

Now, said John Whitmer, I have lived to a good old age, and I have walked over the ashes of every single one of all my enemies.

We say farewell to one of those who wrote part of the Book of Mormon from the dictation of the Prophet's voice and one of the eight witnesses. He was firm as a rock in his faith, and when Joseph Smith, living in Plano, sent word to John Whitmer to reaffirm his testimony, his answer was: "I have never recalled it, and I have nothing to reaffirm."

In regard to joining the Church, he said: "I have a testimony within me, that testimony I got when I was raised up as a witness—that testimony has never left my bosom, it is by me to this day, and I am in the very place where I have to be, according to the Book of Mormon, which is the law that came out from Zion, which center stake is never to be taken away from here, in Jackson County, Mo." He had a firm and most absolute faith in the restoration and triumph of Zion on this continent, and the building of temples in Independence and Far West, Mo.

John Whitmer was in possession of copies from the plates, with the translation below, and showed that to me, and also of other valuable records. I shall correspond with Sarah Whitmer, and hope she will be willing, with the permission of David Whitmer, to restore those documents to the Church.

Yours truly,
P. WILHELM POULSON, M. D.

Serious Accidents.

TOOELE CITY, Aug. 5th. 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

We were visited with another thunder shower on the evening of the 3d, which flooded our streets and filled up the water ditches, causing the watermaster, John Pickett, some trouble, to whom much credit is due for the energy he displayed in clearing the obstructions away by his own labor.

The house of Brother Benjamin Bowen was struck with lightning, tearing the chimney down, also knocked the gable end out, and damaged the roof and strewed the furniture all over the room. Bro. Bowen, who was sitting on a chair at the time, was struck in the limbs, tearing his overalls into shreds, and also his boots; the lightning singed the hair off his limbs, cutting a deep gash in the right foot and burning the left.

His brother Thomas, who was in the house at the time of the occurrence, was struck in the lower part of the body which he is suffering greatly from. Sister Benj. Bowen, who had a knife in her hand, was knocked to the floor, and a meat safe on top of her. The coal oil can, which contained about four gallons, was burst and the contents spilled all over the floor where they lay, and also a box of matches was thrown into it but it did not ignite. Brother Bowen was the first to come to his senses, and seeing the safe on his wife, crawled and managed to remove the safe so that Sister Bowen was able to get up, and got the team and drove over to brother H.S. Cowan's house, where they are now staying.

The oldest son of Brother William Banks went out shooting rabbits the other day, and his sister, who was walking after him, it happened, by some unaccounted for circumstance, the gun which the boy was carrying went off, and the whole of the contents went into his sister, who now lies in a very critical state, but it is to be hoped she will soon recover. She has the sympathy of all the people.

The election is going on with us in a quiet and peaceful manner as yet. The band is out to cheer those that are any way depressed in spirits.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

My recollection runs back on the line of the world's history for nearly 70 years; but I do not remember any time when so much interest and anxiety were manifest in the movements of the heavenly bodies or planets as in these latter times. Not only a few professors of astronomy, of philosophy, and of mathematics deeply interest themselves in an eclipse and in the transit of one planet over the disk of another, but even political governments will fit out ships with scientific men on board, directing them to sail to those portions of our globe supposed

to be the most eligible points for taking accurate observations of the celestial phenomena.

Why this apparently increased desire to read the language of the spheres? Is it possible that the moral, physical and political atmosphere of our globe, aided by the testimony of "Mormon" prophets, have impressed conviction upon the hearts of men that the end draweth nigh? They have, upon every honest, unprejudiced and virtuous mind,—as well might we deny that the earth is moistened when the rain falls from heaven, as to deny that the present signs of the times point to the near approach of the *grand crisis*. Though the site of the *your dwelling* may not be moistened by the rainfall, because the roof shields it; so also are many hearts so completely roofed over with pride, superstition, tradition, self-righteousness, and bitter hate, that the gentle rains and dews from heaven cannot penetrate them. They have hearts, "yet perceive and understand not."

We "Mormons" have done all we reasonably could to convince mankind that we have the truth of God, and humbly advised them to accept it—warned them of their danger if they rejected it; but they believed us not, and though our words are now being fulfilled before their eyes, they can no more see it than those who are scorched with great heat can see the vial in the angel's hand, out of which is poured the flood of burning air that afflicts our earth.

Henceforth, improvements on the globe with repairs of damage will hardly keep pace with the destructions caused by accidents and the elements. Nations will be wasted in wars which their own misguided policy is bringing upon them. Their dishonesty and thefts will be the cause of much trouble and sorrow. The prophet Joseph Smith, while speaking on the stand in Nauvoo in relation to our losses in Missouri, said: "If the general government will not redress us of our wrongs in that State, they shall have mobs from Maine to Louisiana to their hearts content."

There has been a standing committee of investigation taking notes and making memoranda during all the scenes. Though unseen, they have not been idle. Mr. Potter's committee has done much, but this committee will do more, and no false witnesses be allowed to testify before it.

For the distress and tribulation that are coming on the world, my heart mourns and sickens, and my spirit is full of painful anxiety—would rejoice if it could be otherwise. Once the Savior said: Oh, Jerusalem! Jerusalem! how oft would I have gathered thy children as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not! "Mormonism" did not die when President Brigham Young died, for it is the truth of Heaven and will live forever. Therefore, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner, zealous and lukewarm, look well to your ways and prepare for what is to come.

Respectfully,
ORSON HYDE.

Spring City, July 1, 1878.

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