of C. S. Crane as deputy recorder was unanimously confirmed.

THE REPORTS ARE O. K.

Report of the committee on fire department recommending that the reports of the chief of the fire department for quarter and year ending December 31, 1890, be received and filed and that the yearly report be published. Adopted.

MERCHANTS' LICENSE.

The following resolution from the Chamber of Commerce was received and read.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce that the recommendation contained in City Treasurer Walden's annual report to the Mayor and City Council of Salt Lake City, that merchants' license be abolished, be hereby endorsed and that the City Council be requested to make such change. Committee on finance.

Mr. Pembroke called attention to the fact that the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs Railway Company had constructed such a grade on Third West Street that the people living on that street were indignant over it. The grade was so high in some places that it was impossible to drive over it, and he thought it was an outrage. Referred to the city engineer.

FRANCHISE ACCEPTED.

A communication from L. C. Hamilton, in which that gentleman signified his acceptance of the franchise recently granted to him by the Council to construct and operate a street railway on Second South Street west, was read and filed.

The city engineer stated that it was the practice of owners of subdivisions to have their plats approved, after which they neglected to file them for record. The matter was referred to the committee on municipal laws, with instructions to submit an ordinance governing the same.

POLICE OFFICERS' SALARIES.

The ordinance creating the offices of captain of police and three duty sergeants was read twice and laid over for one week.

The ordinance provides that the mayor, by and with the consent of the Council, shall appoint from the police force, a captain of police and three duty sergeants; the captain shall receive \$120 per month and the three duty sergeants \$110 each per month.

POLICE OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Mayor Scott then sent in the following nominations:

Captain of Police—W. B. Parker.

Sergeants—John Donovan and Ed Jenney.

Committee on police.

AS TO PAWNBROKERS.

An ordinance relating to pawn-