

"Words" defined

If you will allow me any credit for -
Veracity = truthfulness.

pālpāble = plain (proof) etc.

irrefutable = indisputable (proof)

CONSPICUOUS = manifest or plain.

eū'tō qīze = extol or praise

Cōg-Nō'mēn = surname

lewd = lustful, vicious (men)

Computed = reckoned

ōbviāte = remove

Efficacy = force or power.

Innate = inborn, natural, inherent

ingenious = inventive

impugnā = contradict, assail, call in question

incivility = rudeness

inclemency = severity

dissemblers = pretenders

refarious = wicked, heinous

egregiously = surpassing, excessive

theocracy = Government of a state by the immediate direction or administration of God.

cōdōne' = to pardon.

rhetoric = skill in the use of language

alternative = choice

vindicated = defend, justify

vindictive = revengeful

credibility = trustworthiness

discrepancy = disagreement

adherent = stick to or cleave

cōgnizance = having knowledge of.

depredations = rob, pillage

cognate = allied, kindred

proselytes = converts - bring over.

obvious = evident, plain.

paradoxes = seeming contradiction

unsavoury =

veritable = actual, real

inevitable = unavoidable

insolence^{out} = impudent or saucy, rude

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- My last MISSIONARY COMPANIONS Who
Kindly Presented to me as a token of remembrance
a Parker fountain with (Jay G) engraved on the
gold band — Joseph E. Gertsen — Salt
Lake City, Utah — (my successor) ^{moved to sandy}
- Arthur C. Larsen — Sanday Utah.
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 - " May Douglas — Salt Lake City ut.

Food for thought

Barnes

War in heaven, John the Baptist cast out to isle of Patmos, saw an angel flying thru the mist of Heaven - finish.

He or she so dumb - think hard-boiled eggs are laid by Plymouth Rocks.

"Don't spit on the floor", "s' matte, floor leak?"

Wives of great men all remind us, we should choose our wives with care: and departing leave behind us, homely kids with sorrel hair.

Boy caught up in a whirl-wind - "Must have been going some".

Kappeler's fox hunt.

Florence's line - Nigger at circus officer inquired, "what you got in the shoe box, Joe?" "Shoes" - A great Boss, why you have a half gallon - nah, a quart's water. He told the officer that he got it from the two Hardin boys they when reminded where he got it in court, he snapped his fingers and said, "why can't I think of it". "I was talking then, but I'm swearing now" - \$50 ~~naaaaa~~ + six months on the county road: "O Lordy".

Last sentence retracted if he would leave the county. "I was just going to move to Charlotte".

Love - Telling an investigator the population of Nutrioso, said "alfalfa".

Florence - Baptismal certificate ^{sex} - ~~Female~~

Kidd - Nigger preacher goes to jail then to a town where he thinks he isn't known, to carry on his ministeral work. Sees a fellow he knows + ses - "I'll take my text from the 96th Chap of proverbs which leads something like dis, "If ya sees me + recognizes me, and knows me dopt say nothing + I'll see you later."

17th Mark - Lie.

Low voice, "Is the doctor in."

Our weekly song hit is entitled - "Theres no music in the band of your hat"

[They stood beneath the mistle-toe, He knew not what to do, For he was only 5' 2" tall, And she was 6' 2"]

Jarrus says that they didnt play cards on the ark, Because Noah sat on the deck

Davy - May I have this dance? Vera - No, Davy - Dont feel flattered. Im asking you all to-night.

Southern Phrases

You all come → Well I will, you all come.

Its a right smart piece → just been piddling around → I reckon as how we can → How you-all feeling, right pert, is not much.

Grady, Im bad off → Got - carry → Right smart warm → Next hog killing time → Thats one more sight in dis world → Thats something else → Hush → Heah? I'll knock a fool out of you Dully → What do you think of dat? → Turn you every way but loose →

Knock you up a snack → Take right out now and help yourself, you see what there is — Oh O (Bonner) I never see yuh when yuh pass, but I hear yuh — well its back, I see yuh is — Take out a bait, God bless you, elder Bonner jest eat all you want. Its sort o' common but your welcome. — aint nuthin else or different.

(gagon) — sick right on — Hush your mouth elder Newsome, to be sure. — Hush your mouth, I'll lite off your head and spit out your eyes — Dont skip — afflicted with it. — Lillian Lewis I reckon I looked like a nuthin.

Where do the spirits go after they leave the bottle.

More food

It's a good thing we don't all see alike or everyone would want my Sally Ann -

- A southern fellow conversing with another about one of the church members remarked that he had been in the harness quite a while - yes said the other, the only part of the harness he ever wore out was the hold backs.

Evangelist - How far to the post-office?
Invitation extended to the little boy to attend the revival & be shown how to get to heaven - ah, you don't even know the way to the postoffice.

- Sectarian Church notice in Atlanta - if the mortgage on this church is not lifted within such & such a time it will be sold to the Mormons for a temple - service

After lighting 3 matches to read a sign on a sign post, one rainy night, a fellow perceived it said - wet paint

S. Sea Islands it takes 8 spear heads to get a wife - here → one bone-head.

Hurrah for the Mormons = Merrill came almost being yell-master after a meeting -

- 'Handle's broke on the eliminator'

Now sit me down to sleep.

The sermon's long, the subject's deep.

If he should quit before I wake

Give me a punch for-goodness-sake.

U.A.C.

Lady barber in Arizona, "you're next."
Customer, "not on your life."

Changing socks: "Didn't they reach ^{up} to your expectations?"

John was baptising in Winston ^{near} Salem
Open the gate while I make one more round.
Missionary hitting the dog remarked, "Lady,
I'm representing the Church of J.S. of S.D.S."

Lot, to take his daughters & flee out of Sodom
"pleatw teacher where's the flea?"

Southern Preacher, "You'll perceive the little
spray of mistletoe pinned to my coat tail as
I pass ~~down~~ the isle on my exit."

{Elder Proctor and "just the same over here"
while tracting he talked to one lady & }

Wives of great men all remind us, we
should choose our wives with care. And
departing leave behind us, homely kids
with sovel hair. - U.D.C.

"Ze dog, does he know ze proverb."

"I guess I was zigging when I ought to
be zagging." Colored recruit.

"As I have had this forced on me, I'll try
to make out as good as possible" new elder.

Some men give three cheers and that
is about all.

Ice cold Coca-a-kill-yuh!

"School teacher lives there, good looking, gets
\$125 a month, well, you don't go that road."

Still more food -

"Why don't you raise poultry?" "Oh, the chickens would eat it all up."

Blowing the hunting horn in the left where the colored folks were having a prayer meeting hollering for Gabriel to blow dat horn.

Elder Cherry informing Pres C. that he was going home as the bishop couldn't get along without him.

Parson: "Hold fast to that which is good."

He is the Children's Friend, the Woman's home Companion etc.

Number of month you were born in $\times 2$
add 5, mult. 50, add your age, sub. 365,
add 115 ——— Angis simple - 222 -

"About as much privacy as a statue in a park." Apparent to the naked eye as the Woolworth bldg. "Out of date as yesterday's shave."

Man used to whistle to call the pigs to feed, all couldn't hear him so he drummed on a hollow log. The wood-peckers did also, as a result his pigs were run poor.

The trained fish fell in the ditch & drowned.
'retah skunk.'

I count (x0)

I know that Puget sound isn't made with a saxophone & that a foot-ball coach isn't on (x) wheels.

"Did you say you could lick me, nigger? Yes do
you want me to demonstrate? No, I'm just getting
statistic's

Apostasy

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appears to have been a silence for 1700 years on the eastern continent.

The passing of the apostles was followed by the rapid development of a universal apostasy as had been foreseen and predicted.

1 Matt 24:10-12 & Paul being

2 II Thess 2:1-4 about to depart from Miletus called to him the elders of the church of Ephesus and said Acts 20:29,30 - For I know this -

II Peter 2:1 - But there were false -

II Tim 4:3,4, For the time will come

Rev 13:6,7 - And he opened his -

Thus leaving the people destitute of divine authority and bereft of the glorious plan of redemption.

Roger Williams refused to continue as pastor over the oldest Baptist church in America on the grounds that there was no regularly constituted church of Christ on earth, nor any person authorized to administer church ordinances, "Nor can there be until new apostles are sent by the great head of the Church for whose coming I am seeking," he said.

Picturesque America P. 502

John Wesley's poem, "where shall we wander now to find successors they have left behind, the faithful whom we seek in vain are diminished from the sons of men. Ye different sects, who all declare, So here is Christ or Christ is there, your stronger proofs divinely give and show me where true Christians live.

John Wesley also stated in his

2 Tim 4: 3, 4 - Fables = Spiritualizing & private interpretations.

2 Tim 3: 4, 5 - Non professors have no form of godliness.

Episcopal minister in Atlanta Ga. started prayer meetings in his district, the object being to revive or bring back the ancient gift of healing that was once with the Church.

History informs us that ~~Constantine~~ ~~we~~ that Constantine became converted or espoused Christianity about 313 A. D. soon after, the bishop of constantinople claimed equality with the bishop of Rhome, the dissention divided the Church. Hence we have the two today Roman & Greek.

In the 11th century the Roman pontiff took to himself the name of Pope - signifying father or paternal ruler in all things. During the 12th & 13th centuries the temporal authority of the Pope was superior to that of Kings & Emperors. (Authority in all things.) Church had become worldly and reeking in lust claimed to be the Church established by him who said, "my kingdom is not of this world."

The Pope blasphemously pretended power to forgive or retain sins, also proclaimed to be the vicar of God - 4 Thess 2: 3, 4. Let common people were prohibited from studying the holy scripture, and the leaders adulterated the simple teachings of Christ (people of the world today are following in the footsteps of ancestors who were led astray. I believe my ancestors had to change their way. Jer. 16: 17 Surely our fathers have inherited.)

The 15th century started the reformation or the revival of learning, predetermined

94th sermon stated that the reason why the distinctive gifts of the spirit were no longer with the church was that the Christians had all turned heathens again and only had a dead form of worship left.

Amos 8:11 Behold the days come -

" 3:7 Surely the Lord God -

Pro. 29:18 Where there is no vision -

II Tim 3:1-6 This know also -

although the Christian world have various forms of worship, yet gifts, revelations etc. are denied, having a form of godliness but deny the power.

Isa 24:5 They have transgressed

our sure guide to faith + conduct.
as Matt 7:4 man shall not live

- 1/ Doctrine of the God-head changed.
 - 2/ " Divine authority ignored.
 - 3/ Organization & Government of the primitive church became corrupted.
 - 4/ Outward ordinances became changed, as 'baptism' being applied to babes. In fact hardly an ordinance remains that has not been altered to suit the whims of men.
 - 5/ Ritual became perverted. Christ's church was simple & pure. (contrast)
- To gain the good will of the pagans, their customs & ceremonies were added oftentimes.
- 6/ Spiritual gifts became lost to the Christian Church.

to prepare people for the restoration, which was appointed to be accomplished some centuries later.

John Wickliffe, English reformer died in 1384 (filled) England received its 1st complete version of the scriptures in the language of the people. - Smyth "How we got our bible." His body dug up, burned to ashes and scattered by the winds. By people supposing to follow the master, this they did because they didn't think Wickliffe had died a heinous enough death.

William Tyndale, strangled, also brot light into the world John 3:19

Men ready to give their lives to the furtherance of spiritual emancipation.

16th Century Luther - (German bible - 1517

Henry 8th 1534 - adulterous sovereign created a church + priesthood. Churches were established with amazing rapidity. On every side is heard, So here I up until 1830 no church claiming name or title of Jesus Christ. How can human institutions derive the authority of the ~~wholy~~ priesthood without which there can be no true church of Christ on earth?

Authority

T. 11

After considering the ^{1st} principles of the gospel, attention must be called to the fact which is very important that the gospel must be preached and its ordinances administered by those having authority from God or they will have no binding force.

The scriptures inform us the Lord wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul, whom he had called. Then others took upon them to cast out spirits Acts 19:13.

Taking the authority upon themselves presumptuously, not even the devils would respect their administrations. Would their administration have any virtue in it had they administered in some other ordinance of the Gospel. No, hence we rightly come to the conclusion expressed in one of articles of faith Art. 10 - referred to by Paul in Heb 5:1-5 - Ex 28:1 It is reasonable to conclude that all who administer in 'things pertaining to God' must be called by Him. All that we have record of were called directly by revelation from him or through inspiration in those who already had authority from God to act in his name. ^{Same}

Displeasure from God has been shown to those who have taken it upon themselves to act in His name. Case of Uzza 1 Chron 13:10 Still another case, that of Uzziah II Chron 26 - (what has been shown.) We have the testimony of Jesus - John 15:16.

When seven men were chosen to look after the poor and minister to them, they set them before the apostles, who laid their hands on them and ordained them to their calling - Acts 6:1-6

So with Paul and Barnabas when

Num 12: - Miriam & Aaron spoke against Moses.

16: - Korah & followers destroyed.

17: Aaron's rod flourisheth, brot forth buds and bloomed blossoms & yielded almonds.

Deut 18:22 When a prophet speaketh -

34:9 and Joshua the son of Nun -

Josh 1: The Lord promised to be with him as ^{with Moses}

7:6 Only 300 men chosen to fight so no flesh would glory in His presence.

1 Sam 8:3 some took money - result

16:7 Lord looketh on the heart.

28: A witch at Endor - Lost the spirit.

Laws of adoption into an earthly government.

Dinstinction between Keys of the priesthood and Priesthood - Latter = authority given to man to act for God. - Power of directing these labors constitutes the Keys of the priesthood and in their fulness are held by only one person at a time, the prophet ~~of~~ president of the Church. He may delegate any portion of this power to another, in which case that person holds the Keys of that particular labor. viz - president of a temple, stake, mission, bishop. Gospel doctrine - Joseph F. Smith.

they were set apart Acts 13:1-3. Further-
 more Paul working in the ministry, ordained
 elders in every church - Acts 14:2,30 And
 warned the saints against characters who
 would take authority on themselves Acts 20:
 28,29 Same thing on his mind when
 he wrote to Timothy - II Tim 4:3,4 For the time -
 Peter also - II Peter 2:1,2 But there were -
 Micah 3: Just what happened, In
 every town & city churches have arisen or
 been erected in which men preach for
 money - Isa 24:5 - The gospel was
 corrupted and authority of God was taken
 from among men. Restored. -

Bible

This church accepts the Holy Bible for just what it purports to be, nothing more or less. Old Testament contains a brief record of the divine dealings with mankind prior to Moses but largely a history of the Hebrew people as they lived under the law. New devoted to the earthly ministry of the Saviour, and growth of the church under the administration of the apostles.

The compilation as it now stands is the work of men. Translations made by the skill of linguists and theologians. The many revisions and successive versions testify to the unreliability of scholarship in the translation of the sacred text. It does not comprise all scriptures of by-gone days.

We are in harmony with earnest students in accepting the Bible as the word of God as far as it is translated correctly. We hold that there are other scriptures equally sacred and in accordance with the Holy Bible.

John Wycliffe	
Luther's translation	1384
Tyndale's New Testament	1525
revised by himself	1537
Great Bible	1539
Genevan 1560 Bishops-1568	
Authorized 1611 Revised 1880	

John Wycliffe English reformer died 1384
 England received 1st complete version of
 the scriptures in the language of the people.

↑ killed - body dug up & burned to ashes and
 scattered by the winds.

William Tyndale - reformation, he strangled
 at the stake and burned to ashes Oct. 6th
 1536 - a bible for the people.

The German bible is the work of one
 man, Luther, the English bible is the work
 of many generations of Englishmen,
 Caedmon, Alfred, Bede, Wycliffe, Tyndale
 and Coverdale.

Symth's 'How we got our Bible'

Bible contains - 66 books - 1,189 Chaps
 31,173 verses 773,693 words 3,536,489 letters

Book of Mormon

I believe implicitly in the B of M, that it is the word of God to the Nephites and Lamanites -

It solves any theological problem.

Two theories - Anti and Mormon.

Has all the work been done by the Church to perpetuate fraud?

Nursery rhyme - "sing a song of six-pence"
Then you perhaps could make me believe that Joseph Smith manufactured it and not till then.

God did not send His Son into the world without ^{telling} warning the world of His coming. Taught hundreds of years before of His birth, life and death on the cross. Sacrifices by Adam were but typical or similitudes of the sacrifice on the cross.

Gen 22: Isaac & Abraham
John 8:56 "your father" -

Numb 21: "Firey serpent" Ex 12: "Passover"
John 3: 14, 15 And as Moses -
Isa 7: 14 Behold a Virgin
Micah 5: 2 Bethlehem
Isa 53: lamb to the slaughter

Proof from the bible also that the B. of M. is true -

Gen 49: 22-26 "Joseph" - How fulfilled according to the B. of M.
Isaiah's prophecy concerning the branches of the house of Israel spoken of Isa 29: 4 "Wo unto Ariel!"
Isa 55: 11 Truth shall

Isa 29: 11-14 - H. of C. Vol 1 p. 20

Ezek 37: 15-20 "Has this remarkable prophecy escaped your attention?" (John 10: 14-16 ^{III} Nep 15: 21-24)

Rev. 14: 6, 7 Compare the position of Jews & the world today

Mormon 10. find out truth.

poem - Columbus - 1 Nephi 13:12 and I looked

Joseph Merrick, Pittsfield Mass. in 1815 while leveling some ground dug up a 6" strap 1 1/2" wide like a harness tug - contained parchment, when translated contained quotations from Deut. & Exodus.

1826 at Cincinnati a well was dug 90 feet deep - a tree cut down by an axe was found - Morse's Universal Geo. Vol 1 p. 142.

If a few characters in Hebrew have been found in the earth in America, written on parchment, then it is just as easy to admit that a whole volume has been found in America, written on plates in Egyptian Characters.

Case of Pres. Green and Minister on the train conversing on Modern Discoveries.

Reason for articles being covered, III Nephi 8, 9, 10

Helaman^{chap 8} Concerning department of agriculture investigation - Doctor O. J. Cook in 1908. (Where did Joseph Smith or Oliver Cowdery get the information for this one chapter)

Alma 9:16, 17 Promise to the Lamanites.

10 miles North of City of Mexico, unearthed building of concrete covered 10 acres - 200 ft. high.

Excellent steps, yards etc. as good as ^{the best} the day put there. A. W. Irvine - address in S. L. July 9, 1916. Feb. 3: - III Nephi 8:

"Wilmington Morning Star" Mar. 1924 speaks of a skull being found said to be hundreds of years old and to be of a different species than the aborigine. Probably a Jaradite.

Conference talks

- Apostle Smith - Nov. 12th 13, 1923. Durham N.C.
- Persecution 30 years ago and now (Comparison)
- Two Elders whipped, their request for secret prayer, answered. used to be two whoops and a see.
- man would rather be baptized all over, not in spots.
- 'Go into all the world, people not only to believe but be baptized. Savior example - the Father well pleased. The Lord is saying to all, "Come unto me all ye who labor."
- The fundamental principles not preached, or advertized in the papers.
- Smokers and drinkers not to inherit the celestial kingdom. Dream of the woman who stood at the pearly gates in a white robe with a old black ^{coffee} pot.
- Father to son, "you can begin to smoke when you see me smoke again". - Keep bodies clean.
- Tobacco and missionary - testing the Lords promise and the devils power, he took up the habit. (chewing)
- Keep commandments willingly. Father + son example. - no progress from one to ^{another} kingdom.
- Lords and devils territory.
- Prayer - Wireless illustration used.
- Expression - 'Our fathers children'.
- (Opposition to gods work and works of Nature)
- Live wire example - destructions results.
- Order in created things, leaves on tree, the same. God is not the author of Confusion.
- The trouble is, we want to be saved on our own terms.
- The pilgrims journey and settling here was no accident, a purpose in it.
- Forerunner at the meridian of time and the dispensation of the fulness of times.
- Not finding fault with other faiths.
- I believe ^{ancestors} had to change their way.
- Two spirits prevalent in the world today same as in the beginning.
- Master doing good works was crucified, Joseph Smith's life similar, gave his life after finishing his work.

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Text II Nephi 10:12,13 - Land fortified against nations.

On feasts day Indians have ghost dance to celebrate or commemorate the coming of the fair god also expect him to come again.

Promise to Lamanites Alma 9:16,17

Brigham young said it was cheaper to feed than to fight the red-man.

Portugal tried to establish a king in

Brazil. Napoleon III^d gave support to

Maxmillian as king of Mexico during

the civil war period Garay had him executed. ^{Arizona-mexico border}

The man who paid tithing received credit.

Apostle Smith labored in Tennessee.

A person cannot harmonize the accomplishments of the Mormon people with the stories prevalent in the world.

He prophesied that a plague would sweep this country, ^{and} only those having faith to be healed would be.

Also a day of Pentecost coming.

You must be born again. Story of a city boy visiting in the Country. The sight he saw and the way he related it to his city playmate. Automobile & Cow. Simplicity of the Gospel.

Elder G. A. Smith's visit with the Governor of N. York and the traveling elder's amazement.

Pres Callis

- Meetings or sweet communion with saints,
we feel at home.

Dan 1: - D+C 89: 18; 21 - word of wisdom.

Don't be deceived by the things of this
world and copy bad habits.

- We Elders are worth more than Solomon
in all his glory; ^{to you} he can't baptize you.

Oxford student couldn't write a proverb
after making the boast. Also D+C 67:

Our authority traced back. Bible does
not commission anyone.

Savior told the apostles they should be
witnesses in all the world, have they
come to any other people here? Acts 1:8

On Church organization; Illustration
found in Acts 27: Ship's sinking, ship
men about to escape. The 31st verse
says - Paul said to the centurion and
to the soldiers. Except these abide in
the ship, ye cannot be saved. - The
world let apostles, prophets etc escape.

12,000 officers directly in the church.

1st Conf. History Nov. 17, 1923

The semi-annual N. C. Conference was held in the city of Durham, Nov. 12 & 13 a very suitable hall was secured and about 200 saints and investigators were in attendance.

We considered it a blessing to have with us besides pres^r. Callis, Bro. J. A. Smith of the council of the twelve who was the principle speaker at all the public meetings. Apostle Smith emphasized the law of tithing, the word of wisdom and delivered an impressive discourse on the restoration of the Gospel.

Monday being Armistice Day, Bro. Smith spoke on the B of M. and its relationship to America, the land of Zion.

Pres Callis as usual spoke with power and authority, and in the priesthood meetings gave us some valuable advice.

With pres. Baker, who presided at all the sessions of conference, Elders Geertsen, Rogers, Larson, Merrill, Love, Larsen, Barnes, Bonner, Mortenson, Gagon, Simpson, Kippen, Florence and Newman bore testimony to the restoration of the Gospel and discussed some of the principles.

The Tuesday morning service was partly devoted to testimonies, many saints bearing witness to the truth of the latter-day-work.

The Durham saints deserve to be complimented upon the fine hall, the luncheon served each day at noon and the hospitality that was extended to the visiting brethren and sisters.

After performing faithfully his mission, pres. Baker has been

honorably released. We extend our thanks for the faithful services rendered and wish him success in his future life. Elder Newman has been chosen to succeed him as conference president.

We regret also the loss of Elders Mortensen and Barnes. Elder Barnes having been transferred to labor in the Georgia Conference and Elder Mortensen to preside over the N. Tennessee Conf. Our faith and prayers are extended to these brethren in their new fields of labor.

J. C. N.

Christ's reign on Earth

Art 10

1st & 2nd Coming

2nd Predicted - Psa 1: 3 Our -

Isa 35: 4 Say to them that are of a -

" 40: 10 Behold the Lord God -

Jude 14, 15 And Enoch -

Moses 7: 60 And the Lord said -

Matt 24: 3 Tell us when shall -

acts 1: 11 ye men of Galilee -

In promising the three disciples the
desire of their hearts III Nephi 28: ye
shall live to behold

D+C 33: 17 wherefore, be faithful -

Instruction - D+C 34: 6-7 Cry repentance.

Constitution

P. 1.

Elder J. Ruben Clark

Our God and our Country are two great fundamental concerns for us. The constitution was not born in the few weeks that the convention was in session of the summer of 1787; but was the product of all the human experience that had gone before.

It is my object merely to sketch out briefly the broader points of the history directly leading up to the constitution.

When we consider even these broader points of history, we can readily see that the human family has moved steadily upward in its progress. As far back as we can read in profane or secular history we find civilization. The earliest of the nations that possessed and practiced much, that belonged to the heathen.

We read that the early nations, Babylon, Nineveh, Egypt, and Persia in government were despotic monarchies, people counted for nothing, the ruler being the supreme head in all things. For religion we are informed that they worshiped the elements, animals and the planetary system all of which they propitiated by human sacrifice.

Greece, the first great nation of western Europe was a development over those that had gone before. Particularly in two things, the government belonged to a group, also this nation had moved forward religiously - gods had a personality and the human sacrifice had disappeared.

After Carthage was destroyed, Rome the next great power in the world marked an advance over Greece. Law and order spread through-out practically the

'Submission to secular authority'

Art 12 - We believe in being subject -
Enjoined by scripture - Acts 5:23: 1-3 -
Ex 22:28 - Thou shalt not revile -
The Saviour recognizes Caesar's authority -
Matt 22:15-21

Paul warns Titus to teach the flock whom
he has charge of to be law abiding.

Titus 3:1 put them in mind - (Creteans)

B of M - Alma 1:14 teaches obedience to law -
Nehor, a murderer & and advocate of sedition
& priestcraft, condemned to die by Alma.

"This people must abide by the law"

D+C. 58: 21-22 - Let no man break -

" 101: 79-80 - Therefore it is not right.

D+C 124: 19, 50 If enemies prevent the
Lord requires the work no more -

D+C 134 - On Gov. & Laws by the Prophet.

then known world, this created peace and was the ground-work on which later Christianity was to build.

Savior came when Rome was in her glory also the doctrine proclaiming that in the eyes of God, the creator of all, all men were equal. (Persecutions & Martyrdoms of early Christians, conversions of the Roman Emperor by which some peace was brot to the Christians but perhaps little spiritual help.) All this changed and advanced the run of affairs politically and religiously. It was necessary to the purposes of God that Christianity should spread so Rome was warred against and overcome by the huns from the north.

The doctrine of spirituality equality has spread and taken root in the minds and hearts of men. 'If we are equal before God, are we not equal before the law?' With this thought in mind many despotic monarchs have been put down and self government has come to light. (Church and state united also monarchs still prevalent putting burdens on the people) Never-the-less liberty and political equality by this time had come to dwell in the earth and here in America was born the Constitution and under this constitution or prescribed principles of government, which we believe to be God-given, the people grant the power to their rulers. (Congress at its first session proposed and adopted ten Amendments one = Freedom of religion)

Government is in three distinct branches the legislative to make the law, the president to execute, and the courts to judge the law.

- Difference from Monarchy -

Gladstone said the constitution was the greatest document that had ever been struck off by the hands of man at

Intolerance is unscriptural³

Acts 23:1-3 - Luke 9:51-56 James + John to Herod.

Matt 5:44 Love your enemies

^{1st} The State against the early church, then the church waged relentless wars against those who differed from its ideas or refused submission to its interpretation of the spiritual law. Instances where those professing to follow the same Master, persecute. (In 1487, Innocent III^d ordered the extermination of the Waldenses, good citizens in France, because they differed - some escaped to the Alps.) No human tongue can tell, no pen can ever write the story of the sufferings and injustice done the Hebrew people. Jewish mothers have looked on in anguish while the tongues have been torn from the mouths of their children - all because they would not renounce their faith, or deny the God of their fathers. (will be restored to their former place).

Religious fanaticism drove the puritans from the Old world to the New, here. They were hardly established here when they burned innocent women accused of witchcraft. Also men were driven from their communities who differed from them in their interpretation of the scripture. (Case also in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ¹⁸)
Luke 6:22 - John 15:18 -

A simple thing that is vitally important - to honor & obey the law of the land in the control of civil affairs, leaving all men to answer to the Lord in matters of faith & worship - thus rendering to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar and to God, that which pertains to His kingdom.
Mark 12:13 - peace would soon prevail & Christ's kingdom would be established and the will of the Lord would be done on earth as in heaven.

Matt 1:21, 24, 25 are early servants -

Franklin Proposed they ask for guidance

one time": - when we consider the accomplishments under these principles of government we can conclude that it was not the work of man but the work of God.

Dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Benj. Franklin said, before the constitutional convention, "I have lived sirs a long time but the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this fact, that God governs in the affairs of Men."

We as Latter-day saints believe and have said from our earliest time, that the constitution is and was an inspired document; the Lord has so proclaimed to us, in 1833-

Not only are we devoted to the constitution, believe it to be God-given, but it is essential or fundamental with us that there must be civil government and that we must render obedience.

The Lord has said - D & C 58: 21, 22 He that keepeth the laws of God - also D & C 130:

Glorious Banner, J. S. Vol C. 76. P. 304

The war Inevitable - Patrick Henry

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains & slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

March - 1775.

Declaration of Independence July 4th 1776

Gettysburg address - speech at the Dedication of the National cemetery at Gettysburg
Nov 19, 1863
A. Lincoln

Degrees of Glory

Privileges and glories graded to suit the various capacities of the blessed.

Indicated in Christ's teachings John 14:1-3

Paul II Cor 12:2-5 & I Cor 15:40-42

a fuller knowledge of this subject has been imparted in the present dispensation & 70 76: Three great kingdoms and below these a place is prepared for the sons of perdition.

Devils, or Fallen Angels

St. Luke 10: 17-18
II Peter 2: 4

Jude 1: 6
Rev 12: 7-9

The gathering of Israel

Ezek 37: 21 Jer. 3: 14-16 Jer. 31: 10

Deut 33: 17 Jer. 16: 14-15

Jer. 31: 7, 8, 31-34 - Thus saith the Lord ***
Behold I will bring them from the North Country,
and gather them from the coasts of the earth
*** they shall come with weeping and sup-
plication and I will lead them; I will cause
them to walk by the rivers of waters in a
straight way * *** He that scattered Israel
will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd
doth his flock. * *** I will put my law in
their inward parts, and write it in their
hearts: and I will be their God and they shall
be my people. A

Elder Reed Smoot, SLC. Sept 9th 1923.

Matt 24: 1-15 - Being fulfilled.

Kipling's poem 'if': Triumph and disaster both impostors - In many cases loses his humility (man who triumphs).

Drifting from religion.

Church will grow under opposition, our danger will come from within. Opposition declining. People are not satisfied with the mere statements of a Lulu Shepard. "I keep pretty well informed as to where Lulu lectures, not that I am interested in what she says or does but I receive letters asking if there is the least bit of truth in her statements (a short reply has been prepared for all.)"

Latter-day-saints will never be sorry for telling the truth, pure life, faith in Jesus Christ, level best, thinking before acting, forgiving enemies, hearing before judging, being kind to poor, helping a fallen brother, honest, candid & frank, standing by principles, stopping ears to gossip, bridling a slanderous tongue, pure thoughts, money given to the Lord's cause. Gossip will never assist a fallen brother and sister.

Constitution a divinely inspired instrument.

I would feel sorry indeed, if I had a friend or an associate in this life who would turn away from the plan of life & salvation because I might stumble or make a failure of my life. I want no man to lean upon me nor to follow me, only so far as I am a consistent follower in the footsteps of the master.

Juvenile Inst. 1915 Vol 50 RP. 738, 739.

Pres. Joseph F. Smith.

Gathering of Israel - Oct 28, 1923
L.S. by ²¹⁴⁰ Melvin J. Ballard.

Sentiments of thousands expressed by the words of the song 'O ye mountains high' composed by pres. Penrose, on a mission in England long before he saw the Rocky mts. also the song 'arise O glorious zion' expresses the same thought. Brings to our minds these questions 'who are the L.D.S. why are they here and what do they hope to accomplish?' Is and should be clear to us.

Free beings before coming here - Like attracts like as we have Chinese, negro etc. Groups drawn together in the spirit world and are now being drawn together. Revelation to Abraham - 'these will I make my rulers. Thou art one of them'.

A special Lineage - A Royal branch.

Gen 49:22 - Moses in Deut 33:13

History of the tribes

Waiting for a king to come thru their lineage, has kept and preserved the house of Judah a distinct people, some 8 millions strong in the world.

Have spoken of the ten tribes - lost. The tribe of Judah, identity established, what of Ephraim & Manasseh? - Judah was to be scattered & Ephraim sifted. To sift a people means to lose their identity, so Ephraim and Manasseh have become mixed with the Gentiles. The Lord has promised to gather them. Apostasy & restoration. Mission given to the prophet to send out fishers & hunters.

D+C 45: This is the times of the Gentiles, generation shall not all pass away until it shall be fulfilled. This dispensation was given to the Gentile nations for the express purpose of gathering out the house of Israel from among them, and the gathering of the Latter-day-saints is the fulfillment of that ancient prediction. People have gone from a city and two from a family or here and there they have come to this land America and particularly the Rocky mts;

gathering CONT

the only inducement, given, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, nothing more.

Keys delivered D & C 110: besides Elijah who has turned the hearts of the fathers to the children & visa versa; Moses delivered to Joseph Smith the keys of the gathering of Israel. This is the day. The gathering of the L. D. S. is due to the fact that the spirit of Moses, which is the spirit of gathering, has and is touching the hearts of every one in whose veins flows the blood of Israel.

Has hardly been a week ^{past} but what we have ^{not} had ships upon the sea with emigrating Saints or Missionaries coming or going. None of these ships have gone down at sea. Come to be a matter of comment upon the part of old sea captains, that if a Mormon is on board, it is a good guarantee of a safe voyage. The guiding hand of the Lord is recognized in the travels of the L. D. S. The spirit of Moses is lifting them up. Ford's "Dearborn Independent" states that the Jews are entitled to great claims but not all the blessings given to the 12 sons. "If we could only find these descendants of Ephraim, then we would find the chosen people of God." The world don't know except they receive our declaration which has been proclaimed for nearly 100 years.

We are gathered to perform a mission for all the world. The doors open to all. All Israel to be gathered. Two years ago 1,250,000 came to the U. S. Government report shows that 25 million made application and had the money to pay their fare. Only 5% of the population of any foreign nation allowed to come in one year. Believe the door will be opened.

Great work to be performed. The L.D.S. are in training for a special work even as Joseph was preserved in Egypt to be a savior. The Lord's program. Isa 2:3 - 'and this is the place' - Glad it wasn't Europe but right here where religious freedom is granted.

Oh that the world would see the only bright ray of the world 'Mormonism' or the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord help us to preserve the same trust for the world - for the Jews, ten tribes, lamantites for the day of redemption is drawing nigh.

Pres. Grant - Progress by way of contrast, great growth noted, Creditable record. Patriotism and Loyalty. Ability recognized (case of Reed Smoot) College records.

Pres. J. F. Smith - By the whisperings of the still small voice of the spirit of the living God. He gave to me the testimony I possess. Was not given by signs or angel messengers.
Apr. C. R. P. 40, 41

True science is that system of reasoning which brings to the fore the simple, plain truth.
Logan Journal Feb. 6, 1912.

'God' The Father and Son

John 10:33 The Jews answered him -
Luke 24:39 Behold my hands -
Acts 7:55-56 But he, being full -

Gen 1:26-27 And God said -
Phil 2:5-6 Let this mind -
Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness -
John 5:19 Then answered Jesus -

1 Kings 18: Elijah's sign to determine the true God. 19: God appeareth to Elijah.

Dan 3: 28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke & said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, mes-
hach, & Abednego, who hath sent his
angel, and delivered his servants that
trusted in him, & have changed the king's
word, & yielded their bodies, that they might
not serve nor worship any god, except
their own God: Speak not against their
God.

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God & him
only shalt thou serve" Abraham 1, 2.

"Hell", Eternal Punishment Etc.

- Matt 12:31 All manner of sin + blasphemy -
Heb. 6:4-6 Sons of Perdition -
Matt 23:14 Greater Condemnation -
Mark 6:11 More tolerable -
Matt 5:26 also Luke 12:59 uttermost farthing.
Luke 12:47-8 Stripes many + few.
Rev. 21:8 Lake which burneth with or as fire -
II Peter 2:4 Chains of darkness -
Jude 6: Everlasting Chains -
Rev. 17:8 Perdition
II Thess 1:9 Everlasting destruction -
Rev. 9:1 Bottomless pit Rev. 20:1
Matt 13:42 Furnace of fire -
Matt 25:46 Everlasting punishment.
Luke 16:19-31 Lazarus + the rich man.

Nature + duration of the future punishment of the wicked according to the modern religious world + us - That the place where the wicked are punished is not a place of literal fire where each individual burns forever, I positively affirm and here are a few of the reasons for my belief -

- ① To assert that a person goes to heaven or to hell immediately at death does away with the necessity of a judgment day - Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead which takes place after the resurrection +
② Wicked to be resurrected 1: Cor 15:22, John 5:28, 29, Dan 12:2, Acts 24:15, Rev 20:5-6.

③ The spirit is the only part of us left at death and cannot be burned -

④ A God of mercy (parents example)

- ⑤ Matt 12:31-32 all sin but one forgiven us - Heb 6:4-10:26 -
Matt 5:26 uttermost farthing -

Degrees of glory - & Matt 7:14

Presbyterians believe the tradition of the
early writers - Justin Martyr, Clement of
Alexandria, & Tertullian. Concerning eternal
hell, fire. → Westminster Confession
of faith Chap 33.

Holy Ghost

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Promised - Matt 3:2-3-11 Fore-told by John
John 1:29-33 - 14:16, 26 - 15:26-But
16:7, 8, 13 - John 3:3-5

Termed - Spirit of God, spirit, comforter
+ spirit of truth.

In his last interview with the Apostles,
the Lord repeated these assurances of a spirit-
ual baptism. Acts 1:5 - Peter, address-
ing the Jews on that same day, declared, on the
condition of their acceptable repentance and
baptism - Acts 2:38-

Book of Mormon evidence is no less con-
clusive regarding the Holy Spirit's unto those
who obey. # Nep 31:8 - III Nep 11:36 -
Moroni 8:46 also D+C 84:64

Personality + power - A being endowed with
the attributes + powers of Deity + not a mere thing
force or essence - Teaches, guides, testifies of
the Father + Son, speaks, commands etc.

D+C 130:22 - Personage of spirit. 1 Nep 11:11 - Form
of a man. - a minister of the God-head
carrying into effect the decisions of the supreme
council. As electric current (conduct-
ing medium) in a wire is capable of conveying but a
limited current - depending on the resistance
offered by the conductor. So with us.

Why given - Acts 2:32, 33 - This Jesus hath
He is a teacher sent from the Father, that His
influence the powers of the human mind may
be quickened + increased, so that things past
may be brought to remembrance. Aiding virt-
ness that bears record of the Father + Son;
that "searcheth all things, yea the deep things
of God." - Revelation given thru the H.G.

Isa 45:1 Thus saith the Lord to Cyrus - what
power but the power of God would enable one
man to call another by name a century before
his birth?

To whom given Before a candidate can

The Holy Spirit or Spirit of God, both of which terms are sometimes used interchangeably with the Holy Ghost, is the influence of Deity, the light of Christ, or of truth, which proceeds forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space, & to quicken the understanding of men - D & C 88: 6-13 (pt 32:8)

One authorized; may not have the H^{oly} Ghost in person present with him when he performs his duty, but every righteous act which he may perform legally will be in force & effect & will be acknowledged of God, and the more of the Spirit of God he possesses in his ministrations, the better for himself, and those will not suffer any loss unto whom he administers.

Therefore, the presentation of the 'gift' of the Holy Ghost simply confers upon a man the right to receive at any time, when he is worthy of it & desires it, the power & light of truth of the H. G., although he may often be left to his own spirit & judgement.

Imp. Era Vol 12, P. 389

P. 73 (Gospel doctrine) March 1909. Pres. J. F. D.

If how-ever, he receive that greater light (testimony of the Holy Ghost) and sin against it, the spirit of God will cease to strive with him, and the H. G. will wholly depart from him. Then will he persecute the truth; then will he seek the blood of the innocent; then will he not scruple at the commission of any crime, except so far as he may fear the penalties of the law, in consequence of the crime, upon himself.

Gospel Doctrine P. 82

Holy Ghost cont.

By Chas W Penrose in Scrapbook of Mormon Literature Vol I page 30.

X It [Holy Ghost] is the true light given to everyone coming into the world, but is bestowed and manifested in a higher and fuller degree when conferred as a gift to the baptized, repentant believer.

→ D+C 93:1,2 Verily, thus saith -
(Shall know also that I am the true light "I know that my Redeemer lives". The conditions are stated by which we may secure this knowledge.

The 2nd verse is not speaking of the greater light bestowed upon those who are born again; for not every man that cometh into the world is born again. The Spirit, this intelligence is not given unto all men until they repent & receive the ordinance.

The Holy Ghost is a personage of: in the God-head and is not that which enlighteneth every one that comes into the world.

That light which enlighteneth is the Spirit of God which proceeds thru Christ to the world - Job. 32:8 -

The Spirit of God will strive with us until we are brought to a knowledge of the truth & the possession of the greater light and testimony of the Holy Ghost. If we sin against the greater light, the Spirit of God will cease to strive & the Holy Ghost will wholly depart - the result.

J. F. Smith
Tab. Mar. 16, 1902.

(Consider Art of faith)
(Note #3)

Articles of faith p. 172 } pp. 18
168:18 Candidate must be in condition before a person can receive a right to the company & ministrations of the Spirit. Bestowal follows: Faith etc.

SIN against the Holy Ghost

Math 12: 31-32 wherefore I say -
Heb 6: 4-6 For it is impossible -
Heb 10: 26 For if we sin wilfully -

Spiritualism, Not of God

1 Chro 10: 13 So Saul died -
Lev. 20: 6 and the soul -
Isa 8: 19-20 and when they shall say -

Teach without Hire

Acts 20: 33-34 I have coveted -
1 Cor 9: 18 what is my reward -
1 Peter 5: 2 Feed the flock -

receive a right to the company and ministrations of the Holy Ghost a certain condition of the person is requisite. God grants the H.G. unto the obedient; and the bestowal of this gift follows faith — For the Saviour said John 14:16, 17

Apostles promised the ministrations of the H.G. unto those who received water baptism for the remission of sins — Acts 2:38

Moron's words Moro 8:46 — John's promise Matt 3:11

Acts 19:1-7 rebaptism

Acts 8: Philip & the apostles also Simon 1 Cor 3:16 Bodily condition —

Faith in God leads to repentance of sin, this is followed by baptism in water, for then the H.G. is bestowed, thru whose power comes sanctification & the specific gifts of God.

Bestowal of the Holy Ghost is effected thru the ordinance of an oral blessing, pronounced upon the candidate, by one holding authority of the priesthood, accompanied by the imposition of hands by him or those officiating. Hence Art. ⑧.

Proof — Apostles = scriptures

Christian Fathers (early) = History

P.D.S. = Authority from heaven.

Instances — Acts 8:14 — Acts 19:1-7

Referred to II Tim 1:6 Neglect not —

Cardinal principles — Heb. 6:1-2

D+C 20:41, 43 ^{ceremony} associated with that of confirmation in the church.

Form used —

Authority — Melchizedek priesthood necessary Explains Acts 8: Philip & the Apostles Acts 19:1-7 — 13 —

Gifts — Special office = to enlighten & enoble the mind, revelator etc. also certain powers Mark 16:17, 18 — Whenever & wherever that power of God is ~~manifest~~

ifest operative, then + there will the
gifts of the spirit be manifest.

Gifts are distributed - 1 Cor 12: 7
Now concerning spiritual gifts brethren,
I would not have you ignorant ***
now there are diversities of gifts, but
the same spirit, *** But the manifest-
ation of the spirit - No man is
without some gift from the Spirit;
one person may have several.

Notes + Information

Distinguishing doctrines of Mormonism

- 1/ Church & divine institution vested with the priesthood of the Son of God, committed to J. Smith and E. Cowdery, 1829, being ordained to the holy Apostleship by Peter, James and John.
- 2/ Organization an exact duplicate
- 3/ Proclaims the real personality of God in whose form and likeness man was created.
- 4/ Divine sonship and saving power of the Christ.
- 5/ Teaches a sane, sensible & Biblical doctrine of Salvation.
- 6/ accepts upon their face value the words of Christ, "In my Father's house are many mansions" and declares with Paul degrees of glory.
- 7/ Gifts and blessings
- 8/ Reaffirms Christ's promise that the Holy Ghost will 'guide into all truth' & man shall not live by bread alone, and not all contained in one book. New witness of the Son of God announced in the book of Mormon, truth by angel flying.
- 9/ She has given a sensible meaning of the word 'heaven', refutes the false idea.
- 10/ Has driven gloom from the tombs by the announcement of Elijah's coming.
- 11/ She is God's agency (divinely appointed) in the Saturday night of the world's history, to prepare a people to receive the Savior.

— Show results of Mormonism:

gleaned - Nephi Jensen
Matt 18:3 Except ye be converted, and become little children - explained by Paul not to mean ignorance - 1 Cor 14:20 Brethren be not children in understanding, but in malice.

90 Stakes 900 Wards 38 Branches 24 Missions
789 Branches in Missions 12,000 Officers

Explanation, "That's God's country & people."

Known or probable authors of the old testament.

The pentateuch - Moses

Judges - Samson

Ruth - "

I Samuel - Samuel, Nathan & Gad Proverbs - Solomon "

I & II Kings - Jeremiah Ecc. & Songs "

I & II Chronicles - Ezra & Nehemiah Lamentations - Jeremiah

Other books therein contains at the beginning the names of the authors. Old 39 Books: New 27.

Remission of sins and eternal rewards were promised blessings to Crusaders.

Extremes gone to by those left without holy spirit

Gen. Thomas T. Kane's account of his visit to the City of Navro. 1846

Those who render service to God and fellow-men will succeed.

Every panic we have ever had has been fore-shadowed by a general decline in observance of religious principles - vice versa.

It is fundamental law, what-so-ever a man soweth, that shall he reap. make stronger the ladder by which we climb up by keeping God's law and there-by prove His word.

Matters not where we are but what we are - John Bunyan > Pilgrim's progress.

Admiral Farragut entered Mobile Bay "To hell with the torpedoes" his father a captain, he a drunkard, changed heart became a hero.

The ancient religionists opposed Jesus, and Joseph Smith for the ^{same} causes. Same spirit prevalent now as then. Men's ears closed now as then. =

The hand of Providence - Elder J. H. Ward
Mar. 16th 1883.

The immediate cause of the Reformation was when John Tetzel, in 1517, was sent into Germany to sell indulgences. People long taught that the Pope and clergy under him held the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Money needed to complete St. Peter's cathedral, pardons for all kinds of sin sold. Even pardons for the sins intended to be committed. Thus the civil law was shown of its power and the nation of its wealth.
Matt 10: 34, 38 - being partly fulfilled.

Prophets of Zurich and claimed divine authority denied Infant Baptism, and the right of a distinct class to preach for hire, believed in dreams and visions. These people denounced and persecuted by Luther - "Mosheim" Vol II P. 128. The above class of people believed also that God would erect to himself a holy church with a perfect organization. Calvin put to death "Michael Servetus" because he denied that the Father, son, & the Holy Ghost were one and the same person. Also in science he had partially discovered the circulation of the blood. Calvin here proved the darkness of his own mind. Intolerance not confined to the Romish church.

1588 The Spanish Armada defeated. The King exclaimed "I did not expect to fight the elements" Storms encountered - hand of Providence. Power of Spain declined.

Impliments found in the copper mines on the shores of Lake Superior, made of copper, some are of so fine a temper that they will turn the edge of the best steel instruments of our times.

In August, 1875 near Davenport, Iowa was found a petrified skeleton, straps, bronze buckles, & wooden leg. The limb had been removed about midway between the hip and knee. This interesting discovery proves that the arts of manufacturing bronze, & artificial limbs, as well as the art of surgery were well known.

Pyramids near the city of Mexico. Temple on the summit of one. Image of Quetzalcoatl 'god of the air', Mitre on his head, Collar of gold on his neck, richly-jeweled scepter of gold in one hand & shield in other. Altar therein where human sacrifices were offered. Each year a captive was chosen, arrayed in costly apparel, fed good, led in a procession to his doom, ascending, he throws away ~~the~~^{his} apparel as emblematic that death will divorce us all. Sacrificed for the sins of the people, afterwards people feasted on the flesh. Compare John 6:48-55 also III Nephi 18- - Apostacy -

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of the spread of truth, in every age, is the tide of Public opinion. → The Savior & Apostles "What will this babbling say? he seems to be a setter forth of strange gods". Ephesians counsel together, their great goddess will be spoken against, their craft will be in danger. Mother Church against reformers. Columbus - 'fact worth ten thousand theories & opinions of men. 1 Cor 12:31 Covet earnestly the best gifts... but rather ye may prophesy. Prophecy understood by inspiration without which men will institute their own opinions -

Gen 6: Noah believed prophecy would have its^a literal accomplishment. A good thing he was not versed in the spiritualizing systems of Modern divinity.

Gen 15:13-16 - fulfilled in the Children of Israel. spiritualizing system not known by these men.

Gen 19:12,13 - Lot being simple enough to believe the thing in its literal sense escaped perhaps to the amusement of the Sodomites who probably cried 'delusion'. 'Foreknowledge'

Prophesy - Fulfilled

Voice of Warning

T. R. P. 2017

Babylon, the most ancient & renowned city of the world, banks of a majestic river. Laid out in squares, surrounded with a wall 300 feet high & sixty miles in circumference, having 100 gates of brass, 25 on each side, opening to streets 15 miles long running thru the city - exact squares of equal size, beautiful gardens, flowers etc.

In the midst of the city sat Nebuchadnezzar

God granted unto him a vision - Dan 2:31-46.

Jer 25; Lord proposed to use Neb. & bring him down.

Isa 45: Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus. - also 13th verse. What power but the power of God could enable one man to call another by name a century before his birth & also foretell history as Isaiah did.

When, with his armies he came against Babylon & gazed upon the 300 foot walls he probably would have lost hope if not inspired - He turned the river Euphrates from its course, marched under the walls & surprised Belshazzar & people who were drinking from the vessels of the house of the Lord which Neb. had taken from Jerusalem. As the writing on the wall indicated, the kingdom was given to the Medes & Persians.

Prophesy concerning Joseph Smith II Nephi 3:15

Cyrus permitted the Jews to return & build up Jerusalem - Ezra 1:2,3.

Dan 8:19-25 - Medes & Persians to be conquered by the Grecians (Alexander the Great) who with a small army subdued the world, died at Babylon at the age of 32 years. The ~~the~~ horn was broken & the kingdom was divided among 4 of his Generals (& home) who never attained unto his power. - Then Roman power!

Matt 6: 33 Seek ye first the \mathbb{K} of \mathbb{G} . =
His organized government on the earth.
Four things required in order to constitute
any kingdom. 1st A King 2nd Comm-

3rd A code of laws by which the sub-
jects are governed. 4th Subjects who are
governed. — where these exist, there
is the kingdom. If they cease, there
is a disorganization, consequently an
end of it, until reorganized after the
same manner as before.

A few incidents leading up to its
establishment — Angel to Zecharias, to
Mary & to Joseph. \mathbb{H} . \mathbb{G} . manifested unto
Simeon, in the temple, that he should
not die until he had seen the Saviour.
John's message. Sargis message
after he was baptized. Seventy & other
seventy sent to warn. What must
have been their disappointment when
their king was taken? — On seeing \mathbb{H} im
again their former hopes were revived,
they had no longer to cry the \mathbb{K} of \mathbb{G} .
is at hand but Luke 24: 47 and they
prepared to unlock the doors of the Kingdom.
After, having ascended & been crowned with
all power, \mathbb{H} e again comes & gives apostles
authority saying unto them \mathbb{Mk} 16: 15-18
(Analyze) — prove that signs have ceased, &
you have proved the Gospel has also. Holy
Ghost very much needed to preach —
Is why the world is astray, (without \mathbb{H} . \mathbb{G} .)

What would you think of a camp meeting
carried on (Peter like) — "New doctrine."
Peter & Paul preached the same Gospel and
Gal 1: 6-8.

Prayer

prayer is the key which opened this gospel dispensation, it is the channel through which the Son communed with the Father, through which the Saints were strengthened to endure, and rejoice in persecution, the gateway through which the repentant sinner may find his way back to God - C.A.C.

Noah & family thanked the Lord in prayer as soon as they emerged from the Ark.

Jaredites thanked the Lord, for His protection while crossing the deep, on arriving here.

Prayer should express gratitude as well as to ask for blessings; prayer is also a privilege as well as a duty.

The man asking the Lord to save him from drowning then when safe on the shore remarks, "Thanks, Lord, now I can take care of myself."

Our Heavenly Father heard Abraham's ^{also} prayer & sent an angel to cut the cords that bound him & set him free. ~ prayer

Hagar & her son, Ishmael. "Fear not! for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is." Well of water shown to the mother, to which she carried the boy. Gen 16, 21. ~ Lost in the Wilderness of Beer-Sheva.

God answers our prayers by opening our eyes or guiding us so that we can find what we are seeking.

Johnny knew what his father had told him to do if he got lost on horse back, but he didn't remember it till after he had prayed. "Some ^{times} ^{the} ^{Lord} ^{is} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{middle} ^{of} ^{the} ^{road}." Prayer oftentimes answered in a quiet, natural manner.

Repentance

Scriptures are definite - Matt 9:2 In those days Jesus came preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God - Mark 1:15 saying, Mark 6:12 and they (the apostles) went out, and preached that men should repent. Jesus was evidently determined that there should be no mistake upon this matter when he said Luke 13:35, I tell you Nay The word of the Lord to Israel in the days of Ezekiel was equally positive - Ezek 18:30 Therefore I will judge you Same in the days of the apostle Paul for we find him declaring in the most emphatic terms - Acts 17:30 And the times One of the principles of the gospel - Heb 6: you'll remember the savior said - Mark 16:15 Go ye.

But the question may arise in the mind of the hearer, wherein have I sinned? In what have I done wrong? I have lived according to the golden rule, doing unto others as I would be done by. What have I to repent of? Have you not been guilty of following after and believing in man-made systems of religion? Have you as yet found the true Church of Christ as organized and recognized by Him? All have dwindled in unbelief; they have departed from the faith of the ancients. (Pastor in Atlanta organized a society the purpose of which was to restore or bring back the gift of healing) II Tim 4:3 - II Thes 2:1-4 - Micah 3: Churches have been erected whose spires rise in every town and city, village and hamlet over all the land, in which men preach for hire and derive for money; thus making merchandise of the souls of men, having as Isaiah says - Isa 24:5 They have transgressed - as with the people, so with the priest. And as Jesus said in Luke: "can the blind lead the blind?"

"O that we had repented before this great and terrible day" B of M. But the harvest was past, the summer was ended and their souls were not saved.

Catholic doctrine - punishments gained forgiveness of sins. Substituted (Monks willing to undergo such punishment for a consideration. (Penance instead of repentance)

"Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you". Joseph in Egypt returning good for evil.

We answer by saying, as the apostles of old said - Acts 2:38 Yes, for the fruits of repentance are a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and it is provided that such an one should walk in the footsteps of Jesus, down into the water, and like Him, be buried in baptism.

Resurrection

Only the righteous to have part in the 1st resurrection.
Includes those who have faithfully lived according
to the laws of God made known to them.

Children who have died in their ignorance.
Also the heathen. - D & C 45:54

We are told that it is proper for us to
weep over bereavement by death and more
especially for those that have not hope of
a glorious resurrection - D & C 42:45

Solemn warning D & C 43:17-18

Funeral scene Rev 20:12

All parts restored to their proper frames
Alma 11:42-45

Dent 34:5, 6 + Joshua 1:1 that Moses died &
was buried - Jesus was the 1st fruits of them
that slept 1 Cor 15:17, 20 And yet we read
that Moses appeared to Peter, James & John on
the Mount of transfiguration. - Matt 17:1-3
Solution -> in the spirit.

Acts 2: 29, 34 concerning David in Hell.

Luke 24: 37-39 - We have, therefore, absolute
proof in the scriptures that the spirit does
exist, an intelligent, conscious being, after the
fleshy body has decayed and returns to mother earth.

Sabbath Day

Ex 20: 8-11 Remember the sabbath -
Mk 2: 27, 28 And he said -
Heb 4: 8, 10 For if Jesus -
Acts 29: 7 And upon the first -
Lev . . . To change.

Every day in the week is a sabbath
for some-one - The Greeks observe
Monday; Persians - Tuesday; as-
syrians - Wednesday; Egyptians -
Thursday; Turks - Friday Hebrews -
7th day adventists - Saturday. Majority of
Christians - Sundays.

New Zealand Herald
July 21, 1917.

Scattering of Israel

Deut 4: 27 and the Lord -
Amos 9: 9 For he -
Luke 21: 24 and they shall -
Lev 26: 33 and I will scatter -

Salvation for the dead

D+C 84: The Gospel taught and continuation of the priesthood from the earliest age. Adam to Moses 2,500 years & higher priesthood. Moses to the savior - Lesser. Then, the authority was taken from the earth.

Circumstances people are born under. Our situation in this world is largely due to our conduct in a pre-existent state. P. of G. p. Abr. 3: - Jer 1:5 - Acts 17 His attributes being mercy & justice, He has provided a means that all shall hear the Gospel plan.

An intermediate state. (spirit world) Luke 23: 42, 43 - John 20: 17 - 5: 25 - Object of this mission → 1 Peter 4: 6 ^{Teaches} Death does not perfect people, also man's free agency, man must prepare himself to dwell with God. Hence it needs revelation to assist and give us knowledge of the things of God.

To more definitely show Christ's mission 1 Peter 3: 18 - the thief's position.

Offering salvation after this life does not destroy the incentive to embrace the Gospel here. - Must pay for deeds done in the body. Better plan than the doctrine that denies many the chance of salvation.

The mission of the Savior contemplated by prophets - Isa 42: 6, 7 - Thus Salvation for the dead is a scriptural doctrine.

1 Cor 15: 29 - Epiphanius in the 4th cen. writing of the Marcionites says they used to baptize others in their name. Council of Carthage A. D. 397 canon # 6 forbids the ordinance of b. for the dead. Why would such a decree be issued if the ordinance had no existence in the Church?

along with Isaiah's prediction concerning Christ's mission to the dead, he says 24:5 - refers to the last days; 'few men left'; 'Everlasting covenant' doesn't refer to Mosaic law.

In connection 24: 21, 22 - same as the antediluvians. Keys for dead as well as the living had to be revealed. →

Mal 4: 5, 6 - Acts 3: 21 -

The forerunner John the Baptist came, afterwards Peter, James & John. Then on Apr. 3rd 1836 came Elijah.

Prophet Joseph Smith predicted that the Gospel as preached by the Elders would yet revolutionize the world. Even this subject was not first believed, even ridiculed by nearly all, but has been growing in favor in late years.

Henry Ward Beecher - Nashville Tenn. in speaking on 'what Christianity has done to civilize the world' said Natives of Africa who hadn't heard Christ's name would have a chance to hear the Gospel in the spirit world. - Elders' experience -

The spirit of Elijah is working on the hearts & minds of men, Genealogies being gathered.

Why should we not go forward in this great work?

Salvation to all

War, plague, pestilence etc will be agencies in the hands of an offended Deity to open up the way for the spread of the Gospel. - Final condition of the human race - most glorious ever printed? D & C 76: 40 - 45

Isa 61: 1 - Luke 4: 18 Isa 42: 6, 7

He preached to meek etc during his earthly ministry. How about the captives? Paul says to be lead captivity captive by not going to heaven immediately but - 1 Pet 3: 18 -

Phil 2: 2 Every tongue - All will hear the Gospel and be judged according to their compliance with principles - Degrees & Everlasting punishment.

What hope does the Christian? world hold out. The venerable Bede,

Succession in the Presidency

B. H. Roberts

All that want to draw away a party from the Church after them, let them do it if they can, but they will not prosper.

From B. Young's speech, at a special Conference in Nauvoo, Aug. 8th 1844, the Conf. being convened to consider the claims of Sidney Rigdon to be the Guardian of the Church
Mill Star - Vol 25, P. 216

① The fate of those who have drawn away
Sidney Rigdon - excommunicated Sept. 1844.
His efforts amounted to very little - died in 1876 in obscurity in Alleghany Co. N. Y.

② William Smith - a brother to Joseph.

In May 4th 1839 he was suspended from fellowship, afterwards restored. He first claimed to have been appointed, anointed & ordained by the prophet to succeed to the office of President of the Church after the prophet's death. His chief claim was in the fact that he was Joseph's brother.

His attempt at organization & maintenance of a church, futile. Was living in poverty & obscurity in Iowa in 1880 when Elder Roberts was on a mission there in Iowa.

* In 1850, he, at a Conf at Covington Ky, put himself at the head of
Lyman Wight - Former Apostle - lead a party away from the Church to Texas in 1844, refusing to work in the Pinerias as B. Young had desired. He lived in Texas unknown by the world, unhonored & without a following, & lied outside the Church of Christ. For his insubordination, he was excommunicated 1848 - S. L. C.

* B. George Miller - Lead a party of saints to Texas. Excommunicated 1848 S. L. C. Died in obscurity.

* Note the blessing each would have received D. C. 134:12
James J. Strang - Settled with a party of saints in Wisconsin & Michigan - became their prophet, President & King - Became broken up & he was killed.

⊗ Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S.
Joseph Smith, son of the prophet the first
President. Headquarters in Missouri.

Upon the grounds that young Joseph should lead
the people Messrs Briggs & Gurley visited him
at his home in Nauvoo & were turned out ^{old}.

Life of J.S. ^{2nd} Ed. p. 767

Mr. Joseph Smith's word at a speech given in 1860
(Apr. 6th) when he was made President, "I pledge
myself to promulgate no doctrine that shall not be
approved by you, or the code of good morals."
How different from I Kings 22: 7-18 (And Micajah
said as the Lord liveth what the Lord saith unto
me, that will I speak) — also from Brigham
Young's words, As He dictates so will I perform.
(As the Lord's will is my will all the time) If He don't
guide the ship, will go down in the whirlpool

Mill Star Vol. 10 - p. 115.

Re-organized or Josephite Church is a stream
formed by the confluence (uniting) of two Apos-
tate streams (Mr. Gurley & his following, flows
from Strangians — Briggs & his following from
the Church organized by W^m Smith) does ^{this make} ^{it true or not?}

Mr. Joseph Smith's claims called to that position
when a boy, thru his father — by blessing,
revelation, & formal anointing. Testifiers contradict
themselves by joining other forces. Also the
revelation referred to the boarding house for
strangers D & C 24: 56-59.

① Position by lineage (when the only 2 offices
in the Priesthood depending in that way are
the office of Evangelist or Patriarch to the Church,
and office of bishops when the man is a literal
descendant of Aaron — D & C 68)

② By revelation to himself. If he did receive
said revelations it was not a "call" or does not make
him President. D & C 107: 22. Only a few people
met at Conf when young Joseph was made President.
Was this by choice of the people when almost all
of the saints were west?

③ Ordained by those holding legal authority —

Succession in the Presidency Cont.

Records show that the men who ordained Mr. Smith were Apostates or very weak members, ever ready to uphold some who tried to establish a church or lead a party away. (Wm Marks & Zenas H. Gurley for instance)

Case It is not to be supposed that in a few years, that the Lord would permit his Church thus brot forth out of obscurity to become disorganized and fall back into darkness. Consider Daniel's Prophecy Dan. 2: 44 - Gal 3: (?)

The 1st Presidency was disorganized at the death of Joseph and even the one that the prophet had designated to succeed him. (Hyrum) Then, the next highest authority (the twelve apostles) devolved the Authority or Presidency in this case.

Consider Isa. 2: 2, 3 - and the accomplishment of these people.

The savior said John 15: 18, 19, If the world hate - also Luke 6: 22, 23 Blessed are ye - It is the blood of the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S., Not of the Re-organized Church, which today unavenged crimson the soil of the states of Georgia, Tennessee & Mississippi. It is our Church not the Re-organized that has been assailed & mis-represented - our re-organization friends joining in the cry against the saints of God. (Work not retarded)

It would be almost utterly impossible to carry the Gospel to the high ones of the earth by the usual missionary system. yet a way has been provided that Judges, legislators, presidents & Kings may hear the Gospel plan & learn of the dispensation opened by the personal ministry of Messiah.

'Mormonism' has been given a hearing in the Senate, House, & Supreme Court. God hath not left himself without witnesses among the great ones of the earth. For the testimony of the truth (that all receive by the spirit) whether great or small, they shall give an account in the day of judgement to the God who gave it to them.

Baytams for this dead, beloved in by the prophets
not not practiced (no temples)
stow down with the prophets

Thoughts

Look for good, not for evil.

'With very kindest regards, I remain'
'That the happiness and peace that comes from obeying God's will, will fill your hearts.'

Rules of sound reason and common sense should be practiced by every one of us. An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure.

Work every day when the weather permits. Do not distribute a large number of tracts one day and lay off for a week. Be out every fair day. Be conscientious in your labors & reports.

Anger is like an over-hasty servant, who runs off with all speed before he has heard half the message.

Do not close your ears or eyes to Nature's warnings. If you are ill, rest from your labors and give yourself proper care. Keep away from places where duty doesn't call you.

Be prayerful, being so you are humble and close to the Lord.

When a man tampers with the things he should leave alone he becomes hateful to his friends. And it is a peculiar weakness of human nature that we hate those whom we have wronged.

Be not deceived by the things of the world - example - Dog with meat crossing the stream saw shadow & dropped the substance.

We gain more influence for ourselves when we support those who preside over us.

What is the form of a mission? To get through the day somehow - praying from the lips.

The best way to teach the gospel is to live it.

What is the substance of missionary work?
putting your whole heart and soul into
our work. prefer substance to form.

The obtaining of the spirit of God is the
great object of fasting.

Let us guard against spiritual
spring fevers. May our thoughts ever
turn to God.

Not our words but we, ourselves
are the missionaries. What manner
of man am I, is a question we should
often ask ourselves. "Examine yourselves,"
said Paul.

Work is only well done when it is done
with a will. No idler can ever enter into
the love of God. Beware of lost time, a
wasted day, a blank report, like a bad
penny, will return to plague us.

With hearts full of duty and zeal let
us earnestly deliver our message lest
the Lord Himself question our delay
and negligence in delivering it.

Our numbers are few, but as Paul
said, "If God be for us, who can be against
us?"

In the years to come we shall think our-
selves blessed that we were here preach-
ing the Gospel. Give praise to God for
your labors.

"We are preaching a saving faith. Some
of us do not speak good English but
if our hearts are sound and good they
Lord will be pleased to have us preach
the Gospel even though we do not
preach it in eloquent language."

It is always safest for us to take the advice of
those placed in charge of matters over us, and
carry out their instructions in their way, not ours,
even if we see things differently. — Case of
man crossing a river on a horse disobeyed
counsel and by a miracle escaped death.

"Now go across the point"

Thoughts Cont

Temptations and the pleasures of the world are the rocks which spiritually wreck the spiritually blind. Walk in the light of the Gospel and then you will never make shipwreck of your faith.

○ St. Paul's voyage to Rome under guard, if his advice had been taken the ship would have been saved
→ Acts 27: — "I made this my rule," said the prophet Joseph, "when the Lord commands, do it." The miracle of salvation is wrought by obedience to the laws of God.

A calm spirit without fear is the reward of a firm faith in God.

II Tim 4: 6-9 — Paul's testimony —

○ "The more Sunday schools we have, the less will we need reformatories & penitentiaries.

The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.

A home without books is like a body without a soul.

Any dub can leave his text books on the shelf — Era Oct. 1923

It is a duty to have good books — Beecher

Tell me the kind of books a man reads & I will read his character for you — Litt

○ One cannot go into a flour mill or coal mine without being covered with the flying dust. No more can he read an evil book without it leaving a stain on his memory & his soul — Litt

There must be Cog-wheels as well as fly-wheels on every machine, each watch has its main spring, each Government its supreme head. — Herbert Kauffman — Efficient Libe

"No person can be called educated who will not do effectively something that he does not wish to do at the time when it ought to be done." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

Pres. of the Columbia University
Sometimes we are not inclined to go out
travelling when we ought to go. To show that
we are properly educated in the Gospel,
let us do our duty at all times = C.A.C.

The Saviour's example of teaching = Case of
the question in the prophet Joseph Smith's
mind concerning baptism. The Lord was
the teacher, Joseph Smith the pupil, and
baptism by immersion for the remission
of sin the truth to be taught. The first thing
the teacher did was to prepare the mind, &
then give the lesson in the most concrete
& simple manner.

Perhaps no fact of Psychology is better
established than this, that the mental
and Nervous organizations of like-minded
people "respond in like ways to the same
stimuli."

The power of truth,
One man with a dream, at pleasure,
May go out to conquer a crown;
And two, with a new truth's measure,
May trample a kingdom down.
an Irish poet.

Not only around our infancy
Doth heaven with all its splendors lie;
Daily, with souls that cringe & plot,
We Sinai's climb and know it not.

From "June" From the vision of his ^{triumphal}

By Lowell

Tell me not, in mournful numbers, life is
but an empty dream! - For the soul is dead
that slumbers, and things are not ^{what they seem}
- Longfellow

Thoughts Cont.

Hindu proverb: "Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! thy own has reached the shore."

Then here's to our boyhood, its gold & its gray,
The stars of its winter, the dews of its May!
And when we have done with our life-
lasting toys,
Dear Father, take care of thy children, The Boys,
& The boys - Oliver W. Holmes.

Lay out there & try to see jes' how ^{lazy}
you kin be! - Tumble round and
souse yer head in the clover-bloom,
er-pull yer straw hat acrost yer
eyes and peek thru it at the skies,
Thinkin' of old chums 'at is dead,
Maybe smilin' back at you
I' betwixt the beautiful clouds of
gold & white & blue! - Month a man
kin rarely love - June, you know,
I'm talkin' of!
Knee-deep in June
James Whitcomb Riley

To learn to read well is the business of half a life.
- Macaulay.

Strike a natural tone before reading from an
author, as - If you will listen I will read, for your
edification, I hope, some verses by Alfred Tennyson.
They are entitled -

I solicit your prayers of faith in my behalf -

Our church has no regular ministry. All
"Mormon" laymen are preachers. This is
one of the particulars in which our church is
different from other Christian churches. We
are asked, "what is the difference between
your religion and other Christian creeds?"

The mere fact that it (the valley of dry bones) indicated in Ezek 37:1 has remained in the Holy Bible is evidence that God did it as an explanatory lesson to the human mind.

Some-one has said, "A lie will go around the world while truth is getting its shoes on."
C. D. Cook

One minute of uncontrolled anger may bring sorrow & pain the remainder of our lives.

Joseph, his brethren said, "Behold the dreamer cometh!" apply to Joseph Smith.

The butler restored to his former place in the king's court as Joseph had predicted, "yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him. Gen 40:23 - Do we remember the Lord for bringing us into this wonderful light? Like the butler afterwards remembered Joseph, let us remember our Lord.

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream, "How much wiser men are who have the Holy Spirit as their teachers than all others." Paul's voyage to Rome Acts 27:17 Counseled delay.

Joseph, was faithful & relied on the Lord, for wisdom, also James 1:5.

Success secrets - "Push," said the button
"Never be led," said the pencil.
"Never lose your head," said the match.
"Find a good thing & stick to it," said the stamp.
A testimony of the Gospel likened unto a compass.
Content makes poor men rich & rich men poor.

In our Church work we should, "look in, look out & look up."

When speaking in public - speak up so you can be heard, stand up so you can be seen & shut up so you can be respected. - Jensen.

Lincoln - I will study & prepare myself & one day my chance will come.

Pick UPS

Isa 53:5, 6

1 Cor 6:19, 20

D & C 19:16-19

Thus He becomes the great law giver to our race & of right prescribes the conditions upon which the full benefits of His atonement can be had - These constitute the gospel & these he authorized His Apostles to proclaim to the world, saying Math 28:18

The Apostle John, in speaking of the great event of the future, says he heard voices saying Rev 11:15 - in harmony Dan 2:44

Dan 12:2 "And many" - After an account of the righteous & their reign upon the earth 1000 years, Apostle John says Rev 20:12

Public ministry of this church commenced April 11th 1830. Public discourse delivered by Oliver Cowdery at the house of Peter Whitmer in Fayette N.Y. afterwards 6 were baptized.

It is related by venerable Bede that when King Edwin was converted to Christianity he called his wise men together and asked their opinion of the doctrine taught by the missionary (Paulinus) one said these words:

"The present life of man O King, seems to me, in comparison of that time which is unknown to us, like to the swift flight of the sparrow thru the room, wherein you sit at supper in the winter with your commanders & ministers, and a good fire in the midst, whilst the storms of rain & snow prevail abroad. the sparrow, I say, flying in at one door and immediately out at another

whilst he is therein is safe from the winter storm, but after a short space of fair weather, he immediately vanishes out of your sight into the dark winter from which he had emerged. So this life of man appears for a short space but of what went before or what is to follow, we are utterly ignorant. If, therefore, this new doctrine contains something more certain it seems justly to deserve to be followed.

Modernists & fundamentalists are threatening to disrupt several denominations. N. Y. Dec. 18. 24.
The ^{modern} fundamentalists deny the virgin birth of the savior & the resurrection of his body, the existence of a devil, the efficacy of prayer, the reality of the miracles, the bodily form of God & the ascension of Christ. Imp. Era Feb. 1924.

Hence the conditions of salvation are first, knowledge of God, and second, obedience to His laws.

He saved the world 20 centuries ago by three great, ever present agencies.

Home, Motherhood & industry - being born of woman or the Virgin, he re-exalted woman, again sanctified the home, and by his being the son of a carpenter, and drawing around him his fisherman saints, he dignified labor, and thus there arose a new world out of the ashes of the old, by reason of his revitalizing these three great forces of humanity. N. D. Morris.

Parents Rather than interfere with the child's free agency in religious affairs he is deprived of all religious influences in his youth. Their pure bred livestock would be trained younger than

Pick ups Cont.

Rev 21: 'A new earth' and the 'tabernacle of God will be with men.'

Math 5: 5 Meek shall inherit the earth.

Gen 13: 15 land to Abra & his seed forever.

Daw 7: 27 Everlasting kingdom

○ "A Mormon missionary?" "I shouldn't think you would admit it so freely." "I don't, I thankfully profess it."

? I/ Has God a body of parts & passions and was man created in His image?

II/ Has there been a general apostasy, and have professors of religion taught false doctrines of men.

III/ Is belief in new revelation false? Belief of the Christian world.

Advantages possessed by the Saints.

Rom 3: 1, 2 What advantage hath the Jew - Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Rom 7: 4, 5 pertaining to the adoption etc.

Nearly the same with the L. D. S. - Eph 1: 10.

They are given the knowledge of the truth; access to the wisdom and power that is God's; fruits of the spirit etc. Advantages does not end in himself. He may be a means of extending salvation to his generations after him. The L. D. S. are called upon to teach the truths of the Gospel to their children. Thankful that the Lord put the age at eight instead of eighteen.

Advantage of baptism.

○ The germ of that Spirit life still lives, & somewhere, & at sometime, it will assert its power, it will gain its victory.

The spirit will work & reprove, rebuke your sin & to speak the word of encouragement when you did well. It will work also with your offspring. It profits much every way to be L. D. Saints.

God has commenced his work with you & your children & will finish it. (Unanswered yet)

"Unanswered yet! Nay, do not say ungranted,
perhaps your part is not yet wholly done;
The work began when first your prayer was
uttered,

And God will finish what He has begun.

The father's call to his son "lie down," the
boy's trust in the father & his safety.

Do you know who is holding you? Faust;

The boy lost in the woods on a pony.

Two Mormon elders in the S.S. guided by the
spirit one goes an opposite road & saves one of
his brethren from death in a vacant house.

"Do you think that you ought to be a Lieut-
enant?" One hesitated, the other said Certainly,
the latter received the position.

The world judges Mormonism by its
prejudices & not its fruits

Subjects on Great men, holidays,
topics, etc.

Xmas

Christmas = Atonement, Joseph Smith's prophecies, the prophets birthday = Dec. 23rd 1805 - present with you in spirit

Gratitude to our Heavenly Father is best expressed in willing performance of duty

Xmas

"A Christmas Carol" by James Russell Lowell, - typewritten.

"Jest 'fore Christmas" - Eugene Field
"For A' that + A' that" - Burns

Poems - Pre-existence, The poet Wordsworth says, 'our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting', Sister Eliza R. Snow, 'O my Father'

"Keep a-joinin'" - Frank P. Stanton

[For as he thinketh in his heart so is he. Proverbs 23:7. (poem) If you think you're beaten -] [I took a piece of plastic clay] The broken Simon' by Heskiah Bitterworth.

"The night before Xmas" Clement Moore.

Xmas

Christmas - Let it be the aim of the Saints to cultivate the spirit of generosity and good will such as was exemplified in the life of Christ and proclaimed when the angels heralded abroad the message, peace on earth to men of good will, and which has been reiterated in the modern restoration of the gospel. - Joseph F. Smith.

Counsel

In all our exercise of body and mind, it is good to remember the Lord. If it cannot be so, I do not wish to see another party while I live" - Brigham Young. Conduct at socials which are opened by prayer is more likely to be in harmony with the teachings of the gospel.

"Let something good be said" 'Riley'

Unless you have that characteristic something to make the people do something for the town or community, it dies.

progress and achievement do not go hand in hand with ignorance. Mormonism is the very embodiment of Americanism - late war record example.

"Development of the Latter-day-work."

The gospel - with authority restored -

Rev. 14: 6, 7 - No obscurity about this language - Men would not understand thru prejudice the fulfillment of other prophecies down thru the ages. Appearance of angels? The Saviour + Elijah soared up thru the air of visible heavens. Credible that god could employ an angel.

Poems "Love of Country" - Scott

- "Our luth is but a sleep" - Wordsworth.

O my Father - Eliza R. Snow.

("For do he thinketh in his heart so is he" - Prov. 23: 7) "If you think you're beaten".

"The broken pimon" - Hesekiiah Butterworth.

"I took a piece of plastic clay"

"The bridge builder"

"A Christmas Carol" - James Russell Lowell.

"Columbus" - Jauguin Miller

"The night before Christmas" - Clement Moore

"In Flanders fields" - Lieut. Col John McCrae -

Died in France Jan. 28, 1918 after 4 yrs on the western front.

"June" from the vision of St. Paul -

James Russell Lowell.

X "How did you die" - Edmund Vance Cooke

X "Opportunity" - John James Ingalls.

"Paul Revere's Ride" - Longfellow

"Aton Beru Adhem" - James Henry Leigh Hunt

From "Thanatopsis" - Bryant

"Perseverance" - Von Goethe

Facts and Subjects

Congressional Library at D. C. said to be the finest in the world. Lined throughout with fine Italian marble, highly polished and adorned with designs.

Washington suggests - The man, ^{monument} ^{home,} ^{Capitol,} ^{the state;}
The Memorial amphitheatre at Arlington, Virginia, stands as a monument, not only to Washington, but to all national heroes.

Numerous sights of historic interest. Washington is preeminently the city beautiful. Predominance of white buildings - a symbol of purity.

Wide streets - suggests openness. The Obelisk Monument standing directly over the common place as did Washington.

The Capitol & towering wings.

Lincoln Memorial

White house with its stately rooms.

Botanical Gardens or historic Georgetown.

French engineer planned the City (P)

The massive Capitol begun in 1793.

Washington Monument " 1848

The Chambered Lin. Memorial 1915

All face the rising sun but are westward placed, in keeping with the westward progress of the Nation.

Mt. Vernon

Potomac river - George threw across

^{330,000} White domed railroad station

Elm covered highways, magnificent lawns & monuments on every side.

Smithsonian institute.

Printing & engraving

Our attention is directed to our nation's father.

Convinced that a S. Lombardy poplar was or is as beautiful as certainly as beloved as an orange tree.

Statements and testimony of outsiders.

In Wilmington on the street man ^{Catholic} remarked, "That's God's Country & People"

Methodist "Card playing had taken the place of the gifts".

Evangelist Cummings in New Berlin a convict's garb. Telling his life's story. I traded him a Durant for a little book of his. As to my interrogatory concerning the Mormons he replied that while in Montana he had spoken a good word for us.

Cape Look-out - N.C. - Apr. 7. '24
A talk with Mr. Clifton concerning the light-house. - light is 156 above sea-level. - 77,000 Cattle power. - 4 aluminium panels, revolves by clock work. - 2400 Gallons of oil a year. - house - 9 ft. walls at base & 2 1/2 ft at the top.

Cape Hatteras, 75 miles So. East, is the graveyard of N.C. - moving shoals.

Preacher with two women, fishing for men, some bait.

Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

5,000 employees.

\$20,000,000 a day

50,000,000 stamps = to 1 million cash.

\$10,000 largest bill printed.

Money for Phillipian Islands also printed.

Waste scraps ground into powder & sold for \$40 a ton to cigar shops.

65,000 P.O.'s in U.S.

June 3rd 1924 - D.C.

Tithing

Gen 28: 22 And this stone -

Mal 3: 8-10 Will a man rob God? -

Heb 7: 4 Now consider -

Prov 3: 9-10 Honour the Lord with.

Today is the time for the kind word, the good deed and for prayer. Today is the time to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Tomorrow may be too late. The time to pay our tithing is when it comes into our hands. Tomorrow it may slip through our fingers. There is no time like the present.

Fast offerings and fasting → The poor we have with us always, If on each 1st Sunday 5¢ each meal were paid for the 2 meals we should miss, the poor could be taken care of without touching the tithes. - Apostle Ballard.
The spirit should have dominion over the flesh.

Instance of Bro. M. Ball in Moore County.

Gen 28-33 → After Jacob had been blessed with a dream & had thanked God, he took the stone he had used for a pillow & made an altar of it. He poured oil upon the stone, and there he made a covenant with the Lord, saying, "of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth ^{unto Thee}." That is the law of tithing all faithful Latter-day Saints observe today.

If I gave you or your father gave you a dollar & asked for ten cents, would you give it willingly? Or at all?

Word of Wisdom

1 Cor 3:16-17 Know ye not-

" 6:19-20 what? Know ye not-

Rom 14:21 It is good neither-

pro 20:1 Wine is a mocker-

pro 23:21 The drunkard-

1923 In last 7 years 1 Billion dollars has been spent by the U.S. for Coffee importation, not one atom of food value.

The tree that stands 6" above the others will become the giant of the group → If the S.D.S. would observe this law or word of wisdom, it would put them ahead physically, mentally, and financially of any other group. → A religion that prepares a people to succeed in competition with other peoples, to survive, is a religion that will stand and endure.

No official member of this Church is worthy to hold an office after having the word of Wisdom properly taught him, and he the official member neglects to comply with or obey it. Which decision the Council confirmed by vote. Decision pertaining to one who administered the sacrament & kept not W. of W. (History of Church Vol 2. P. P. 34-35)
(Mill Star Nov. 8. 1923 -

Dan 1: Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach,
& Abed-nego — Melzar their master.

verse 17 — As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

D & C 89:

Zion

Zech 1:17 Cry yet -

Zeph 3:14-16 Sing O daughter -

Micah 4:1-2

Mission Record

Baptisms

Holtsclow, Bettie ANN } Oct. 1st
" , Stella Jane }
" , Alice ANNIE } 1922
" , James } Cranberry
Barlow , Katy Maybell } N.C.

Turner, Bently } May 22nd
Braxton, Martha Eliz }
Case, Lena Pearl } 1923
Braxton, Ester Leona } Arthur
N.C.

Davis, Mrs. Pinkney }
PINK HILL, N.C.
Henderson, Francis Marion } May 4th, 1924
Wilmington, N.C.

My Cage Boyette } May 25th 1924
Sarah Rose Radford } Goldsboro, N.C.

Confirmations

Holtsclow, Stella Jane
Barlow, Katy Maybell

Turner, Bently
Case, Lena Pearl

Fulk, Thallis - Oct. 26th 1922 (Baptized by
E.F. Bonner) Kernersville, N.C.

Harsey, Florence - May 13th 1923 [A.J. Merrill]
Morris, John - " 6th " E.F. Bonner
Rocky Mt. N.C.

Hughes, Minnie (Mrs) June 24th 1923
(Baptized by A.C. Larsen)
Goldsboro, N.C.

The Second Advent

Professed Christians of all denominations believe in the 2nd coming of Christ, they disagree tho about the manner, time & place - popular opinion is that he will come in a spiritual manner & reign in the hearts of his people, that his presence will be universally & simultaneously felt when all the world has been converted thru the preaching of the word. — would come traveling as a man — in the form of a woman — various places have been fixed upon as the spot where he would appear — the ~~the~~ every day & hour also.