

after Joseph was lying dead on the ground. I remember now that there was some talk right on the ground there within twenty minutes after the assassination about a man going up with a knife to cut off Joseph's head or disembowel him. I did not hear any reason given why he did not carry out his threat. I merely heard the young man say what I have stated as he made a lunge at him. I was away perhaps eleven or twelve feet. The guns were rattling and the men were swearing.

"In a little while the mob went back the way they came, where I understood they had animals to help them away. I could not recognize the mobbers very well, because of their disguise, but I remember Sharp, Hendricks, Davis and some of the others, who were afterwards known as having been there. It was a terrible deed, and the law and order people there have no excuse for it. We were not civilized there then as we are now, but there was nothing to justify the assassination. It was the work of fiery anti-Mormons, who wanted the Mormons driven out of the state."

Col. Darnell is 67 years of age, a little above medium height, well built, with grey hair and mustache. He has a military bearing, and served in the Union army three years during the rebellion. He followed the law business until about twelve years ago, when he entered the newspaper field, in which he now does work occasionally, but is taking life easy, as he is without the care of a family, and has means to keep him comfortably. He will remain in Salt Lake a few days, and then proceed on his journey East.

HOLY GHOST PROMISED.

STAFFORD COUNTY, Va., Feb. 23, 1894.—We are the fishers and hunters Jeremiah said should come and gather out the righteous from among the wicked and ungodly before God's judgments are poured out upon them, and we do it without charge, that we abuse not the power in the Gospel. I would like to call attention to the twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians, and I will ask the whole world, Do we receive the same blessings as the Saints did in those days? If not, why not? Is it because we do the same works and God has failed to do His part, or is it because the laws of God have been changed and the power of the Gospel ceased, as also the organization of the Church of Christ ceased? Or have the Gospel and the power of the Priesthood been taken from the earth for a season until God saw fit to raise up a Prophet in these last days and restore the Gospel to the earth with all the gifts and blessings that the former day Saints enjoyed in and through obedience, because obedience is better than sacrifice?

Now we have men say to us: Why does God not reveal this to us as He did to Joseph Smith. We answer them like this, that God has sent us to warn you and we are His servants and it is just the same as if He had spoken Himself, because it is God that speaketh through us. Now the question is, How do we get the Spirit of God or the Holy Ghost? We find that Peter, on the day of Pentecost, taught the people to re-

pent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost. (Acts ii, 38.)

Now we find that this same man, Peter, and John were sent for to go in to Samaria to lay hands on those people who were baptized by Philip, and after the Apostles laid their hands upon their heads they received the Holy Ghost. (Acts viii, 17.) Also Paul in his travels found men who had been baptized but had not been taught that the Holy Ghost was to follow.

So Paul baptized them and laid hands upon their heads and they received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues and prophesied. Act. xix, 5, 6. Paul in writing to Timothy says: Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of hands of the presbytery. (Tim. iv, 4.) And many other passages show us that we receive the Holy Ghost by obedience, and that through the laying on of the hands of those who are to authority.

Now we find that men will tell us that this has been done away with. Very well, we know that it has been done away with, and the Gospel was done away with at the same time, because Paul teaches us that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. (Rom. i. 16.)

But men say today that it was the power of God to Paul because he had such a hard hearted people to convert. If Paul needed it to convert the people in that day we need it today because we have some who are hard hearted, and some who are ignorant of the Gospel plan. Now, as John the Baptist was raised up as a forerunner of the Savior's first advent, so was Joseph Smith raised up in this dispensation to teach the people the Gospel and prepare the hearts and minds of the people to receive the Savior and His teachings at His second coming. There may be some who do not believe this, but I cannot help that; and so were there some who did not believe the Savior Himself, and they crucified Him as an impostor, but it did not make Him one. Do you believe in the Bible? Oh, yes. Well, read the twenty-fifth verse of the first chapter of 1 Peter: "But the word of the Lord endureth forever, and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." Then take the first chapter of 1 Peter, 20—21 verse: "Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Now, "whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God." 11 John, 9th verse. The Savior says, "If ye continue in My word then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." St. John viii: 32. Now, we are not free if we are the servants of sin.

Now let us take Malachi iii.—10: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

I have traveled in many counties in Virginia and have made many friends. I am thankful for the opportunity of having the privilege of carry-

ing the Gospel to the world. I would ask the young Elders of the West, are you prepared to go out into the world and give a reason for the hope that is within you? If you are not you should be. Bear in mind the teachings of your parents.

I want to bear my testimony to the world that the Gospel has been restored to the earth, and that the Latter-day Saints are required to carry it to the world. This work will fall upon the young men of Zion. May God bless all Israel and the whole world. It is our duty to pray for all the human family. I remain your brother in the cause of truth,

JAMES VANCE, JR.

THE EUPOREAN MISSION.

Millennial Star, Feb. 26.

ARRIVALS.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool from Utah, per Cunard steamer *Umbria*, Saturday, February 17, 1894: Joseph S. Mousley, of Bluff Dale, Salt Lake county; Geo. A. Finlayson, Payson, Utah county; Geo. Scott and Alma Johnson, Mantle, Sanpete county; Henry C. Baddley and Wm. Taylor, Salt Lake City; John W. Ford, Centerville, Davis county; Wm. C. Martell, Spanish Fork, Utah county, and John A. Clark, Farmington, Davis county. They were all for the British mission except the last named, who is appointed to labor in Turkey. With the missionaries arrived also Hon. Frank J. Cannon, who intends spending a few weeks in Europe on business.

APPOINTMENTS.—Elder Joseph S. Mousley has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

Elders Geo. A. Finlayson and Geo. Scott have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Scottish conference.

Elder Alma Johnson has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

Elder Henry C. Baddley has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference.

Elder John W. Ford has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference.

Elder William C. Martell has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Welsh conference.

Elder William Taylor has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference.

The postoffice inspectors, secret service agents and all the detectives in Oakland, Cal., are using every effort to unravel the mystery of a missing mail pouch. Thus far they have met with very poor success, and as their investigation proceeds the mystery deepens. When the driver reached the station he discovered that one of the pouches was missing. The registered pouch was all right, and that was put on the Oregon train. The driver at once gave the alarm and went back over the route in search of it, but could find no trace. The theory of the detectives is that a plot was formed to rob the wagon of the registered pouch. The robbers, it is believed, carried out the plan to perfection, but got the wrong pouch, and when they found that they had made a mistake destroyed the whole thing.