

not know anything about it. The Lord deals with this people, and draws them into close quarters, and makes them run the gauntlet, and tries their faith and feelings. He draws them into diverse circumstances to prove whether they believe in Jesus Christ, or not; and if need be he will let the enemy persecute us and destroy many of us; he will let them take our substance and drive us from our homes. Was 'Mormonism' popular with those who have formerly persecuted, killed and driven us? Yes, as much so as it is at this day.

The hand of the Almighty is over the wicked, and he handles them according to his good pleasure, as he does the Saints. His hand is over us, and his hand is over them. But there is a thick mist cast before their eyes, so they do not discern the truth of 'Mormonism.' Do you wonder that they are mad, when they see the progress of truth? I do not.

The different political parties are in opposition. One party says, "we are republicans, and we are opposed in principle to all who are not of our party." Can the various parties be reconciled? No. Each party wishes to elect a President of the United States. We design to elect Jesus Christ for our President, and the wicked wish to elect Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, and swear that they will have him; and we declare that we will serve Jesus Christ, and he shall be our President.

Do you think that the democrats and republicans have made friends? No, they are just as much opposed to each other now as ever they were, and the devil is just as much opposed to Jesus now as he was when the revolt took place in heaven. And as the devil increases his numbers by getting the people to be wicked, so Jesus Christ increases his numbers and strength by getting the people to be humble and righteous. The human family are going to the polls by and by, and they wish to know which party is going to carry the day.

When you see mild weather, when all is smooth and our religion is becoming popular, the Lord is casting mist before the eyes of the wicked, and they do not see nor understand what will take place at the polls when the day of voting comes. Those who vote for Jesus will be on the right hand, and those who vote for Lucifer on the left; one part will be right and the other wrong. We calculate that we are right, and we are going to vote for the sovereign we believe in; and when he comes behold he will go into the chair of state and take the reins of government. Do you suppose the wicked will feel bad about it? That is what they are afraid of all the time.

They may kill the bodies we have, they may strive to injure us, but when the day of the great election comes, as the Lord Almighty lives, we shall gain our President, and we anticipate holding office under him. Do you blame the wicked for being mad? No. They desire to rule, to hold the reins of government on this earth; they have held them a great while. I do not blame them for being suspicious of us; men in high standing are suspicious of us, hence the frequent cry, "treason, treason, we are going to have trouble with the people in Utah." What is the matter? Wherein can they point out one particle of injury that we have done to them?

True we have more wives than one, and what of that? They have their scores of thousands of prostitutes, we have none. But polygamy they are unconstitutionally striving to prevent; when they will accomplish their object is not for me to say. They have already presented a resolution in Congress that no man, in any of the Territories of the United States, shall be allowed to have more than one wife, under a penalty not exceeding five years imprisonment, and five hundred dollars fine. How will they get rid of this awful evil in Utah? They will have to expend about three hundred millions of dollars for building a prison, for we must all go into prison. And after they have expended that amount for a prison, and roofed it over from the summit of the Rocky Mountains to the summit of the Sierra Nevada, we will dig out and go preaching through the world.—(Voice on the stand: What will become of the women, will they go to prison with us?) Br. Heber seems concerned about the women's going with us; they will be with us, for we shall be here together. This is a little amusing.

Br. Robbins, in his remarks, said that the Constitution of the United States forbids making an ex post facto law. The presenting of the resolution alluded to shows their feelings, they wish the Constitution out of existence, and there is no question but that they will get rid of it as quickly as they can, and that would be by ex post facto law, which the Constitution of the United States strictly forbids.

Br. Robbins also spoke of what they term the "nigger drivers and nigger worshippers," and observed how keen their feelings are upon their favorite topic slavery. The State of New York used to be a slave State, but there slavery has for sometime been abolished. Under their law for abolishing slavery the then male slaves had to serve until they were 28 years old, and if my memory serves me correctly, the females until they were 25, before they could be free. This was to avoid the loss of, what they called, property in the hands of individuals. After that law was passed the people began to dispose of their blacks, and to let them buy themselves off. They then passed a law that black children should be free, the same as white children, and so it remains to this day.

But at the time that slavery was tolerated in the northern and eastern States, if you touched that question it would fire a man quicker than any thing else in the world; there was something very peculiar about it, and it is so now. Go into a slave State and speak to a man on the subject, even though he never own-

ed a slave, and you fire up his feelings in defence of that institution; there is no other subject that will touch him as quickly. They are very tenacious and sensitive on those points, and the North are becoming as sensitive as the South. The North is slow and considerate; they have their peculiar customs; and are influenced by the force of education, climate, &c., in a manner which causes them to think twice before they act; and often they will think and speak many times before they act. The spirit of the South is to think, speak, and act all at the same moment. This is the difference between the two people.

Matters are coming to such a point, the feelings of both parties are aroused to that degree, that they would as soon fight as not. But I do not wish to speak any longer in that strain, though, if you want to know what I think about the question, I think both parties are decidedly wrong.

It is not the prerogative of the President of the United States to meddle with this matter, and Congress is not allowed, according to the Constitution, to legislate upon it. If Utah was admitted into the Union as a sovereign State and we chose to introduce slavery here, it is not their business to meddle with it; and even if we treated our slaves in an oppressive manner, it is still none of their business and they ought not to meddle with it.

If we introduce the practice of polygamy it is not their prerogative to meddle with it; if we should all turn to be Roman Catholics today, if we all turned to the old Mother Church, it would not be their prerogative, it would not be their business, to meddle with us on that account. If we are Mormons or Methodists, or worship the sun or a white dog, or if we worship a dumb idol, or all turn Shaking Quakers and have no wife, it is not their prerogative to meddle with these affairs, for in so doing they would violate the Constitution.

There is not a Territory in the Union that is looked upon with so suspicious an eye as is Utah, and yet it is the only part of the nation that cares anything about the Constitution.—What have they done in the States? Why in some places they have celebrated the fourth of July by hoisting the National flag bottom side up, making a burlesque of the celebration, but "Utah is hell and the devil." This reminds me of a circumstance that transpired in England. A boy was brushing his shoes on Sunday morning, and a priest observing him said, "What, do you brush your shoes on Sunday?" "Yes, sir; do you brush your coat?" "Yes." "Well, I suppose it is life and salvation for you to brush your coat, but hell and damnation for me to brush my shoes." That is the difference.

'Mormonism' is true, and all hell cannot overthrow it. All the devil's servants on the earth may do all they can and, as Br. Clinton has just said, after twenty six years faithful operation and exertion by our enemies, including the times when Joseph had scarcely a man to stand by him, and when the persecution was as severe on him as it ever was in the world, what have they accomplished? They have succeeded in making us an organized Territory, and they are determined to make us an independent State or Government, and as the Lord lives it will be so. (The congregation shouted amen.) I say, as the Lord lives, we are bound to become a sovereign State in the Union, or an independent nation by ourselves, and let them drive us from this place if they can; they cannot do it. I do not throw this out as a banter; you gentiles, and hickory and basswood 'Mormons', can write it down if you please, but write it as I speak it.

I wish you to understand that God rules and reigns, that he led us to this land and gave us a Territorial government. Was this the design of the wicked? No. Their design was to banish us from the earth, but they have driven us into notoriety and power; we are now raised to a position where we can converse with kings and emperors.

In the days of Joseph it was considered a great privilege to be permitted to speak to a member of Congress, but twenty-six years will not pass away before the Elders of this church will be as much thought of as the kings on their thrones. The Lord Almighty will roll on the wheels of his work, and none can stop them; and they cannot drive us from these mountains, because the Lord will not suffer them to do so. I desire them to let us alone; "hands off and money down," we crave no jobs and make none. Let them attend to their own business, and we will build up Zion while they go to hell. Jesus Christ will be the President and we are his officers, and they will have to leave the ground; for they will find that Jesus has the right of soil. This they are afraid of, do you blame them? No, I do not; and you should not; let them feel bad and worry.

I have frequently told you, and I tell you again, that the very report of the church and kingdom of God on earth is a terror to all nations, wheresoever the sound thereof goeth.—The sound of 'Mormonism' is a terror to towns, counties, states, the pretended republican governments, and to all the world. Why? Because, as the Lord Almighty lives and the prophets have ever written the truth, this work is destined to revolutionize the world and bring all under subjection to the law of God, who is our law giver.

I am still governor of this Territory, to the constant chagrin of my enemies; but I do not in the least neglect the duties of my Priesthood nor my office as governor; and while I honor my Priesthood I will do honor to my office as governor. This is hard to be understood by the wicked, but it is true. The feelings of many are much irritated because I am here, and Congress has requested the President to inquire why I still hold the office of governor in the Territory of Utah. I can answer that

question; I hold the office by appointment, and am to hold it until my successor is appointed and qualified, which has not yet been done. I shall bow to Jesus, my Governor, and under him, to Br. Joseph. Though he has gone behind the veil and I cannot see him, he is my head, under Jesus Christ and the ancient apostles, and I shall go ahead and build up the kingdom. But if I was now sitting in the chair of state at the White House in Washington, everything in my office would be subject to my religion.—Why? Because it teaches me to deal justice and mercy to all. I am satisfied to love righteousness and be full of the Holy Ghost, while all hell yawns to destroy me, though it cannot do it.

If I were to forsake this kingdom, the car of righteousness would roll over and crush me into insignificance; and so it will every other man that gets out of the right path. What then are we going to do? We may better stick to the ship than jump overboard, because if we stay aboard we stand a good chance to be saved, but if we jump over we shall be drowned.

Who can help all these things? I did not devise the great scheme of the Lord's opening the way to send this people to these mountains. Joseph contemplated the move for years before it took place, but he could not get here, for there was a watch placed upon him continually to see that he had no communication with the Indians. This was in consequence of that which is written in the Book of Mormon; one of the first evils alleged against him was that he was going to connive with the Indians; but did he ever do anything of the kind? No, he always strove to promote the best interest of all, both red and white. Was it by any act of ours that this people were driven into their midst? We are now their neighbors, we are on their land, for it belongs to them as much as any soil ever belonged to any man on earth; we are drinking their water, using their fuel and timber, and raising our food from their ground.

I do not wish men to understand I had anything to do with our being moved here, that was the providence of the Almighty; it was the power of God that wrought out salvation for this people, I never could have devised such a plan. What shall we do? Be still and know that the Lord is God; and let all people be silent and know that the Lord Almighty reigns, and does his pleasure on the earth. What had we better do? Be submissive and passive, serve our God and walk humbly before him.

The same Spirit pervades the Latter Day Saints in all the world, and what the Lord designs doing here is made manifest to the brethren in different parts, and the world feels the power of it and begins to persecute. When we commence that temple you will hear the devils howl.

We are now doing but little besides taking care of ourselves, but the kingdom has got to be taken and the Lord Jesus come to reign here. When you wonder why it is that we are building many large buildings here and the temple not going on, be silent and patient.

Here let me ask the old saints a question. Have you ever seen a temple finished, since this church commenced? You have not. The Lord says be patient and gather together the strength of my house; then do not fret yourselves, and if you feel a little worried, be sure that you are right and do as you are counseled.

Why do we urge this upon the people? They are only counseled to love God and do his will. You cannot point out where a man has been counseled one hair's breadth from this course, and in this we have a right to be urgent and strenuous and sharp in our remarks. Serve your God and love your religion.

I could tell you a great many lessons that I have learned in 'Mormonism', but it is very seldom that I refer to past scenes, they occupy but a small portion of my time and attention. Do you wish to know the reason of this? It is because there is an eternity ahead of me and my eyes are ever open and gazing upon it, and I have but little time to reflect upon the many circumstances I have been placed in thus far during life. They are behind me, and I am thankful that I have not time to reflect on past transactions, only once in a while, when it seems almost necessary to refer to them.

May the Lord God of heaven and earth bless you, and may he preserve us and all good men and women upon the earth, and give us power to blow the gospel trump to earth's remotest bounds and gather up the honest in heart, build up Zion, redeem Israel, rebuild Jerusalem and fill the earth with the glory and knowledge of our God, and we will shout hallelujah. Amen.

SPLENDOR OF THE HEAVENS.—There is, or will be, a splendid appearance of the planets and stars of the first magnitude, about these days. Venus is about 50 minutes behind the sun, in the west; Mercury about 1 hour and 20 minutes, do.; Mars is a little west of south, 18 degrees below the equinoctial line, approaching Antares; Arcturus is half way between the meridian and horizon, west; Jupiter, with his four moons, is rising about 7 p.m., east.

All these plurality of worlds, with a plurality of Gods, a plurality of lights, a plurality of years, a plurality of glory, and a plurality of wives, shine in splendor, without an *ex post facto* law of any earthly government to clip their mission, or curtail the power of an endless priesthood. "Praise ye the Lord." P.

U. S. CAPITAL.—There is no place this side of Kansas, where gambling, thieving, robbery, assault and murder go on with such perfect freedom as in Washington. There is more law and order, and better government this day in the Five Points of New York, than there is in the Federal Capitol.—[Albany Journal.]

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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17.

HAY! HAY!—A few tons wanted immediately, on the "News." Don't delay.

Tithing.

A harvest of the rich products of the earth, following the late period of very short rations, seems to have gladdened and liberalized the feelings of many who have heretofore been somewhat slack in promptly and gladly yielding a tenth to the Lord of the increase and all blessings. The present activity and diligence in this matter on the part of the Bishops, so cheerfully seconded by so large a majority of the accountable in their Wards, aids, encourages, and prospers, far beyond the actual value and real utility of the articles furnished. This promptness renders obedience a pleasure, strengthens faith, unites the hands of the First Presidency, opens wide the channels of useful improvement, brightens the band of brotherhood, begets confidence in each other and in our God, and insures the rich blessings of Heaven.

United action in tithing, which concerns every day temporalities, strengthens the foundation for united action in the establishment of the kingdom of God on the earth, and for the attainment of that salvation and exaltation that we are seeking. On the other hand, carelessness, remissness, "the Lord can wait," "by and by will do, I guess," "the little due by me will not make much difference," the efforts to draw money on drafts when tithing is due from the holders of those drafts, &c., &c., all directly tend to discourage, to weaken, and to prolong a time we are so fondly anticipating.

Then will any saint venture the loss of the true riches, through a niggardliness in the use of earthly bounties? No; though "hickory and basswood 'Mormons'" may, and be rewarded accordingly.

WEEDS; why not root them up and bury them, before they go to seed? In that way they may be made to partially pay for having exhausted the soil, and robbed useful plants of their due share of light, air, food, and moisture. And even if they have gone to seed, thro' neglect or press of other labor, root them out and bury them where they will nourish future useful crops, for though a few seeds may grow they will be in patches instead of broadcast; and weeds buried at a proper depth for decomposition, say from 8 to 18 inches, afford far more nutriment than when burned.

But it is rather discouraging for one person to weed, when all around are suffering their grounds to ripen weeds enough for seeding the Territory. And that is not all the annoyance, for the weed raisers are generally those who are very fond of choice fruits and vegetables produced by those who properly cultivate the soil, and take it as unkind treatment if not furnished a liberal share. Would it not be a great public, private, and individual benefit and advancement, if more pains were taken to eradicate the noxious and till the useful?

NEW KINDS OF FRUIT.—Brs. Elisha Edwards and Edwin Whiting, late from their mission to Ohio, succeeded in bringing home the following varieties of fruits and flowers:—

Ohio Greening, Pound Pippin, two kinds of June Sweet, Golden Sweet, Signefider, (probably a vulgarism for Seek-no-further) Rhode Island Greening, Winter Pippin, Winter Wine, and some other choice kinds, of which the names are lost. Damson and Egg Plums.—Quince. Shaker Peach. English Gooseberry. Isabella Grape. White and Red Currant.—Four kinds of tame Roses. Lilac. Flowering Almonds.

We regret the loss of the names of imported varieties of fruit, for it produces a hesitancy and doubt in the minds of those who are limited in ground, but who wish to cultivate one or more of each from the largest range of the best kinds. Brs. Edwards and Whiting will please accept our thanks for their list of fruits and flowers.

35,000 BRICKS have been burned at Fillmore by Henry J. Faust, said to be as good as any in the States. The specimen forwarded did not come to hand, hence we have no ground for judging them; Br. Faust intends to burn 100,000 more, this fall.