

the Seventies in theirs, and the Lesser Priesthood in their own different quorums. All these authorities are to act as so many parts of the grand machine to carry on the great work of the last days. And although the devil and his servants may combine to slay the Prophets and Patriarchs, and to shed the blood of the Saints, yet the great wheel will roll on till it becomes a great mountain and fills the whole world; for God has said that nothing shall stay His hand, for He will send forth judgment unto victory.

You need not let your faith fail you because Joseph Smith has been killed by wicked men. No; he told the brethren, and those that were not members of the Church, that he was going as a lamb to the slaughter; yet he said he was as calm as a summer's morning. He said his time was come, but the brethren did not seem to realize that truth of what he told them till after the fatal deed was committed. Then they remembered what he told them concerning his death; and had the brethren had the least idea that he would have fallen in the manner in which he did, they never would have let him go to Carthage—no, never! He went past my door; I shall never forget the last sight. But so it was—it seemed to be an hour of darkness over us all.

The last day I heard him speak in the stand he asked the brethren if they would stand by him. They all cried out yes. He then said he was willing to die for us all; he said he had made his life an offering for this people, and he would again. And so he did; for if he had not given his life for us we would have been all slaughtered by the hands of the wicked mob in this state. For we have been informed the governor said he would order out all the militia in the state in order to take Joseph; and if Joseph had gone away to save his life, which he could have easily done, then the whole state would have been upon us, and if this had been the case their thirst for blood would not have been satisfied with anything short of our destruction en masse.

The enemy was secretly combined against us—what for? To shed our blood. But their thirst for blood has been satiated for a while in spilling that of Joseph and Hyrum. They have barefacedly violated all law and honor; they cannot now proceed any farther. At present the governor must do something to redeem the state from damnation, and himself too. And if he proceeds to do as we have been informed he is about to do, that is to order out the militia or troops of two counties to take those murderers, it will make a hot time yet among the dogs of this land. Joseph and Hyrum have been taken like lambs and put into Carthage jail, where the dogs fell on them and shed their blood—what for? Was it because they had broken any law of God or man? No. But they have risen up against God's anointed ones and put them to death because they had the testimony of Jesus, "and they loved not their lives unto the death." When Joseph fell he cried out: "O my God!" These were the last words he uttered in this world, and his soul took its flight to the world of spirits, to carry on the great work of the last days.

Brother Sidney says he saw our beloved Prophet in a vision, which he had opened to him in connection with the one he and Joseph had on the 16th of February, 1832, which you will find recorded in the Book of Covenants. There are many others who have seen him in vision. But he is now out of the reach of his enemies, and although his body is taken from us yet we have the same spirit, and Joseph will be in our midst in spirit, to instruct us how to proceed in those things that pertain to the kingdom of God on the earth. And although many

may conjecture that Mormonism is down, their conjectures are vain, for it will now go forth with more than tenfold rapidity to the nations of the earth. Brother P. P. Pratt says there will be a greater work done in two years to come than has been done in the last fourteen. And for this reason the brethren are determined to build the Temple with all possible speed, in order that they may be endowed in it, to go forth to the nations with power from on high; it has gone one since the death of Joseph and Hyrum more rapidly than ever it did before in the same length of time. The brethren begin to toe the mark, the hands of the committee have been strengthened by the brethren in this place, and all they have to do is to say the word and the fur will fly, or the work is done.

Now, Brother and Sister Fox, don't you let your knees become feeble because Joseph is not here among us in the flesh. He has laid the foundation of a great work, and it will not stop. For the power is still here, and as long as the authority is here the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church. They may kill the Prophets and Saints, as they always have done, in every age of the world. Yet this kingdom shall never be destroyed, but it will yet break in places all other kingdoms, not by the Elders of Israel taking sword in hand, but by the power of the Holy Priesthood.

But I must come to a close soon. All of us are well. George Hickenlooper came up from home today. He says they are all well. We heard from Leechburg by letter, from Brother Neace. We are glad to hear that he is coming down this fall. Tilda and Mary Ann are well. Brother Greer will write after a few days, when he looks around to see about getting into work. You will inform his father and mother. He told me to mention him in this letter, and he would not write as soon as he intended when he came first. He seems to be much pleased with this place, and he intends to go down to where Brother Thos. lives, twenty-six miles from this place.

I wish you to let all the brethren see this letter, and tell them to stand fast in the faith of the Gospel as you have received it, and let none of these afflictions move you; and as many of the brethren as can, I wish would send and get the Times and Seasons, for they will contain such information as will be both interesting and important to you all. Brother Morgan, I want you to labor with all your might for the salvation of souls, and that you rid or clear your garments of the blood of all men; for it is a day of warning and not of many words, for the day of God's wrath is nigh at hand. Therefore, let all do their duty, and work while it is today, for after today there will be wrath and indignation upon the people.

Tell Brother and Sister Porter not to give up contending for the faith with their neighbors. Brother Neptune, also, tell him not to go to sleep or let the smoke of the saltworks put out his eyes. Let him reprove and rebuke with all long suffering and doctrine; let him live and not die.

My best respects to all of you that love our Lord Jesus Christ, and more especially to our double sister July. One word more to my friends of Brother Morgan's household. Mrs. Morgan, do you notice the necessity of being baptized into this kingdom? If not yet, I pray you think of it in time; for be assured it is the true faith in which Brother Morgan stands. Therefore let him go forth to the regions round about and proclaim it to those who are laboring under a broken covenant, and the Lord will bless him in so doing. I will write to Brother Morgan and his wife and daughter Mary af-

ter some time, if the Lord permits. My desire is that you will remember us; we do not forget any of you.

WILLIAM CRITLOW.

Nymon Hyrum, do you intend to get your endowment for making brick? Remember what you went out for. Was it to prune, or dig in the mud?

THE UNCHRISTIAN CLAY.

A few days ago the NEWS was under the necessity of paying its respects to the Rev. B. F. Clay, of the Central Christian church of this city, for a scurrilous attack on the Mormons, made in his church's column in the Review. Now comes the Christian Guide, published in Louisville, Ky., a copy of which has been sent us. It contains an article by B. F. Clay, of Salt Lake City. The article is headed "Look out for Mormon missionaries!" and from reports we receive the Kentuckians are looking out for them, but not in the unchristian way the Rev. Clay would have them do. They are giving to them hospitable treatment and a fair hearing, for which they will receive a good reward. But this is just what galls Mr. Clay, and he would have it stopped; he would have Kentuckians inhospitable, un-American and unchristian—in which sweet desire we are happy to believe he will be disappointed.

Because of our recent article, which revealed the true character of this person masquerading in a Christian garb, we do not think an extended notice of his letter to the Christian Guide is necessary. Those who get the NEWS or who are made acquainted with the facts concerning the Mormons from any other source, will know how utterly unworthy of belief he is. His statements of what the missionaries are telling abroad will be known to be untrue by those who listen to those missionaries; and his statements regarding the belief and practice of the people here are equally false. He further says that the Mormons "are struggling to retain their control of Utah and the other states and territories now within their control. If they can rush out enough ignorant people here to take up the valuable farming lands they can hold this State for years to come." Then he goes on to say "there is but one remedy for this evil that threatens the churches east and Utah," and adds that it is anti-Mormon literature for sale by Parsons & Derge of this city.

This fear of what "threatens the churches of the east," may be shared by others who feel that their craft is in danger from the teaching of the truth by the plain Mormon boys that go out from the workshop and the farm, and with implicit faith in God do as He commanded His disciples to do anciently, preach the Gospel without purse or scrip. That part we do not object to; but we are emphatically averse to Mr. Clay or any other person making false statements as to Mormon religious belief and practice, and upon these misstatements endeavoring to provoke people to break the law of the land by indulging in mob violence toward Mormon missionaries. True Christians do not pursue that course;