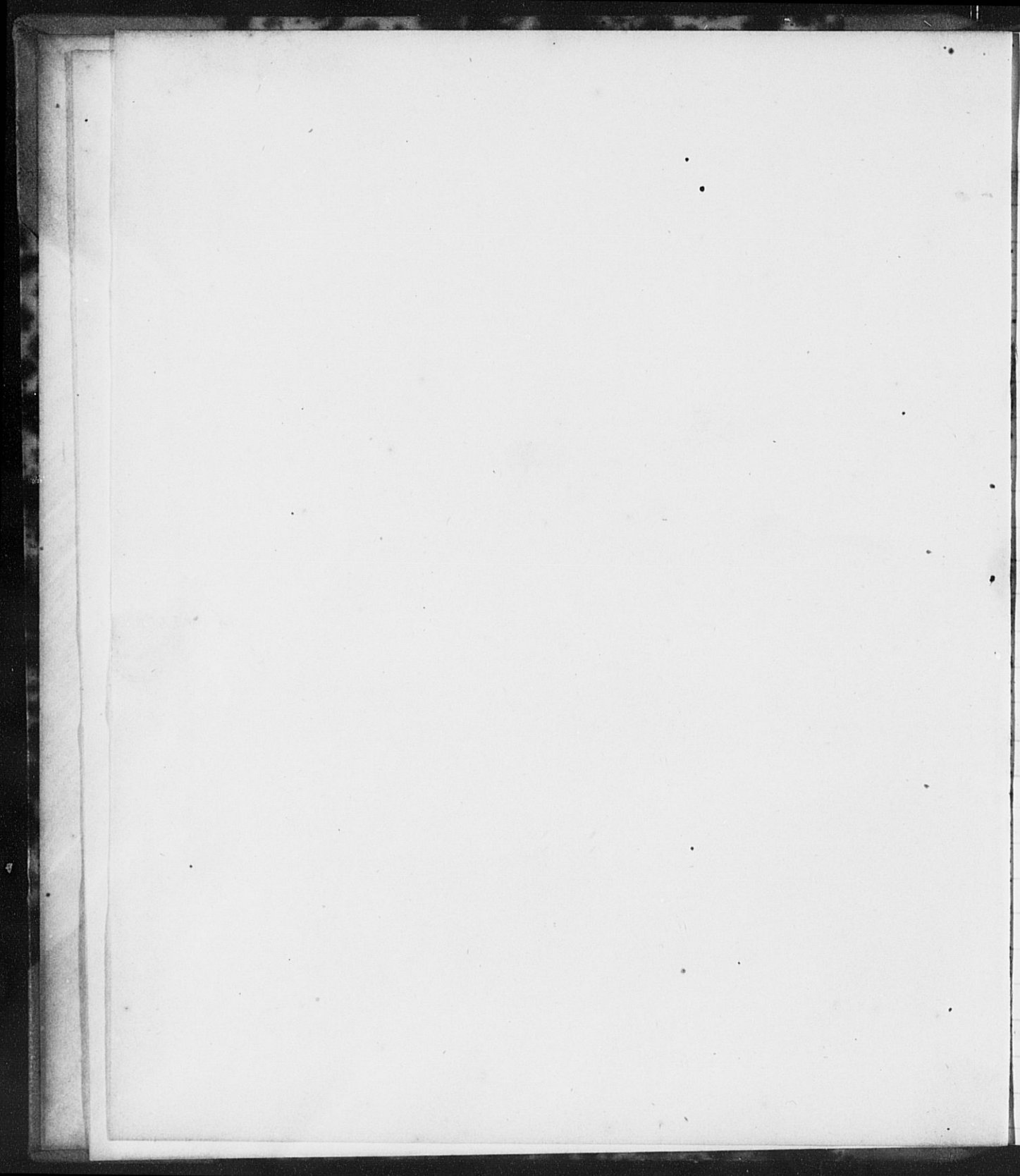


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"O Zion withhold not thy blessing; the true testimony is thine; unto each kindred & Nation, go publish thy Order Divine. & pour out thy life like a river till knowledge shall cover the land, & thou shalt by sacrifice surely in greater & greater strength stand."

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A Testimony of Solemn warning & Instruction
Given by the Ancient Prophet Jonah, &
written by mortal hand according to the direction of his Spirit.
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Introduction — During the last Spring past, the Prophet Jonah several times appeared to the writer; & the Spirit of the attending guardian Angel (of correspondence, whose name is Vao-ká-la-veé,) declared that this Prophet had found a just relation

to the gospel, & was an obedient son of the holy Parents of the New Creation. His countenance was bright & pleasant, & his spirit was very loving. 2. He rejoiced, & appeared to take great delight with us in the worship of God. He expressed much thankfulness that his eyes now beheld the glorious work, & beautiful gifts of God on earth, for which he had hoped & long waited to see. For all souls with the Prophet who are in the work of God in the spiritual world, do delight in every increasing degree of His work on earth.

3. They not only feel a fervent desire for the salvation of man, but also, when there is any increase of the work of God on earth, they always partake of a corresponding increase in the spiritual world, & thus they travel, suffer & rejoice together. For Zion on earth & in the spiritual world, are connected together like body & soul.

4. In the last part of May, the Prophet made known to the writer a communication which the Divine Spirit directed him to cause to be written, but did not require it to be done then, for the time had not yet come. But now, for some days past, amidst ^{severe} tribulation, mortification, & sufferings of the Spirit, the writer has frequently felt the Spirit of the Prophet moving upon him, & bringing his communication to remembrance.

5. And this day, the Prophet says "the time has fully arrived when the communication of which I gave thee notice, & made known to thee in substance, must be written for a warning testimony, adapted to the present operations of the work of God, & a witness to all men in due times."

6. Therefore bow thyself low, & pray earnestly to thy heavenly Father, that thou mayest be prepared to write in the hear of God, in truth & verity, that which I shall speak into thy soul, without varying one jot or tittle therefrom. After this preparatory work had been sincerely complied with, the Prophet said, "Now write thou truly that which is given thee, for the words are solemn & weighty truths."

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Chapter 1st. A caviling sense reproved.

The nature & effect of the Prophets message to Israel.

1. I am Jonah the prophet of whom ye read, & about whom, from the marvellous things related in the book which bears my name, there have been many speculative opinions & doubts in the world. But let vain man know, ^{that} with all his carnal reasoning, & philosophic speculations, he can no more comprehend the nature of Gods works, nor the manner of his dealings with man, & the purposes thereby intended, than I could flee from the presence of the omniscient God of all power.

2. Nay, nor can he by his natural wisdom, any more comprehend the power of God to effect His purposes by means entirely contrary to any course of nature, with which man is in any degree acquainted, than I could comprehend the manner in which God would meet me in my own way, & compell obedience when I attempted to flee from His presence.

3. For know all ye children of men, that God is as able to derange / deflect the whole course of nature to effect His purposes, as he is to cause the winds to blow. — which man has never been able to comprehend in real substance, what it is, whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth. Use of many other simple natural things.

4. If then, ye cannot truly understand the things of nature with which you are daily familiar, wilt thou O vain man dispute the works of God, because thou canst not comprehend nor understand them?

5. Remember O man that thou art but a poor worm of the dust! And yet thou presumest to doubt, judge, & even condemn the works of that Almighty Power & Wisdom, before whom all nations, & the world they inhabit, are no more than the dust of the balance!

6. But know this, O ye vain sons of fallen nature who cavil at the work of God because ye cannot understand it, ye will yet be brot to see & know your own littleness, weakness & folly, 'as much as I was brot to see my folly in attempting to flee from the presence of that all-seeing God who had called me as His messenger.

7 Ye may cavil away your own honor & salvation, & lose the glory of obedience to the will of God revealed in the manner of his own choosing; but ye can never, by all your disputes, vain cavils, nor opposition, hinder the purposes of God from being accomplished in every little according to His will, & by the means of His own appointment.

8 The record of the book which bears my name, however strange it may appear, is substantially true, & without essential error. But the book is a history of only a part of the dealings of God with me, & of His word by me. I was a servant of God, keeping the law of God for Israel in sincerity, when the Nation generally, was sunk in idolatry & gross wickedness.

9. In those days the horn of Israel was laid low; their power was broken by the judgments of God, for their wicked transgression of His Laws, & for their ingratitude for His favors. They were scourged by their enemies, & much of the land that had been given to their fathers was possessed by the heathen, & they were sorely oppressed. (See 2 Kings 14, 25, 26.)

10. Yea, the nation of Israel was in danger of being rooted out from the earth. But there was a remnant in Israel who still worshipped the God of their fathers, & were just in their doings. These cried mightily unto God for their people, that God would once more visit them in mercy, & deliver them from their enemies.

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18. And long before Christ appeared on earth, the Angel who spoke by the Prophets, & was the guardian of Israel, sounded his loud trumpet & called his people to be in a preparatory work for the manifestation of the Messiah, the holy messenger of the eternal Covenant, & a great work began in the world of spirits.

19. Then was there a corresponding reflection of this work on earth, which caused the increasing expectation, waiting, looking, & praying for the coming of the anointed Teacher from God, & which prevailed for many years among the devout in many nations, but especially

20. It was this glorious holy Angel who led the bands in Israel, holy Angels & spirits that sung praises & gave "glory to God in the highest & on earth peace & good will towards man," at the birth of our blessed Savior. He is the mighty Arch Angel who is designated in the Scripture by the name of Michael, the great prince of Israel. He is the Angel of power, light, & perfect order, & hath always stood since the beginning of the creation, as the Prince to bring forward & maintain the perfect order of the work of God among His covenant spirits & people, according to the present nature & degree thereof.

21. And in every increasing degree he hath led the hosts of the Lord against the Prince & powers of darkness, drove them back & prepared the way. This mighty Angel is now leading forth the armies of Heaven, & making war against the dragon & his angels, which causes the mighty work of the present day. And he will overcome them,

& with increasing power drive them more & more out of the heritage of the Lord, & thus prepare the way & bring in the work of more perfect order in all things, than hath ever taken place since Creation began.

22. Yea, O ye children of spiritual Israel! See goeth before you with the armies of Heaven, in the war in which ye are now engaged. Therefore fear not, for no power can withstand him. Ye are called to be brave soldiers in this war, & if ye are faithful, he will surely lead you on to victory, saith Jehovah.

23. It was the great sound of the trumpet of this Angel, preparatory to the coming of Christ, which awakened me. Then I cried unto God with all my power, & labored to repent, & be prepared to meet the King of Israel. Yea I preached repentance unto all whom I was able, & my great tribulation was such, that I the sooner heard the voice of the Son of God.

24. Yea, truly, when Christ spoke of me on earth, I heard his voice & sought my relation to him. I was one of the dead of whom he spoke when he said "The hour is coming & now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, & they that hear shall live". For I heard his voice & came at his call, & he received me. Then I confessed my great sins of rebellion, & found his forgiveness. Yet I had a great labor, tribulation & deep humiliation to go thro, to rise from my loss, & live in the work of that

25. But after Christ began the work of preaching to souls in prison, day of darkness in the world of spirits, he called & sent me to preach a further work of repentance to the same people of Nineveh, to whom I was sent while on earth; that they might receive the gospel & rise into the Kingdom of Heaven according to that Dispensation.

26. I willingly obeyed his voice, tho under a great cross; for I had to begin this work in great humiliation, & set an example of deep repentance,

for my disobedience & unreconciliation before them while on earth. But multitudes of them received the word with joy, & came into the work of deep repentance & obedience, & thereby received the holy Spirit, & thus arose & travelled fruitfully according to the work of that day.

27. This was the beginning of that work & day of judgement, in which Christ foretold that they would rise & condemn the Jews of that day & generation, because they repented at the preaching of the Prophet. For this prepared them to readily receive the preaching of Christ thro his messengers; while the Jews who repented not at the preaching of the prophets, rejected Christ. Hence the Ninevites by their works condemned them.

28. Therefore harken all ye children of men, to words of the God of all knowledge & power. Know ye that the least degree of sincere repentance in any soul, is always noticed & blessed by the God of mercy. Yea, the least degree of real repentance in this world, if not blotted out by wilful rebellion, will make it easier for the soul to find the mercy of God in the world of spirits, in exact proportion to the sincerity & depth thereof.

29. But those who die wholly impenitent may have to wander in darkness for ages before they can find the means to repent at all. For there is never a rational soul lives on earth above infancy, whom God does not at times call & give the power of repentance according to their light. Beware, O beware all ye children of men, that ye slight not these times of visitation, for they are of eternal consequence.

Chapter 3rd

Instructions & solemn warnings to all inspired messengers of God.

And now, O ye children of the New Creation, saith the Prophet Harken to the words of your holy Parents thro your humble brother, for they are words of weighty importance. 2. Behold the days have commenced, when the Divine Spirit of Power & Wisdom hath begun & will continue to raise up inspired instruments & prophets as messengers & send them to manifest the mind & will of God to the children of the New Creation, in every increasing degree of this work, unto the full establishment of His eternal Kingdom. Also to declare His judgements & reveal His work to the children of men, in all ages to the end of time.

3. For the days are begun when the Law shall go forth from Zion, & the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, to make known His will & work more & more, untill the whole counsel of God is declared to the children of men. Nay, the Lord God will henceforth do no great thing in the world, which Hee will not first reveal to some of His inspired servants in Israel.

4. Therefore be wise O ye inspired instruments of God's spiritual Israel. Harken to the voice of your holy parents & be warned by the experience of your brother ^{of companions} in labor & tribulation, & believe not the deceitful spirits of nature.

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are, & always will be placed between the sheltering gourd & the operations of the fierce wind & heat.

7. That is, they are placed under the Divine covering power, prefigured by the gourd that grows over me. This, in obedience to the divine Spirit that calls them, & in full resignation to speak the word, & do the work commanded, will overshadow & shelter them from all harm from their enemies without & within.

8. Yea this power will cover them from the fierce winds, & the furious heat of the opposition, cavilings & railings of Satan with all his hosts, both visible & invisible, who will ever pour out their wrath against them. But in this state they shall be protected, so that nothing will fall on them but what will work for their good. But they shall be kept safe, & be honored with the honor of God, saith Divine Power.

9. But first know ye that ye have the true word of God. Beware that ye say not hee saith, when he hath not spoken. For if ye do this, ye will cause great sufferings, & will surely have to answer for it.

10. If ye suffer envy, emulation, ill will, fears, favor, or affection to operate within you in the least, & thereby vary my word & cause unjust sufferings, or lure souls into false security, I will surely require these things at your hands, & ye shall suffer untill the debt is paid to the utmost, saith the eternal Source of Righteousness & Truth.

11. But if at any time ye feel an operation of the Spirit upon you, & are not certain what is required, dare not to rest quietly, untill the requirement is fully revealed, for if ye do, ye know not the fatal effects thereof. Therefore cease not to humble yourselves at every such operation; bow low in body & soul, & earnestly pray to your Father who is in Heaven to show you his will in truth. & intreat the good spirit that appears, or that you feel is present, to help you.

12. In this way, in due time the truth will surely be made clear unto you. And then, in union with the anointed of God, in whatever branch of Israel thou art, speak, & reveal whatever is thus given thee, without varying in the least degree to please thy own feelings, or the feelings of any mortal. And fear not, neither consult with thyself about consequences, for consequences are all safe in the hands of Him that sendeth.

13. Know all ye inspired ones, that it is not a light thing to be chosen as a messenger of God. For tho' your tribulation & mortification to prepare you for this work must be great, yet great will be the reward & honor of obedience.

14. But awful will be the consequences of disobedience, & especially the last degree of willful rebellion, in any inspired instrument of the children of the New Creation. Such souls run the risk of eternal loss; & if this is done in any great degree, they risk the loss of their birth right.

15. Obeware, beware dear friends of this dangerous sin. Ye cannot sense its dreadful effects while in a mortal state. Ye have heard my experience & great sufferings for this sin, for which I had to go thro' much mortification & tribulation even after I had found the blessed Mother; yea, your Mother & my Mother. I have felt it a great privilege to confess this to her, & have found that I had to go thro' much to be redeemed from my loss.

16. But this work is now effected. And I rejoice more that I have found my blessed Mother, who hath borne my soul into the work of full redemption than any thing that I ever before found. Therefore let my experience dear companions, be a warning to you, for a far greater loss will fall on you if ye rebel against an inspired call in this day. For this is disobedience to the call of the light of full redemption, whereas in my day, it was but the light of the shadow of the work of this day & dispensation.

17. When ye are called as messengers of God, if ye fear for the loss of your own honor, & consult your own natural feelings, & try to cover yourselves with your own wisdom, it will be like the booth which I erected to shelter me from the heat, while I waited in my own way to see what would become of the City. When, had I been reconciled to the will of God, I should not have been at a loss, but should have been a messenger of mercy to that people.

18. But as the gourd that was suddenly raised over me, sheltered me from the heat, & delivered me from my grief, so would the Divine Power have protected me had I been truly obedient. But when the gourd was smitten by the worm & withered, my booth could not shelter me from the heat, brot by the fierce east wind, but it beat vehemently upon my head, so that I fainted & wished for death.

19. Therefore ye may see by these figures, that every messenger of God is placed where the fierce wind of Satan will blow with fury & bring the fierce vengeance of the rebel spirits against them. And if they try to shelter themselves by their own wisdom, in disobedience, the divine covering of their protection will be taken off, & then the fierce wind of judgement will be raised against them, & the dishonor which they feared will overtake them.

20. Yea, & far worse than this, they will lose the honor of both God & man. For if they continue in rebellion untill the forbearance of God is passed, they will fall into a state of such extreme sufferings, that they will utterly faint, & wish they had never been born.

21. And know ye for certainly that God will not be foiled in His work by the disobedience of any messenger whom He may choose. They cannot escape from His hands - for the they may flee to the rocks & caves of the mountains - the they should be cast into the depths of the sea, & be swallowed by the monsters of the deep, there His hand

will find them & bring them forth, & effect the work that ~~He~~ He intended by them, both in the natural & spiritual worlds, as ye have seen that it was in my case.

22. True, they may lose the honor that is gained by obedience, & have to go thro' unspeakable sufferings, yet God will bring them to submission by judgements, or else He will make the examples of judgements upon them, effect the purpose which He intended. Therefore harken O harken ye chosen messengers & follow not the unwise steps of your brother, the prophet Jonah.

23. Shrink not neither faint because of the great sufferings & deep mortifications that are laid upon you, for this is indispensably necessary to subdue all your natural passions & feelings at the time, so that these can have no power to adulterate the pure gift of God. & that nature having no part therein, ye should not be exalted thereby, & take honor to yourselves, instead of giving all the honor & glory to God, but consider yourselves as humble instruments.

24. For surely, if ye are exalted by your gifts, however wonderful, a worm of your own nature will arise & smite the gourd of your protection, so that it will wither; then you will faint & fall.

25. And now my dear friends who may be thus called, know ye that it was the want of this subjection by tribulation & mortification, that caused me to become exalted & seek my own honor, & thus to fall into the loss & sufferings which I did. And there was not one of the ^{apostle} inspired messengers under the dispensation of the Law, who did not fall more or less on this ground.

26. For even Moses, the meekest & greatest of all these, when he was left to prove himself took the honor, instead of giving it to God, & in an exalted & impatient strain said "Hear now ye rebels; must we (Moses & Aaron) fetch water out of this rock?" As if, by their own power they had done all these things which had been done ^{by} ~~thro'~~ them, instead of ascribing all the honor & glory to God, & acknowledging themselves as poor mortal instruments.

27. These things showed the weakness

of the Law, & Moses had to bear the rebellious spirit of the people. Therefore he could not bring the people into the promised land, for this was a type of the heavenly inheritance, where God only should be known & honored, 28. But in this day, sufficient power is given, so that as all, & in all, if ye will be obedient to the Lord's anointed, & patiently bear all sufferings & mortification that may be laid upon you, & obey the word of God to you, ye will surely be protected from this danger, & be enabled to follow your holy Savior & Lord.

29. He was the first, who ever gave all the honor to his Father, & did always those things that pleased him. And in humbly following his example, blessed, eternally blessed shall ye be, say your eternal Parents; for ye shall surely be numbered among the choicest of our jewels.

30. As the law could make nothing perfect, hence the sacred gifts under it could not be perfect. Therefore it left all souls [that were] under it, in the great deep of human nature, where they all find themselves, living in the life of the monsters of this great deep, from which they never can be raised, until they come into the resurrection.

31. Therefore Christ himself had to descend into the heart (of Christ: of nature) into the depth of the waters, (i.e. into the midst of the living principles) of this great deep, & overcome the great Leviathan thereof, "the King of all the children of pride." And having broken the bands of his powers, he arose out of this great deep, & thus opened the way for souls, that they by his power, might rise out as he did, & be delivered from this great monster. Otherwise they all must have finally perished there. For it is truly said, "the whole world lieth in the wicked one."

32. But when the spirit of Christ comes to souls who are in this monster of the great deep of nature, for their deliverance, [it agonizes them, &] he can no more hold them than the monster of the Sea could hold me after the Spirit

Spirit of God wrought on him for my deliverance, And he will have to vomit them upon dry land. That is, on ground where they can hear the word of obedience, & have a privilege to obey it if they will.

33 It was on the ground of this figurative representation, that Christ declared my being three days & three nights in the whale's belly, was the sign of his descending & remaining three days & three nights in the heart of the earth. Matt.

34. For know ye that His divine Spirit did descend there, & (12:39 to 41) remained that period of time before he arose therefrom. This same spirit of Christ must descend there, & find every soul of man ^(whosoever) in that state, & break the bands with which they are bound, & raise them therefrom, or salvation can never be obtained by them thro endless ages, saith Divine Wisdom.

Chapter Lth

A Prophetic warning to the children of men — The righteous judgments of God declared among all nations. An exhortation.

And now harken all ye children of men; hear & understand, saith the Prophet. Behold ye the power, goodness, justice, & mercy of the Great God of all, in what hath been declared. When Israel was spared from utter destruction which had been denounced against the Nation, thro the intercessions of the faithful, & a small degree of repentance, so that they prospered for a time, yet as they abused this mercy, became hardened thereby, & filled up their measure of iniquity, God did utterly cast them off.

2. And when the Assyrians, the people of Nineveh, repented at the word of the Lord, & reformed their ways, the evil denounced against them was staid, & they prospered in God's providential work. He casted the horn of their power, & sent them to scourge hardened & impenitent Israel, whose name they e

blotted out from under heaven to this day.

3. But when the Assyrians took to themselves all the honors of these great things, became exalted in pride, ceased to repent, & filled up the measure of their iniquities, then the threatened judgements which had only been stayed, were poured out upon them to the full, with all the increase that their evil doings had stored up. And not only was Nineveh destroyed, but the name of the whole Nation was blotted out from the earth forever.

4. And this ever has been, & ever will be the manner of my dealings with the children of men saith the Lord. When I threaten judgements upon any person or people, it is because of sin which has come to that fullness that my judgements must justly follow, or my righteousness cannot be maintained.

5. But if repentance takes place even in a small degree, & iniquity ceases, the judgement will be suspended for a trial untill iniquity again increases & comes to the full. Then will the judgements be poured out with an increase proportioned to the increase of iniquity committed during the time of favor & trial. And all shall justly partake thereof according to the degree of their guilt. Thus my righteousness is maintained.

6. In the same manner, & upon these just & equal principles, all my promises of blessings, mercy & favors, are administered. If that righteousness which is the subject of these promises, ceases, then the promised good cannot take place consistently with the verity of my nature. But if it continue, the good will surely be dispensed. Therefore, tho' the cavillers may say my ^{words} are contradictory, yet they are all perfectly true, & the contradiction is all on his side. [with him].

7. Therefore O ye children of men, the way of judgement & peace, of blessing & cursing, is clearly set before you, & will most assuredly take

place at all times, according to the degree of light & calling of my Spirit un-
to you, either in that which is natural or spiritual - in providence or grace.

8. Hence saith the just & merciful God, let all the messengers whom
I shall ever send, whether in the order of nature or grace, to declare either
judgements, mercy, or favors, know assuredly that these will be fulfilled
exactly according to the principles which are here revealed, tho' it be never
so much out of their sight.

9. I delight more in show-
ing mercy, than in judgements. Nay, I never desire the destruction
of any soul to whom I have threatened judgement, but that such should
repent & be saved. And this [result] shall surely follow, if the cause be removed.

10. O ye children of men! My call to you is repent! Repent!
Repent, that iniquity may not be your ruin; for my wrath is poured
out upon the world which I have made, for the abominable pollutions
of its inhabitants. And my judgements shall not cease to roll, roll
upon it, untill the earth shall be swept from the abominations thereon.
Therefore, all ye my chosen people, set ye the example of deep repent-
ance unto all men, for this I require of you whom I bring nearest to
me, lest my fury & judgement fall first upon Zion.

11. O earth! Earth! hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Almi-
your Creator & Preserver. Behold the same word is cried ^{gthy}
unto thee, that was to Nineveh of old. Yea, the days of every nation
& people that dwell upon thee are numbered, when they shall be overthrown
except they repent. But these days may be lengthened by repentance.
For I will give every people space to repent, before these days are fulfilled.

12. Therefore, if they will repent at my call, & cease from the evil of their do-
ings, & obey my law & order which shall be made known by my messe-
ngers, according to the degree of my work for them, then the measure of those

days of destruction shall be removed. 13. But every nation & people who will refuse to bow before Me & obey My Law, & thus continue impenitent, their names shall be blotted out from under heaven, before the days of my visitation are ended. For no flesh shall escape the work of My avenging sword. Yet, my mercy shall follow my justice. 14. Therefore the messenger of mercy hath a more glorious calling than the messenger of judgement, even as my holy Son is a messenger of mercy & peace to all souls who will repent & come to save, & not to destroy, & he is the greatest & most glorious of all messengers. But all my works shall be righteously done, & ye must submit to my will, whether to be messengers of peace or war, judgement or mercy, & it shall be well with you.

15. Thus saith your heavenly Father, I will raise up many messengers in the world to declare & minister my preparatory work, who shall know of no head on earth beyond themselves. These shall be Breakers, to break down Babylon & the power of the Beast.

16. All such messengers I do require to deliver my word faithfully & uprightly, according to their best light to all unto whom they are sent. For I will surely call them to a righteous account in the day of judgement, for all the gifts that I have given them, & shall exact usury of them according to what hath been given. And they shall have improved the same, saith the Lord God. ^{receive a just reward, according as} ~~they shall~~

17. Now therefore saith the Prophet, all ye who may be thus called, be warned by the voice of a brother, who knoweth by experience the bitterness of yielding to the exalted feelings of nature. When ye receive any gift of the Divine Spirit, in all ye say & do under its operations, seek only the honor of God, & to do His will.

18. Take heed O Instrument, that thou suffer not thyself to be exalted by the greatness of thy gifts, or the fulfillment of thy prophecies, & thus undertake by thine own wisdom to build on that foundation which God hath not laid. For if thou dost, thou wilt surely reject the next & superior degree of the work of 19. Then wilt thou fall into the belly of hell, & in that state, have to cry to God in unutterable anguish, even as I did, before thou wilt have the offer, & be enabled to accept the humbling work of obedience, which to thy sense will take from thee all thy exalted honors.

20. For know ye for certainty, that there never will be but one true & sure foundation whereon salvation can be found, neither in this world, nor that which is to come. And that foundation is laid in Zeion, by the second appearing of the divine Spirit of Christ in the holy Parentage.

21. And know ye that every succeeding degree of the work of God, always excels the preceding, in purity & glory, & the former degree must be removed, that the later & superior may take its place. And the increasing degree must be received & entered into by all, like dependant babes, or it can never be obtained.

22. It is for this reason that so many leaders in preparatory revivals, who rise in the power of the Spirit, reject or lose their birthright in the substance of that work of which they have prophesied.

23. But in the New Creation, among the Builders of Zeion, saith the Lord, I will ever appoint the visible head, whom I will anoint with my wisdom, to lead all my chosen people. And here all inspired gifts must be tried & directed by this head in their administration & application; otherwise, confusion, discord, & destruction will ensue.

24. For often ye will neither know the proper times & seasons, nor the true nature of the work required, & thus may act in mistaken zeal, & be liable to do harm rather than good. Hence no building can ever stand as the house of God which is not supported by this line

of order & subjection. Therefore all ye messengers whom I shall ever call, know assuredly that your protection will ever consist in this line of subordination & obedience, saith the God of Lions.

25. Saith the prophet, I have now finished the testimony & warning which I was sent by my heavenly Parents to deliver to their chosen people, & thro them to all men in due time.

26. And will ye holy Anointed, now besokind as to forgive the ancient Prophet Jonah for his wrong & bad example while on earth? For in my days of tribulation & sufferings I have felt as tho I could never be forgiven. Yea I could call upon the whole Creation to repent, mourn, & weep with me.

27. Will you now believe that he hath confessed & repented of it, & found the forgiveness of our holy Parents? This is truly the case. Will ye be pleased to remember him as a brother, a companion & zealous fellow laborer with you in the work of the New Creation, & also receive his everlasting love & blessing. Amen.

Jonah the Prophet.

Witness of the Prophet Daniel to the preceding testimony.

After the preceding testimony was ended, the prophet Daniel being present, said, I greatly recommend this testimony of our beloved brother, the humble & holy Prophet Jonah. He had to bear the rebellious state of his people. Thus in his sufferings, he was made a type of the sufferings & death of Jesus Christ, his descent into the regions of darkness, & his resurrection. He hath come out of great tribulation, & washed his robes in the blood of the Lamb, & by a life of true obedience, made them clean & white, & is a holy child of the New Creation. His testimony is the word of sure & certain truth. And if in union with the anointed Seed, it is the will

of God that it should be preserved with the rest of the prophetic testimonies, as a profitable, solemn warning & instruction to all generations of men. Please to receive this with my special remembrance, & neverending Love,
Daniel.

A short Testimony from the Prophet Micah.

Given in the time of the evening retirement, Dec. 6th 1841.

The Daughter of Zion & her Dominion — The mountain of the Lord's house —
The foundations of bloody Zion — Salvation found only in the Lion of God's glory.

Thus saith the holy prophet Micah, I desire to have my testimony recorded with the rest of my brethren the prophets, my testimony to the work of God in the present dispensation, which is the greatest that ever was manifested on earth, for in the progressive degrees thereof, the whole work of God for the salvation of man will be accomplished.

2. Of the order & work of this dispensation, I prophesied when I was upon earth, saying, "And thou a tower of the flock! The strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first Dominion: the Kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem".

3. Yea, in the glorious work of this day, this 'Daughter of Zion' is manifested, even the Blessed Mother of the New Creation. She was truly the Daughter of Zion & Jerusalem, for thro' great sufferings, deep tribulation & mortification, & a life of true obedience, she became ^{the true} heir to the highest light & power which could descend from the Lion of Christ's first appearing.

4. And by this light she travelled on into increasing degrees, untill her soul was redeemed from a fallen nature, & she rose triumphant into the Kingdom of Heaven, & was joined to Christ her head & Lord.

5 Therefore unto her is given, under the Lord God & the Lamb, the first dominion of this Kingdom of everlasting righteousness & peace, which, in the increasing operations of the work of God thro' her, shall be the eternal inheritance of her children, who are the Saints of the Most High, to whom shall be given all power & dominion under the whole heaven, even that Eternal Kingdom which shall increase forever.

6. For the daughter of Zion hath been in great pains, travail & labor, to bring forth souls out of a fallen nature, into the Kingdom of Heaven, untill the Lord hath redeemed many souls from Babylon, & from the power of all their enemies, & thus they are born as her children, into the holy work of Zion.

7. And in them this work is fulfilled of which I prophesied saying, "Arise & thresh O Daughter of Zion! For I will make thy horn iron, & I will make thy hoops brass, & thou shalt beat in pieces many people; & I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, & their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth." This is the true nature of the work of God for all souls who find an inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven. This establishes the true order of Zion, & is the highest & most glorious state that souls can attain, [while] on earth.

8. For by the horn of her power, she will break in pieces the enemy that holds souls in bondage; & by her brazen hoops, manifested in the power of the gospel to souls in nature's loss, she will trample the flesh into dust, which binds souls in bondage to sin & pollution. Then shall they rise into the holy life of the children of God, & become the light of the world.

9. Therefore in the days of this dispensation, shall the mountain of the Lord's house be eternally established in the top of the mountains, & shall be exalted above all the hills which the Lord God hath made. And all the hills & mountains of man shall bow before it. Thus shall all

People who seek salvation, flow unto it.
 10. On this holy Mount, stands the protecting tower of the flock, which overlooks the whole world. And from its height, the lovely Daughter of divine power & light, with the holy Angels & watchers of God, watches over all the sheep & innocent Lambs, who keep within her fold, & protects them from all the prowling wolves that would devour or destroy them. And from the height of this Tower, shall the eternal light & power of salvation shine forth to the ends of the world.

11. Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, O ye children of men! Thus saith the great God of all power; prepare, prepare, all ye inhabitants of the earth, for the mighty work that is before you, which shall roll & roll increasinty thro all the nations ~~in~~ the world, visible & invisible.

12. And this work shall operate in greater & greater power, both in judgement & mercy, in providence & grace, untill all people shall bow before me, & fear & honor my great & holy name.

13. Thus saith the Lord unto the kings, princes, & priests of the earth; forasmuch as ye have built up your Zion with blood, & established your Jerusalem with iniquity, therefore shall your Zion be plowed as a field, & all your high places which ye call the mountain of the house of God, shall become as the desolate high mountains of the earth.

14. Yea & all the foundations thereof shall be destroyed, & it shall be overthrow. Then all the stones of these foundations - that is, their specious & false principles by which they have built up a religion adapted to the nature & spirit of the world, - these shall be hurled down with vengeance, as the stones of a burnt mountain. Then the mountain shall crumble into dust, & be found no more.

15. I will shake down your thrones, & cast you down from your high places of power, & lay you low, even to the dust of the earth. And ye shall no more oppress the poor & needy, nor deceive, & bind the souls of mankind from their rights; for I will cut off every oppressor from the earth.

And then all the meek of the earth shall wait upon the Lord, & be prepared for my salvation which shall flow from Zion.

16 For the eyes of all people shall be turned towards the Lion of my glory; & they shall know that there only can salvation be found, in the glorious holy mountain of God, which from its height, shall shine forth as the only divine light to all souls. 17 And hither shall all nations come to worship. For all people who will not worship the God of Zion shall be cut off. Then shall the Kingdom, & the glory, & the power, be the Lord's forevermore; amen.

18. Saith the Prophet, I now bear witness to the preceding testimony of my beloved brother, the prophet Jonah, & to all that my ~~holy~~ ^{holy} ~~brothers~~ ^{brothers} the ancient prophets have inspired thee to write. Yea, the words there in contained are solemn & sacred oracles which will surely be fulfilled in their times. And all men will yet see & know that these sacred oracles, proceeded from the Source of eternal truth.

19. O the glorious Gospel! How beautiful are the habitations of the heavenly Kingdom! Blessed, eternally blessed are all souls who find an inheritance therein, saith the prophet.

20. I herewith give my never ending love & blessing to all the children of the Daughter of Zion. Know ye dear relations that I am a brother, & fellow laborer with you.

Farewell,
From the Prophet Meicah.

Note -

About the last of Sept, 1840, in one of our evening meetings, the Prophet Meicah appeared to the writers standing in the circle with the singers, helping them sing for us in our sacred devotions. It was observed by a number, that they sang with uncommon power, & a very harmonious & serene

gift. The Prophet appeared remarkably zealous & powerful. His appearance, & the boldness of his countenance were sufficiently awe inspiring to make even the devils fear & tremble before him. He was evidently a powerful & fearless messenger of God in his day, & still so continues, saith the Divine Spirit. At that time he made a communication to the writer similar to the foregoing, but he has never required anything to be written until now. The Prophet, then, & now, referred the writer to a hymn composed many years ago, entitled Michah's prophecy. (See p. 265. Millennial Praises.)

That hymn, said he, expresses the true nature of the fulfillment of my ancient prophecy, recorded in the 15th chap. of the Book that bears my name, & which shall be accomplished in the work of this Dispensation. The hymn was composed by the inspiration of my Spirit, tho' at the time, unknown to the mortal writer thereof.

A Communication from Jehoiachin

The young King of Judah — Given by Inspiration Dec. 18-1841

Introduction — by the inspired writer.

On the sixth of June, 1839, in time of evening retirement, a bright spirit suddenly appeared before the writer, in the form of a tall & beautiful young man. An attending spirit said, "This is Jehoiachin, the young King of Judah, of whom you read. (2 Kings Ch. 24 & Jer. Ch. 52.) called also Coniah, & Jeconiah. He gave himself up to save Jerusalem & his people from destruction; for which act he is beloved, & held in everlasting remembrance & honor. And he is now a beloved & faithful child of Mother — therefore he is at this time

permitted to come & see Mother's children on earth, & to make himself known to thee for special purposes." He again appeared to the writer, the same evening, in our meeting, to which he was introduced by good brother David McEacham Sen, who appeared much pleased with him, & manifested that he was greatly beloved by the good spirits. The young King appeared very pleasant & loving, & was greatly pleased with the privilege to behold the beautiful worship of God among Mother's children, & to rejoice with them in holy devotion. During his appearance at that time he made a communication to the writer, but did not then require it to be written. But his has again presented itself, & desires that his communication, & all that he shall now inspire may be written at this time. The prophet Daniel had previously informed the writer that he would be called upon to write the testimony of this prince, when the time should come. The prophet has now presented to the writer in large white letters, these words, "The time is come."

Chapter 1st.

Jehoiachim explains why he gave himself up to the king of Babylon, & shows the honor which he thereby gained of God & man, while ~~yet~~ on earth.

I am Jehoiachim, who was the young king of Judah, of whom ye read in the scriptures. When my father Jehoiakim died a shameful death; being slain, & his body drawn out thro the gates of Jerusalem, & buried with the burial of an ass, (as had been predicted by the righteous prophet Jeremiah,) for his wicked transgressions of the law of God; & especially for persecuting the prophets of God, because they reprov'd him.

2. Then the people of Judah made me their king, & I was beloved by them. I was piously inclined, & tho but a youth, I had been griev'd

with my father's injustice. Nevertheless, I had been educated in the ways of my father, & my reign was so short, that I had neither time nor power, really to reform, either myself, or the wickedness of the people.

3. But I believed the word of the prophets of God, & had designed to reform in many things, from the ways of my father. This I was prevented from doing: for the armies of Babylon came against me, & the city of Jerusalem was besieged. I believed they were sent of God to punish us for our iniquities.

4. Therefore as the holy prophet, Jeremiah had prophesied that my father should have none to sit upon the throne of David, after him, & that I should surely be delivered into the hands of the king of Babylon. I believed the word of the Lord, hence that I had a strong city, & was surrounded by many noble & mighty men; yet contrary to the advice of proud men, I delivered myself up to the king of Babylon. Yea, I put my life in my hands, & chose rather to trust in the word of the Lord, than in the arm & power of man.

5. And I was carried captive ⁱⁿ to Babylon, with the princes, nobles, & mighty of the people, & many of the king's seed, my kindred. Then the Lord declared by the prophet Jeremiah, that he had sent us to Babylon for our good, that we might not be destroyed with the wicked that were left, that he would watch over us for good. & we should return to our own land, & he would give us a heart to know him, (Jer. 24, 5 to 8.)

6. All these things were fulfilled towards us & our children, & much favor was shown to all these. Their lives were saved & they prospered. Many of my kindred were greatly honored, among whom was the great prince & prophet Daniel, & the three holy children who were saved from the fiery furnace. And tho' I was a prisoner during the days of Nebuchadnezzar yet I was not in bonds, but received many favors, & obtained mercy of God during the time.

7. And in the first year of his son, by the influence of Daniel, who was in great power, & by the mercy of my God, I was delivered. For during my long captivity I had spent my time in repentance & prayer, & in serving God in the best manner I was able.

8. Therefore God heard my prayers, & this king lifted ^{up} my head from prison, & set my throne above all the kings & princes that were with him in Babylon; & honored me with great honor above all others. Then I had opportunity to visit my brethren in captivity, & comfort & encourage them.

9. My son Salathiel was appointed captain of the people, & his son was the wise Zerubbabel, who spoke the wise sentence before king Darius, which was the immediate cause of the return of the Jews to their own land. And it was he who rebuilt the temple, & to whom God promised that he would make him as a signet, for he had chosen him.

10. But according to the word of the Lord, those that returned to the land of Judah, were mostly those who went to Babylon with me, or their children. Those whom we left behind, were either destroyed, or scattered over the earth. But all the favors, ^{which} we gained by submission, would have been lost to us, had we hardened to our own proud & naturally brave nature, & refused to give ourselves up according to the word of the Lord.

11. For then the hand of the Lord would have been against us, the City would have been taken; I should have been slain, or led into ignominious imprisonment; & doubtless been deprived of having any son to bear up my name, as was my successor.

12. And the utter destruction of the City & nation would have then taken place; which, by my harkening to the voice of the Lord was delayed for a time, to prove whether they would repent, & accept of their punishment & serve the king of Babylon untill the wrath of the Lord should be turned from them.

13. Had I not done thus, my kindred would have been slain or treated despitefully; & I should never have lived to be honored by the greatest monarch of the earth, nor should I have had a son & grand son to be honored as they were.

14. And altho I was then reproached, for what I did, by the proud & worldly brave; yet, when they came to see the effects of the wickedness, rebellion, pride & bravery of my successor, Zedekiah & his proud men, the whole nation honored me with great honor, & my name was handed down to all generations of the Jews, with gratitude & honor, as one who sacrificed himself to save his people.

15. Nevertheless, these were but the temporal advantages of my self-sacrifice & of passing my days in piety, repentance, & prayer to my God, during my captivity, instead of murmuring at His hand as unjust, which [carnal] reason might have said I could justly do, because I was young, & of a pious turn, & could have committed no sin worthy of such sore judgements.

16. But I believed in God rather than my own natural feelings, & received great reward, even in this life; yet this was but small to the eternal benefits of my obedience & piety in this world, tho under a dark dispensation.

Chapter 3rd.

Jehoiachin declares the dealings of God with him both in this world & the world of spirits, & shows the benefits of obedience to the revealed word, & will of God.

And now saith this holy child of the New Creation, Hear ye the words of our holy Parents, who have sent me to deliver this testimony to their children; for thus they said unto me; Go & cause thy experience to be plainly written, as a warning & instruction to all our children, that they may thereby see the great benefits & blessings of obedience, & the sacrifice of natural ways & will, even under a dark dispensation, both in time & eternity.

2. Let them also learn the great loss of disobedience, & see how much greater, yea unspeakably greater will be their gain, by obedience. Faith-sacrifice, in this day of so much greater light & power; & that they may know that their loss by disobedience, will be proportionally awful.

3. Therefore hearken unto me ye holy children, & all ye Children of men! You have heard the great honor & blessing which I gained by obeying the word of the Lord thro His messenger, because I had an evidence that it was His word. Hence I hesitated not, but put my life in my hands & obeyed it. And tho out of sight of natural wisdom; yet after waiting long I received blessings & honor of God & man, proportional to the greatness of the sacrifice.

4. Yea, I obtained an honorable name thro time, & was honored in my posterity; for thro that line, the human tabernacle of the Messiah came. But all this, I should have lost, if I had consulted my own natural feelings, & sinned in the day of trial.

5. My successor ⁱⁿ Zedekiah, who hearkened to natural wisdom, acted in natural pride & bravery, was thereby led to destruction. For tho he was supported by a league with all the neighboring powers, & would not hearken to the voice of the same prophet, whose word I obeyed, yet with all his bravery he was overcome, & could not escape; but was taken by his enemy, his sons & kindred slain, his own eyes put out, the City destroyed, & the nation broken up, & he died in cruel imprisonment.

6. But because he showed some favor to the prophet, & in a measure repented, for he had been led by the rebellious spirit of the people, therefore mercy was extended to him before his death, & he died in peace. Yet time can never erase the infamy that fell upon his memory, & his disobedience hath made it harder for him to find the travel of redemption in the world of Spirits.

Orig. line, as it respects the human tabernacle, the Messiah came.

7. Yet he hath found a relation to this work thro' great sufferings, a part of which he passed thro' in this world, which in some degree mitigated his sufferings in the world of spirits. He is now an obedient child of Heaven. Yea saith Zedekiah, (who is present,) I bear witness that all this testimony of my beloved prince & brother, 8. "O that the children of men, especially those who are called by is true the blessed gospel, would learn by my sad experience, to obey the revealed will of God, at any sacrifice whatever, & know that by trusting in God & obeying His word, there is safety & honor. But in natural wisdom & disobedience, there is eternal danger, loss, & infamy. Holy children! will you be so kind as to forgive & remember poor Zedekiah."

9. Now Jehoia chin saith, when I went into the world of spirits, the holy prophet Jeremiah, whose voice I had obeyed, soon received me, blessed & placed me among the upright of that dispensation, in a mansion he had prepared, in the heavens of upright nature, where I rested in peace.

10. But I was called at times, to receive & help some who had followed my example, & to preach the hope of the Messiah, with the prophets. Yet I rested mostly, untill I heard the voice of the Son of God, preaching to souls in the world of spirits. That piety of feeling which caused my obedience while on earth, made it far easier for me to receive his gospel, therefore I quickly arose, & travelled according to the order of that dispensation, & made every sacrifice required by the work of that day.

11. I was often sent by the spirit of Christ, during the spreading of his kingdom, to be a ministering spirit to the faithful laborers, in which I took great delight. I was also one of the ministers of judgement to the rebellious Jews, in the time of their destruction. This was grievous to me, & I prayed much for them, & labored hard to bring them to repentance & submission, as I had set them an example.

12. Yea, I stood by Josephus & inspired him when he spoke of my

example in order to persuade that wicked people to yield. And had they hearkened to him, & accepted of this punishment for their sins, & yielded to those whom God had appointed for that purpose, they would have repented & found the mercy of God, & their days would have been prolonged. But as they would not, God gave them up to utter destruction, by such terrible judgments as never befell any other people on earth.

13. Thus saith the Lord, O ye inhabitants of the earth, hearken to my words & know ye that when any person or people sin, I always call them to repentance by some means that I make known to them. & if they truly repent & reform, their sins will be blotted out. But if they refuse to repent, then I appoint a punishment [chastisement] for them, or bring & lay something upon them that will debase their pride. And when it comes, they always do & shall know that they have sinned.

14. Therefore, if they then humble themselves, so that they accept the punishment [chastisement] in their feelings, repentance will follow, & I will show mercy; because submission to the terms of their punishment [chastisement] is one act of obedience. And it is impossible for an impenitent sinner, to take one step towards me, or find any access to my mercy, untill they perform this act of obedience; for in that state, they continue in rebellion to my Spirit.

15. Hence if they refuse this submission, I will bring still heavier & heavier punishments upon them, one after another, untill they are finally brot to destruction, either natural or spiritual, according to the nature of the work.

16. For this cause, the labor, anxious feelings, & sufferings of ministering spirits to souls, when repentance & submission are required, as well as their grief for the impenitent & rebellious, are great beyond what ye can sense or know while dwelling in human clay. Because they know the benefits

of obedience, & the dreadful consequences of disobedience, far better than ye
 17. But enough will be given you at all times, to know your care able.
 present duty. And will you, poor, lost, & needy souls, against your own
 light, grieve the good spirits who kindly labor for you, & thus, in the days of eter-
 nity, meet their curse, [condemnation] & the judgements of a righteous God,
 rather ^{than} their mercy, & His divine blessing?

18. If ye do this, know for certainty, that your feelings will then be awful
 surpassing description — ^{your} joy will be equally great if ye hearken to these
 spirits, & meet their mercy & their witness for you, before your heavenly Father
 or the holy Angels. For they will surely bear witness according as ye have
 obeyed or disobeyed their simple impressions upon your souls.

19. Therefore, hear & understand all ye children of men, thro' all generations
 this word, which the Lord of truth & mercy, hath sent unto you, thro' His hum-
 ble messenger who knoweth by experience, the blessings of obedience, & hath
 seen the dreadful effects of disobedience & rebellion.

20. Whenever the word of the Lord comes unto you, consult not your own
 natural, selfish reason, nor the feelings of your pride; neither the feelings
 of your exalted self-pleasing desires; but immediately close in with the require-
 ment, however crossing & mortifying to all the feelings of self; even tho'
 the Divine requirement should take from you all that you have, & [lead you]
 to give yourselves up to captivity, imprisonment, or death itself.

21. For consider how much better it is to die in obedience to God, & meet
 Him & the holy Angels & ministering spirits as friends, than to live like the rebel-
 lious spirits, & know that God & the hosts of Heaven are your enemies. Can a rational
 man endure this awful thro'!

22. Could you see & sense
 what I have seen, of the dreadful state, the severe anguish, the sufferings & horror
 of great darkness which souls in the world of spirits feel, who have willfully disobeyed

the work of God to them, you would willingly go thro any sufferings that mortals can endure on earth, rather than fall into this awful state of despair!

23. But your carnal reason will say How can we know that what we hear from a professed messenger of God, is indeed His divine word, & require ment? The Holy Spirit answers, His word is never sent to reveal my will to any soul, but some of the ministering spirits will impress with the still small voice, on the conscience, a witness of the truth; if that soul will impartially give heed to this voice, without heeding the voices of natural feelings, it will hear this small voice say, It is the truth, & safer to obey than disobey.

24. But if souls give heed to the proud & selfish feelings of nature, these are so great, & the voice of the good spirits so small, that they will soon drown this little voice of mercy, & the dark & rebel spirits will soon take away its good impressions, & by their subtle reasoning ye will be overshadowed; so that ye may be left to "believe a lie & be damned."

25. Yea, this may take place when ye really think that you are right; because ye did not harken to the still small voice, that simply said in your souls, "This is the way, walk ye in it." And thus you have deceived yourselves, & must reap the bitter fruits of your own delusion.

26. O ye children of nature! You complain that the way of God is so mysterious & dark, that ye cannot know it. The Lord your God by His messenger asks, Do you at all times obey your best light? Have you always obeyed the secret monitions of conscience?

27. Have ye not, when ye have been shown your duty, so that you had an evidence that it was of God, if it required a cross, any sacrifice of pride, & the carnal desires of nature; I say, have ye not generally sought to see if ye could not get around, & evade its require

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to your natural sense, to see the effects that would follow obedience, while the impressions of duty grew weaker & weaker, untill at last you became so dark that you could reason yourselves into a belief, that the cross was not required? This is rejecting the voice of God, to seek counsel at the oracles of devils! 29. Ye may know this by asking yourselves the following question.

Did I ever reason thus when I really believed that I was required to do something that was pleasing to my own feelings? Or would I so reason in such a case? And your consciences must honestly answer Nay! Nay! Therefore when you do this you may know that you consult the oracles of devils; & what can ye get from them but darkness? 30. Yet, O ungrateful man!

Thou dost accuse thy God that He hideth himself in clouds of darkness; that His way is so hidden that thou canst not know the duties which He requires of thee. But O deceitful heart, the darkness is all thy own. Thou hast worshipped other gods before me. 31. Yea, thou hast

consulted devils rather than my Spirit. Thou hast labored to cover thy self with thick clouds of darkness, that my divine light might not shine into thy soul, lest it should bring a cross. And dost thou accuse the God of light of covering thee with, or leaving thee in darkness? 32. Thou wouldst not receive my light, because it was not according to thy own way. Thou hast sought darkness, that thou mightest live in impurity, because was pleasing to thy corrupt nature. Thou hast disobeyed the light in one degree after another, & at each time hast prepared thy self for greater & greater darkness; for this is always the case when a soul refuses any degree of light. 33. And now thou

dost charge it upon the God of light & purity. Woe unto thee because thou hast done this thing. Of all thy abominations, this shall stand first in the day of Judgement; for this is the cause of all others. Had not your first earthly

parents done this, they never would have fallen.

34. Because it is only when the reason of man is perverted by the influence of evil in his own independent feelings, that the requirements of God appear to him unreasonable, as they did to them in the beginning, which caused

35. My reason is the receptacle of divine light, & when (their fall) led by this light, man sees in his rational understanding, that God is the source of all true wisdom, light, & knowledge. Hence all His requirements are reasonable, right, & just, & for the best good in all things.

36. Therefore know ye saith the just God, that never a soul or spirit that obeys its best light in one degree, shall want for light to know its duty in the next degree. Nay, all souls that always keep up to the present light by obedience, or that will repent when called to that work, shall never, to the endless ages of eternity, be left in the dark, as to the duties which I require of them, nor be at a loss how to insure my blessing in every degree of my work for them.

37. And the names of all such shall be written in the eternal records, with brighter & brighter letters in every increasing degree of my work. Brighter & brighter rays of glorious light shall shine unto them from the heavens of light, until they shall come & dwell in glorious mansions, & be honored in my presence by my holy Angels.

Chapter 3rd.

The excellency of the Covenant of the present Dispensation manifested, And the Sacrifice necessary to have part therein.

Harken to this word, O ye children of the New Creation. The Lord your God hath shown unto His messenger, that the days are

beginning, & will swiftly roll on, in which ye will meet with many requirements, crosses, & trials, for which natural wisdom can assign no cause. And days & scenes of tribulation will come, in which ye can see no way out.

2. Therefore harken to the voice of your brother who dearly loves you, & speaks to you in obedience to the Divine Spirit. Look well, & be ye prepared for these times & for their trying scenes.

3. For the Lord your God always tries His covenant people above all others, whom He brings the nearest to Him of any on earth, untill He proves them to be worthy & trusty depositories of His holy covenant, & of His divine light for all other souls in their order.

3. For this reason those who will not abide these trials, untill He hath proved that they are worthy to stand in the order of His first anointed people, by these trials such will be seperated therefrom. And if they ever find any relation to His work, it must be in a far lower order, than the one into which they were first called. And that thro great sufferings, & the loss of the glory first designed for them.

5. Therefore, into whatever state ye may be brot, when your way is hedged up on every hand; when persecution rolls in angry billows against you, & clouds of thick darkness overshadow you, & ye can see no way out, fear not, trust in the God of your salvation; obey His word thro His anointed, & His Almighty hand will bring you safely thro; & ye shall see the travail of your souls & be satisfied with my goodness saith the Lord.

6. In this day, the Eternal Parents have a far more holy & glorious covenant to deposit into the sacred keeping of their covenant people their first anointed children, whom they bring the nearest to them of any on earth, yea, & in the Heavens, than was ever before given into the charge of souls or spirits, since creation began.

7. This is the ark of their everlasting covenant, wherein is placed the lamp of pure light, the power & laws of eternal life & salvation. Also the Mercy seat,

whereon is placed, & from whence goeth forth the merciful means to bring all souls who will obey, to their eternal lot in the everlasting Kingdom of God, where they will stand in the highest glory & happiness which they are capable of receiving. For this cause, the God of truth & light will try all whom He chooses to have a part in this sacred depository, above all other souls that ever were on ^{the} earth. Like the pattern shown in Abraham, whom He required to sacrifice his son for a burnt offering to the Lord. So far as any natural wisdom could see, this appeared directly contrary to all the promises of God respecting that son.

9. Let Abraham did not hesitate, nor go to the oracles of devils to inquire, but immediately obeyed, & proceeded until another sacrifice was appointed instead of his son. In a similar manner, God often tries & deals with His covenant children.

10. By this obedience & sacrifice, which was the greatest, & the most contrary to nature's wisdom, that could be required in that day, Abraham obtained a final confirmation of the Covenant, that he should in the figure, be the father of the faithful forever, & in his seed, all the families of the earth should be blessed. This was a figure of the final sacrifice of the flesh & all its posterity & feelings, under the gospel.

11. The covenant people of God in this day, stand in the covenant of the parental order to all the human race. Therefore they must all necessarily be tried, after the pattern of Abraham, not only in the general import of the figure, but also in this particular sense, they must be tried in a manner that will require a full sacrifice of their natural wisdom.

12. And thus they must make the last & fullest sacrifice of all, before their heavenly Father will judge them worthy to have a part in His parental covenant, for all souls who are called after them.

13. Nevertheless, since Christ was revealed, nothing can be required of

his followers, which is against the purity & loveliness of his nature, nor in opposition to the verity, mercy, & holiness of his precepts & example. No bloodshed, violence, deceit, nor any fleshly works, can ever come from his Spirit, nor be required of his followers.

14. Therefore all that is required or inspired by his spirit, will be for the increase of salvation's holy work. Hence all who abide & go thro all these trials & sufferings, which may be required of them for their own souls & others, shall, like Abraham become parents to other faithful souls, whom they shall bear, as children into the holy Kingdom of God.

15. Thus in them is fulfilled in substance, that which was prefigured in Abraham: for in them & their spiritual seed, shall all the families of souls in the New Heavens & earth be blessed. And all generations of souls shall honor & bless the parental order forever.

16. And when they have finished their work, their labor & sufferings below, they shall be received into the eternal mansions of love, & be crowned with such glory, & dwell in such beautiful mansions of peace, joy, & happiness, as can never be conceived by the heart of mortals while dwelling in an earthly tabernacle.

17. Then they will see the benefit of all these trying scenes of labor & sorrow, & will pour forth their souls in streams of thankfulness, for all the tribulation & sufferings which they have ever passed thro, saith the Almighty; even so amen, saith his messenger.

18. This holy messenger of God saith, "I have now finished the testimony which I was sent by my God & your God, to make known to Zion's children, & thro them, to all generations of men.

19. Will ye holy Anointed, blessed Elders, Beloved Brethren & Sisters, yea, all my dear & holy relations, now be so kind as to receive the best love, everlasting blessing, & special thanks, for sacrificing your only son, that is, the flesh, & all that belongs to it, on the altar of self denial, by the holy

fire of purity, together with the hearty thanks for this privilege of address-
 20. Yea, will you receive all this from one who was (being you
 once called the young king Jehoiachin, that is, preparation & strength
 of the Lord,) which has proved a prophetic name: for in obedience
 I have truly found this preparation & strength. But above all, in obe-
 dience to our blessed Mother's humbling gospel. Yea by this I have gained
 a kingdom, an honor that I prize far more, & esteem much more
 glorious than the kingdom of Judah in its greatest glory. Farewell.

From your loving brother

Jehoiachin.

Witness of the beloved Prophet Daniel to the preceding Testimony.

I now bear witness saith the prophet, to the testimony that the beloved
 prince & prophet hath inspired thee to write. Yea, it is all sacred truth.
 Hee had to bear & suffer for the state of his people. And by his obedience &
 self sacrifice, which was as great as could be made under the law, he
 obtained the blessing of God on earth. 2 For he was honored
 with prophetic gifts & visions of the coming of the Messiah, & the glory
 of his kingdom; & was finally honored of God & man. And it was much
 easier for him to receive the work of Christ in his first & second appear-
 ing, than it otherwise would have been. Therefore he hath gained an hon-
 orable & glorious name in the heavens, which can never be blotted out.
 3. Yea, he hath obtained a part with the prophetic messengers of God. And
 by his example & labors, many of the rebellious Jews have been brought to bow
 & acknowledge Christ in his first & second appearing: & to obey the require-
 ments of this humbling work. Thus by his obedience & labors, he hath
 become a glorious Prince of God among his people.

And may his example be followed in all generations, & especially by all the children of the New Creation. Always remember dear friends, that the greater the cross & sacrifice we make to obey the revealed will of God, the greater will be the reward & the more glorious the crown, even so

5. Once more I renew my love & everlasting blessing (amen) to all the children of Mother; & once more I say, Fare ye well.

From your loving brother & companion,
Daniel.

A Revelation from the Holy Prophet Elijah.

Given by Inspiration Dec. 21st 1841.

Introduction — The prophet first appeared to the writer like a sanctified hermit, with a very white countenance, a long white beard, remarkably bright, piercing eyes, & clothed with a long dusky colored garment, with a leathern girdle about his loins. He afterwards appeared with a very bright countenance, & clothed in bright array, & was exceeding lively, & united & rejoiced with us, in our devotions in meeting.

Before I began to write for him, while on my knees & bowed to the floor, in earnest prayer to God that I might write in the true spirit of inspiration; my right arm & hand were suddenly stretched out & shaken by the power of God, which continued until I arose to commence writing. The prophet, with great power & fear of God, then made the communication which follows.

Chapter 1st.

The Prophet declares the order & operations of the holy fire, which the Creator has placed between the natural & spiritual [heavenly] worlds.

1 This holy prophet has several times appeared to the writer, & now says the time has come for thee to write the revelation of which I have given thee notice. For the time for these communications to be made is short, therefore bow thyself low & fervently pray to thy heavenly father that thou mayest write in the fear of God, all that I shall reveal unto thee.

2. I am Elijah, the prophet of fire, of whom ye read; for in my day, I stood in the holy fire which God had placed between the heavens & earth, according to the work of that dispensation, in the degree then manifested. For know all ye children of men, that the Creator hath placed the holy element of fire, between the natural & spiritual world, & the natural heavens.

3. These heavens are not to be understood as denoting the [visible] firmament; but as the highest state of glory & happiness that souls can ever attain, even in a state of spiritual existence, by any light that can be revealed to man while living in the order of nature & not redeemed therefrom. Yea, the highest & most glorious orders that ever could be prepared for souls before untill the Son of God was revealed.

4. For these ^{the} orders are of a spiritual substance, yet they correspond only with the true natural order of the Creation. But thro this holy fire, all souls had to pass to ascend to any order of these heavens. For no spirit, nor anything whatever, could ascend there without passing thro this fire & having every thing consumed thereby, that could not abide its degree of purity.

5. No corporeal substance or earthly matter ever did, or ever can pass this fire, for it is of a far purer nature than those substances, & is placed between the two to guard these heavens from defilement. That is, to keep an everlasting distinction between earthly & spiritual substances in their simple state.

6. If this were not so, there could, there could never be any heavenly order

* This does not mean ethereal fire; but a spiritual fire which moves upon the ethereal fire as an agent, & prefigures the holy (eternal & divine fire,) into operations.

in a spiritual state. Nay, while earthly & spiritual substances are com- mingled in man, his soul can never enjoy but a small degree of peace & happi- ness, because of the opposite attractions of the two elementary substances in which he dwells.

7. Therefore know ye for certainty that no substance of corporeal or earthly nature, ever did or ever can ascend to any degree of heavens in a spiritual order; nay, the holy fire will surely consume everything of that nature from the soul & spirit of every creature, before they can

8. Be assured of this, ye blind children of nature! for such (ascend there: you are), (tho you may profess to be never so spiritual;) otherwise ye would never suppose that any substance of a material body could ascend to a heaven composed of spiritual substances. But know ye your mistake. Ye suppose that a substance that is earthly, yea flesh, is spiritualized, & ascends even to the eternal heavens.

9. But I say unto you, flesh never can be turned into spirit, any more than spirit can be turned into flesh. In the natural body, spirit is enclosed in flesh; but must be wholly separated from the flesh & all its connections, or never ascend to a spiritual heaven thro endless ages. It may dwell in the spirit of this world, which to such, is a place of real habitation, but can rise no higher.

10. I testify unto all men, saith this prophet of holiness & truth, that all their ideas of the earthly bodies of Enoch & Elijah having been taken to heaven, as an example of the future resurrection of all earthly bodies of the human race, are all false, & arise from their total blindness to the unalterable distinction between earthly & heavenly sub-

stances. 11. Nay, the earthly bodies of Enoch & Elijah were no more translated to heaven, than was the body of Moses. The bodies of Enoch & Moses were taken care of by the Angels who administered to them, & with whom they had walked in obedience: for this is the way they walked with God. Yea, these Angels buried their bodies out of the sight & knowledge of man, to prevent idolatry,

when they took their souls, which ascended to the highest order of the natural heavens. 12. And ye read that Elijah was taken up to heaven in the appearance of a chariot & horses of fire. And so he was, but it was that part which could abide the holy fire. This was the true man; for this chariot & horses were of a substance that could live in the holy fire, between the heavens & earth. Yea, they came from a heavenly order beyond this fire, & wafted my soul beyond it, to the highest order of the natural heavens.

13. For my soul, by walking with the Angels of God while on earth, was continually visited by the flames of this fire, by which it was so purified that it could abide the fiery chariot, & pass thro' the holy element of fire to its destined home.

14. But the substance of my earthly body could not abide this fiery chariot, & was thereby consumed & dissolved into the chaos of the elements; & not one particle of it ever ascended above the elements of this world. But my soul was separated from its body, as it were in the twinkling of an eye, before the body was consumed.

15. Then I was placed in the most glorious order of the natural heavens with the holy saints Enoch & Moses, who had passed thro' the same holy fire, into the highest order of the heavens that could be opened for souls in that dispensation.

16. Nevertheless, in all ages, the souls of the children of men, after leaving the material body, were gathered into the spiritual elements of this world, in which they exist in different orders, corresponding to their real state, whether good or bad.

17. But souls who have been disobedient to the strivings of the good spirits, & have rejected all the light of their day, are destined to dwell in mansions of darkness, in degrees according to their wickedness, with the wicked spirits which they have obeyed. These will afflict them beyond what mortals

18. But before the coming of Christ, there was a faithful con realize.

few who were visited by the holy fire, with sufferings & tribulation to such a degree, that their souls were so purified by its burning, that they could abide it untill it became their life. These were raised by the life of the fire, & carried into mansions adapted to their state & order, in the heavens of their day.

19. Yet such were few, & were all instruments to manifest the light of God to man, according to the work of their day. For no spirit could ever come from the heavens to earth, without passing thro this holy fire. Therefore no gifts of God could ever come to the soul without being enclosed in, & bringing with it into that soul, a portion of this holy fire, even before Christ was revealed.

20. Hence, those who abstained most from the life of the flesh which propagates an earthly offspring, always brot forth the purest gifts of God, because such could abide the greatest degree of the holy fire, which is the life of heavenly substances & beings, like as the fire of nature is the life of earthly substances & beings.

21. Therefore O man, know that the fire & life of nature, always did, & always will stand as the greatest immediate opposer of the heavenly fire & life, & that no pure & heavenly gift ever was, or ever can be brot forth by any soul, while the life of the flesh, (which is the fire of lust,) is operating upon the body.

22. Hence even before the eternal work began, the messengers of God have been required to fast as much as possible from all that would stimulate the life of fleshly lust. All the ancient prophets when they were called to deliver any message from God, were required to abstain from fleshly lust, & to go thro mortification, untill the holy fire had purified their bodies from any feelings & operations of that nature. Otherwise the holy fire could never have brot forth any true gift thro them.

23. For this cause Moses was in danger of losing his life by the operations of the holy fire for attempting to carry his wife into Egypt, where God had designed that he should walk continually in the holy fire, in which the Lord then met him.

24. Therefore Moses, in obedience to the Holy Spirit, sent her back, that she might not be a snare to him, & corrupt his gifts. And tho she was afterwards brot back to him, yet he never knew her in the flesh again, for if he had, the holy fire would have taken his life.

25. For the same cause the prophet Elijah who now speaks, during all the days of his ministry on earth, never knew the flesh in any manner; for he was visited with the holy fire to such a degree, & had to walk so constantly in it, that if he had known fleshly gratification in himself in any manner, it would have taken his life.

26. For the same reason, Elisha, my successor from the day that the Holy Spirit called him to follow me, never knew the gratification of fleshly lust. For the same cause the wife of the holy prophet Ezekiel was taken from him by death. And tho his conduct on that ^{occasion} account was for a sign to the people, yet she would have been a snare to him, & therefore she was taken away.

27. For the same reason, the sanctified prophet Jeremiah was commanded of God not to take a wife, nor to beget sons nor daughters. Tho this was made a sign of the destruction of the people, yet it was for a special preparation for the fire of his ministry. Thus he lived a life of virgin purity all his days, & walked continually in the holy fire. Hence he said, "His word was in my heart as a burning fire, shut up in my bones."

28. Among all the prophetic writers, none suffered more, nor walked more in the holy fire, than Jeremiah, therefore his ^{memory} ~~memory~~ is ever blessed of God, holy Angels, & men. And I testify also that the holy Prophet Daniel, of blessed memory, walked so strictly in the holy fire, that he lived a life of virgin purity all his days.

29. And many other messengers of God, during the days or years that they were at times called to be His messengers, wholly

abstained from all pollutions of the flesh. This Eye children of men, was the life & example of all the ancient prophets & messengers of God, in whom ye generally profess great faith.

30. Yea, thousands of others before the coming of Christ, by the dim light of God revealed thro shadows & signs, saw the corrupt nature of fleshly lust, & for many days & years of their lives, which they felt from the operations of the holy fire that they were called to any special holy work of God, abstain from all acts of the flesh.

31. And all such were always noticed & blessed of God. And if they were not called as prophetic messengers, they were visited with holy gifts, were fed with angels food, according to their order, as a reward for their self-denial; & they were examples of holiness & virtue in their day & generation.

32. Thus these souls were prepared by their virtuous lives, in a far greater degree than were the rest of mankind, for the holy work of the New Creation when it was revealed. Good Simeon & the prophetess Anna, who first acknowledged Christ in the temple, had prepared themselves by many years of virgin purity. And John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, was a virgin soul all his days.

33. These, like the shadows & signs of the Law, were all figurative witnesses of the nature & future holiness of the work of the New & spiritual Creation revealed in Christ. Yet, ye deceived children of nature, who name the name of Christ & profess to be his followers, contend for fleshly lust as for your lives. Yea, you pretend to sanctify it in his name; & call that covenant which gives unbridled latitude to its pleasure & shameful abuses, a holy ordinance!

34. But I testify unto you by the word of holy & unerring truth, that not one spark of the holy fire of God, ever entered into that base nature & principle, from the fall of man to this day, & never will thro endless ages, even if it could be brot into its proper order.

35. Nay this can not be, any more than a spark of the rational spirit of man could enter into a beast, even should the beasts be lost into their proper order. They cannot rise into a rational spirit; they are beasts still, & so must forever remain. And thus it is with the nature of the flesh; nothing that belongs to it, can ever rise any higher than an earthly order. It can never rise in Christ, nor receive any part in his spirit.

36. Therefore, before Christ was revealed, the way for the redemption & the resurrection of the soul into eternal life, was never known nor possessed by any creature on the earth: for none knew the way to purify the soul from all the passions & propensities of the earthly nature; because the eternal fire had never been revealed, neither on earth nor in the natural Heavens.

Chapter 2nd.

The order & operations of the eternal & divine fire explained.

The state of all souls before the coming of Christ, & the true Resurrection declared.

1. The Eternal Parents in their creative order, ^{have} placed between the natural heavens, & the heavens of eternal order, an eternal element of divine & most holy fire, to guard these heavens of eternal purity from all that can defile them, & keep an everlasting separation between the eternal orders & the natural orders, even in their heavens or highest state.

2. Therefore no soul nor spirit could ever ascend from the natural, to the lowest order of the eternal heavens, without passing thro' this eternal & divine fire, & by its operations, having every thing, that is, every propensity of the earthly nature, consumed; so that this fire can become the life of that soul & spirit. They then possess the lowest order of eternal life, by which they are raised to the lowest order of the eternal heavens.

3. In this most holy life, they will rise thro increasing degrees of order, purified more & more by the most holy fire, thro which they will have to pass & thus be raised to their everlasting order, & mansion of eternal life, there to abide; but they will grow, increase, & expand in the goodness, knowledge, & love of God, thro eternal ages.

4. For know ye that tho all obedient souls & spirits will finally be raised into an order & mansion for their eternal home; yet all these orders will increase & expand in glory, beauty, & happiness forever & ever. So that all souls & spirits who obtain eternal life, will be continually fed with new fruits, & drink living waters, more & more delicious to their taste; yea, & be regaled with new beauties & eternal flowers, more & more delightful to their sight & feelings.

5. There is not anything whatever, neither life, order, nor soul, nor spirit, which cannot fall away & die to its present state of life & goodness, except that which is eternal. But eternal life can never fall nor die away. All souls & spirits, even in the highest order of the natural heavens, are more or less exposed to the temptations of an adversary, [while in a state of probation] & may fall; because there is still something in them which has an attraction to that which is below their present state.

6. Therefore as Satan is a subtil spirit, he can come, covered by this something which belongs to the earthly nature, & tempt the soul or spirit thro this medium, for no creature can be secure from temptation short of the eternal order.

7. But this is the eternal life which Christ gives to all his children, even that life which will finally raise them to that order & state from which they can never fall, that Heaven where no enemy can ever come, where death & darkness are unknown. For a soul that reaches the lowest order of the eternal heavens, can never fall away nor die.

8. There were few in the work of Christ's first appearing, who ever ascended into a higher state than

the heavens of upright nature. And far the greatest portion of those who believed in that day, never ascended to any degree beyond the elements of nature itself, in a state of moral order; for they never were purified so as to pass thro the holy fire.

9. Therefore, such received faith in Christ, & were thereby morally reformed, had places of rest provided for them in a moral state, where they rested as it were, in a state of sleep, & waited for the second coming of him on whom they had believed.

10. For by him they expected a resurrection from the dead, to a state of eternal life; tho they little knew what it meant, but hoped thereby to live with Christ in some manner, in peace & glory. And this hope & rest was the reward of their faith & obedience, as far as they lived up to their light.

11. And those who passed thro the holy fire by means of the sufferings & purity of their lives, to the same degree as the ancient Saints before Christ, ascended to the same heavens, wherein they had mansions prepared, in which they in a great measure rested in peace, & waited in hope for the future & more glorious revelation of Christ to them, for their final resurrection into eternal life.

12. These had this superior satisfaction to the Saints of former days; for they believed in Christ, whom they knew had come, & had begun the good work in them, & given them rays of his own light, & had planted in them seeds of his own life, which bore forth the operations of love & peace, in degrees according to their respective states.

13. Hence they had a confident hope that the same spirit which had begun to raise them from their fallen state, would complete the work unto the fullness of the resurrection into eternal life. And this was their reward of faith & obedience, according to their degrees of travel.

14. But the ancients in these heavens had only believed in Christ

to come; & by obedience to the light of their day, had obtained peace & hope. From Christ, as a present Saviour, they had never received anything; for he had not yet come. Therefore they were in a state of anxious waiting for the promised seed to be revealed.

15. These being in a state of longing desires for the coming of the Messiah, by whom they expected to be raised into spiritual & eternal Heavens; as soon as they heard the voice of the Son of God calling them, they arose, & generally, came into the divine fire, & were purified according to the full work of that day. And thus they travelled into the first degree of the lowest eternal Heavens, [& were] like children before the birth.

16. All ye that are in an earthly life, desire to know whether there is any state hereafter, from which souls can never fall; a state & order of eternal safety.

17. Divine Wisdom saith unto you thro this messenger, No soul that hath, or ever shall attain to the lowest eternal Heavens, can ever fall. Because the eternal fire must so far purify them, that there is no nature in them which can attract to anything earthly, carnal, or devilish, before they can ascend to that state.

18. Therefore souls in that state can never, never fall, any more than eternal life can fall. but such will surely rise into higher & higher degrees, untill they reach their eternal orders. For this is the resurrection in Christ. The soul must rise from an earthly life & natural body, & be purified by the eternal fire from all that is natural, whether good or bad in its own order.

19. Yea, verily, every soul must be purified from all that can have an attraction to any element or principle below that which is eternal & flowing wholly from the Divine nature of the eternal Parentage; by which means the soul is formed into an eternal body, in the image & likeness of their eternal Son & Daughter.

20. Then will such souls be as new born babes, in the first, or lowest order

of the true eternal world, & from which they must grow & be instructed from one degree to another, as really as a natural child in the natural state.

21. Ye may suppose saith the prophet, that all really spiritual things & lives are eternal. But Holy Eternal Wisdom saith, no being, or power whose life can fall lower, is truly eternal; for if, so, the devils would have eternal life - They have indeed an everlasting existence; but their life falls in death, lower & lower, further & further from the holy, divine life. Hence it is that the Devil hath the power of death.

22. Therefore all who yield to the influence of the life of devils, do continually go further & further from the divine & holy life. Beware, beware all souls! when ye find that ye are pursuing that course which leads you further & further from holiness & virtue, for this is the road to eternal death.

23. Know ye that no soul that is walking in the path of darkness, can ever be reclaimed there from, unless some spirit of light come unto it with sufficient power to bind the dark spirit which is leading it captive, & with the souls consent, to lead it back into the paths of light. All souls will be thus followed as far as these spirits of light can go.

24. Therefore hearken, O hearken to the monitions of these merciful spirits when they speak to your souls; for if ye follow this course of darkness so far that no good spirit will follow you, then ye fall into that state from which ye can never rise. This is eternal death. For there is a state of darkness in the shades of death, where these spirits of light cannot go, without falling under the power of death themselves.

25. But that life which always rises more & more towards the source of Eternal Goodness & Love, leads in the path of eternal life. For this life truly seeth, & knoweth the only true God, & the annointed Savior, the only medium of eternal life. This life flows from & centers to the eternal source

of fire & light, which is the fountain of eternal life, & fire & light, is the life of all things in their order.

26. The prophet says, Eternal Power & Wisdom has sent me to declare these things to all men, for a witness unto them that they may know how much they are deceived, & may thereby see what the resurrection is, & what the Heavens are, & what characters can enter any order thereof. For all mankind, both professors & profane are universally deceived concerning these things; all except those few who have been enlightened by the divine light of Christ's second appearing.

27. Thus saith the holy prophet: Carnal men may say, "Enoch walked with God & begat sons & daughters;" & attempt by this, to justify the works of the flesh. But this only implies that he walked in obedience to the law which God gave him, & never touched the flesh in any manner except for the purpose^{an} of offspring; & that only in the times & seasons of procreation appointed by his leading.

28. Thou hypocrite! Dost thou do this? Dost thou have any respect for the times & seasons which even nature prescribes? Or to the reasonable barriers that it interposes? Nay, thou knowest thou dost not. Then cease this deceitful plea to cover thy abominations; for thy deceitful covering & lying against thy own light, is worse in the sight of the holy God of truth, than the work itself.

29. But I testify unto you O ye children of nature, that for many years, yea what you would call a long life, Enoch walked in the holy fire, & wholly abstained from all fleshly knowledge; yea, during all the days of his special ministry to a corrupt world. If he had not, his soul could not have passed the holy fire as it did, to the highest order of the heavens that was then provided for souls.

30. Previous to the coming of Christ, there had never been any way opened for the redemption of souls, nor any door into the true Kingdom of Heaven. For this cause, Moses & Elijah appeared to the holy savior in the Mount, in

presence of some of his chosen disciples. * For tho we appeared in glory saith the prophet, yet it was but the natural glory of obedience in our day. 31. Therefore we came to seek the door of eternal glory. & this glory was manifested by the glory of his transfiguration - We then spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. For untill his death & glorification in the Heavens, the way into the eternal kingdom could not be fully opened; tho its light began to shine while he was on earth.

32. The Savior then sent us with a mission into the spiritual world, to prepare the way for his coming. And when he was crucified, we stood by with the Prophet Enoch, & ministered to him. Yea, we descended with him, into the prisons of darkness, & assisted him in delivering the souls that were bound therein.

33. And when he rose again, we assisted in wafting his soul, to the natural heavens of our abode; for he first rose into those heavens & we went before him with holy John the Baptist, to prepare the way for his reception. And wherever he came in these heavens, we received him; & all rejoiced with great joy. Because he showed us the way into eternal life, & opened the door in some degree, into the eternal Heavens, which had never before been opened to man.

Chapter 3rd

The Order of the prophets own work. The nature & operations of the holy & eternal fires, prefigured under the Law, both in mercy & judgements. Thus saith the prophet, My work while on earth, was to stand in the holy fire, between the heavens & the earth, (i. e. between the natural & spiritual states,) & to dispense this fire in mercy to the righteous, who served God according to their light; & in judgement to the idolater & unjust; thereby to turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, as far as possible & by this means to

* See Matt. 17. 2. Mark 9. 2. Luke 9. 29 to 31 - 2 Pet. 1. 17. 18.

cut off the wickedness of man from the earth, so far that the holy fire might not fall upon Israel, & smite them with a universal curse, to their utter destruc-

2. For if the holy fire that is over any person, people, or nation in a fallen ^(tion) state should at any time come down upon them all at once, it would be the greatest curse & judgement, that could fall upon them. For it would as surely destroy them as it did the two captains & their men who were sent by the wicked king to arrest me. (See 2 Kings Chap. 1, 9 to 12.) For this was only the falling of the holy fire that was over them, & it brot down the ethereal fire & consumed them.

3. The fire which fell & consumed the burnt offering, when Moses sanctified the Tabernacle, when Solomon sanctified the Temple, & when I was sent to sanctify the Lord before idolatrous Israel & confound the prophets of Baal, was the falling of this holy fire in mercy, & prefigured the work of holy & eternal fire which shall consume all that is earthly & carnal, & thus purify the soul from all that is corrupt, that it may ascend by progressive degrees into eternal life.

4. And the fire that burnt Dathan & Abiram & the men that offered incense in rebellion against Moses & Aaron, was the same fire manifested in judgement. And by the same fire, Annanias & Sapphira were struck dead for their hypoc-

5. All these things prefigured the manner in which the judgements ^{crisis} of God are, & shall be executed upon the disobedient & rebellious. For such a portion of this holy fire meets them at once, that it cuts them off. But to the obedient, the same fire is meted out in such degrees, as they are able to bear. And thus it purifies them, so that they are thereby prepared for the divine fire to become their life.

6. When the soul is defiled with sin, the same degree of holy fire which the obedient would be able to bear for their purification & prepare them for divine love, would destroy this defiled sinner.

7. For every increasing degree of the work of God, the holy & eternal fires which respectively operate according to the work of their day, will consume the

state of the body of the people in a former degree, which is inferior; that it may raise souls from that state, into the next degree, which is always superior to the former.

8. This was prefigured by the double portion of the holy Spirit of power, which fell upon my successor, the holy prophet Elisha, by which he stood in greater power than I ever did, ^{while} in my ministry, because he kept sight of me untill I was taken away. This always was, & always will be, the order of the work of God.

9. Those who keep a true sight of the work of God in any degree thereof, will thereby be clothed with a divine mantle, by which they will receive the power & blessing of that degree, & light & power sufficient to raise them into the true work of the next degree, which will always be superior untill the redemption is effected, of all souls that ever can be saved.

10. Now in the order & work of God, in every degree, from the lowest state of nature which has not fallen beneath the work of God's providence, there are orders of ministering angels placed to carry on his work with greater & greater light & power, in each succeeding order, to the highest degree of the eternal heavens. And the angels administer strength & help, to the sincere & upright in every degree, according to the work required of them.

11. Therefore, all ye souls of men, who are sincerely seeking after light & virtue, know that ye shall always have help in whatever state ye are. And all your prayers & good deeds shall be preserved, & wafted into the heavens by those angels to glorify you, if ye will receive my eternal work when offered unto you, saith the holy & just God.

12. No increasing degree of the work of God can ever take effect, either in an individual or body of people, without an increasing degree of the operations of either the holy or eternal fire, according to the order of the work. And this will produce

an increasing degree of sufferings upon that portion of life which must be consumed, & upon the soul which is connected with it by sympathetic relation.

13. This is necessary in order that a greater portion of holy or eternal life may take its place. & the increase will be in proportion to the greatness of the sufferings.

14. Your heavenly Parents still suffer in deep tribulation & sorrow of soul, beyond what ye are able to sense. But their sufferings are not for the redemption of their own souls; but arise from their sympathetic relation to, & their feelings for souls who are lost, & who cannot be saved without their sufferings & travail for them.

15. Therefore, as souls must pass thro the eternal fire in order to obtain eternal life, & as the holy Parents of the New Creation had to bear for all souls; so they had to go thro the greatest sufferings, to reach the eternal Heavens, of any souls that were ever born upon earth. For none before Christ, had ever ascended to these Heavens; nor was their order established until the holy Bride ascended.

16. And because of the corrupt state of the natural world, the holy fire was in opposition thereto, & stood arrayed in judgement against the whole life of this world. This judgement, these holy Parents had to meet & go thro, as the united head of the human race. In doing this, they made a path thro, & showed the way, & cooled the fire with love, & dispensed their covering power to shield all who would walk therein. So that none ^{ever} will have to bear the full force of the eternal fire as they did.

17. Yet all souls must feel enough of this fire to purify them from everything that is not of God. But they will receive strength to bear it from their holy Parents, & will be shielded by their love.

18. As the work of this dispensation is the revelation & union of the first & second orders of the eternal Heavens, brot to light by the first & second appearings of Christ; there is in this day, necessarily a double portion of the eternal fire manifested, which souls must pass thro to purify & prepare them for the eternal life of this most holy state.

19. For this cause, the sufferings of souls thro this fire, as it respects the members of the body, must be greater than in any former dispensation. For the sufferings & gifts in the body, must be in proportion to the greatness of that degree of the work of God which is to be brot forth.

20. Therefore holy Anointed, greatly beloved Elders, ye chosen Instruments, & all my dearly beloved Brethren & Sisters, think it not strange because of the great sufferings, the extreme tribulation, & the heavy denunciation of the curse & judgements ^{which} ye have to bear: for all that is impure is cursed,

21. And can any of you suppose that there is nothing impure in Zion? Nothing that the eternal fire must burn up? And further remember ye, that if you are the body of Christ, ye must bear the curse & judgement of the whole world, as he did.

22. For this curse & judgement first fell on him. For "he was made a curse for us," that he might bear it; so as in a measure, to take it off from the world, so far that souls might have an opportunity to hear the gospel, & be proved thereby, whether they would accept of mercy & repent.

23. But whenever any people had an offer of mercy & repentance, if they rejected this offer, the Savior no longer bore their curse, but it fell on them in awful judgements. This was the cause of those terrible judgements which destroyed the Jewish Nation, & which rolled thro the earth, during the various operations of that dispensation.

24. Even so will it be in this day, for similar effects will always follow every increasing degree of the work of God, & they will be great, in proportion to the ^{greatness of the} manifestations of that degree. When Zion shall be purified from all the evils that the holy fire can consume in judgement; then will this fire pass thro her in love, & fall on the world in judgement according to their state.

25. Wherever a work of mercy can be exercised, the divine fire stands between the holy

the eternal fire. This never operates in curses, nor judgements; but always in mercy, love & goodness. This is the fire & life of Christ, & is the mediatorial spirit, between Judgement & Mercy; without this, no soul could ever endure to meet the eternal fire.* Therefore the spirit of Christ always brings the work of mercy love & peace to every soul that is prepared to receive it.

26. The first step in this work, is confession & repentance, for this cleanses the soul, so that the Spirit of Christ can enter, & with the waters of life, cool the holy fire, which has by its burning, kindled the scorching flames of a guilty conscience in that soul, & which could never be quenched, were it not for the operations of the waters of life.

27. After the fire is thus cooled, the Spirit of Christ, the blessed parental spirit, by its divine love, covers that soul from the scorching rays of the holy fire which guards between the heavens & the earth, & keeps the way of the tree of life.

28. Then the soul in obedience, will grow in the works of mercy & love. & being nourished by the waters of life, & the life giving rays of the Sun of righteousness, will flourish & bring forth much fruit.

29. Know ye that all the works of judgement, wrath & fury upon souls, are bro't by the operations of the holy fire, such as was manifested under the Law; & are works of the Law of justice, & not of the gospel of mercy. And this holy fire is directed in its operations, by the movements of the eternal fire above it.

30. This is the work of the Father, to prepare [the way] for the work of the Son, or to cut off all that can never have any part in His Kingdom; therefore it is, that God is called a consuming fire; for he consumes all that is contrary to His nature, by His eternal fire, which is the first source of pure life. Therefore it is written, "Who among us can dwell with scouring fire? Who can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

* Note. The divine fire is the immediate offspring of the eternal fire. And there is the same difference between their operations & effects of each, as there is between the respective works of the Father & Son.

The answer is clear; None but such as are purified from all that is offensive to the Divine nature.

31. O ye chosen Instruments who have been called to speak the word of your heavenly Parents! Have ye not felt before the gift could be bro't forth, as the real fire was circulating in your flesh & bones? You will answer yea. Know then that this is the operation of the holy, or the most holy fire; for nothing can be fully purified but by fire.

32. Therefore know ye Holy children! that the purity & greatness of your revelations, & all your gifts will be in proportion to the deep tribulation & sufferings which the heavenly & eternal fire brings upon you. For in the same proportion will the Divine love & heavenly goodness flow into your

33. I now bear witness, saith the prophet, to all that the ancient ^{souls} prophets have inspired thee to write. Yea, it is all sacred & holy truth, according to the records of the eternal scriptures of truth.

34. As the holy prophets have nearly finished all that our heavenly Parents have designed for them to reveal in the present visitation, I shall add but little more. Yet one thing more; the Eternal Parents say to the children of Zion; Prepare, prepare for persecution & affliction, for it will surely come.

35. The wicked will yet compass you about with great rage & fury, wrongfully take away your property, cast some of you into prison, & abuse your persons many ways. Yea, & some of you will live to see the blood of the righteous followers of the Lamb shed by wicked hands.

36. But fear not, for in faithful obedience ye shall be protected, & shall never be overcome by your enemies. And all these things shall work for your glory, & for the exaltation of Zion; for the Lord your God will protect his portion, & guard his heritage as with a wall of fire round about.

37. Therefore know ye that the time will come when many will be struck with visible judgements; yea, even death by the holy fire, will be the portion of some, like unto those whom I have before named. These things will surely take place, to defend Zion, protect the heralds of the gospel, convince the infidel, & cut off the hardened rebels.

38. My work now saith the Prophet, is to dispense the holy fire, in union with the holy Parents of the New Creation, in judgement & in mercy, both among the children of Zion, & the children of this world, according to their respective states. And also to dispense the rays of the Divine fire to every soul that by the operations of the holy fire, is prepared to receive it.

39. My word is now finished: therefore ye holy Anointed, & all Zion's lovely children, will ye receive my eternal love, & sanctified blessing; for they are purified by the eternal fire. Yea; I now know by experience the true resurrection.

40. And will you all remember the ancient Prophet Elijah, the prophet of fire, who is often with you; & he blesses with his everlasting blessing, all who are willing to be purified by the fire, from every thing of a fallen nature.

The Prophet Elijah.

Short Testimony from the merciful Prophet

Hosea

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Chapter 1st.

The prophet points out the fulfillment in the present dispensation of the gospel, of some of his ancient predictions.

1 Thus saith the Prophet Hosea; During my ministry on earth I prayed much for my people; & strove hard to cause them to repent, that they might find the mercy of God, & escape that destruction which was impending over them. In this time, I saw in prophetic vision, a future day of mercy & salvation for lost souls, when Israel & Judah would be gathered by the operations of the seed of God, & become one people.

2. And tho' this prophecy will be fulfilled in a manner to natural Israel & Judah, during the days of this dispensation, yet its most important fulfillment is & will be of a spiritual nature, [for in a spiritual line & order.] For I saw that the Church of God would be allured & brot into the wilderness, & then by the visitation of God, she would rise, & be brot out of her wilderness state, that is from the falling away.

3. Then according to the promise of God, he would again give her, her fields & vineyards from thence, with an everlasting increase, that is, all that had ever been given of God, as the spiritual inheritance of his people, would be restored to his Church of the latter days, never more to fall away. And now I testify, all these things are taking place in these last days.

4. For the true Israel of God, hath been called out of their wilderness state, & been brot into the vally of the true seed of God, which is Christ & his holy spirits. [The prophets first son was named Jer reel, which signifies The seed of God. & in this seed of God in the figure, Israel first originated from an idolatrous generation. And it was in the vally of Jerzeel that the judgements of God were executed upon the idolatrous house of Ahab, which prefigured the work of the day of God's judgements. (This should be at the foot as a Note. Here the true Church of Christ hath risen & been established by the holy parentage of the New Creation, never more to fall, but forever to increase. For all the good that God ever gave to man from the beginning, will be gathered into this

holy Zion. But all idolaters shall be cut off.

5. Here the valley of Achor is given for a door of hope to all souls, which is honestly to confess all their sins to the true witnesses of God & forsake them forever. Otherwise by the revelation & searching light of God, the sinner shall be brot to light & cut off from the camp of spiritual Israel, with all that belongs to him, as was literally done in the valley of Achor.

6. Thus shall the Church of God to be cleansed, by this work, from all Achans & evil doers. & be purified so that it shall become the holy tabernacle, in which the Lord God & the Holy Lamb & Bride, will delight to dwell foreuer.

7. And in this work of holiness, the Lord as He promised, takes away the names of Baal, from all the inhabitants of Zion, & all the true House of Israel; so that they shall no more call the Lord Baali; my lordly husband. And thus, by the professed religion of Christ, claim a right to sanctify & live in the flesh.

8. But in this work, husband, wife & children after the flesh, are wholly forsaken. Therefore all souls who come into this work, call the Lord Mhi that is, a virgin spirit which produces a virgin man, & this spirit they follow.

9. For without forsaking the flesh, & all that belongs to it, no soul can have any relation to this holy work of Christ's second appearing, which I testify to all hath commenced by the union of the Holy Lamb & Bride, & is proceeding into greater & greater degrees by the testimony of virgin purity.

10. For verily this work will increase unto final perfection in all obedient souls. & all power & dominion shall in due time fall before it. The increasing establishment of this Kingdom of the saints, is the fulfilling of all the goodness & glory of my ancient prophecy. Here she (the Church of Christ) sings, as in the days of her youth, & rejoices in holy praises to the God of her salvation.

11. All souls who will, may come & partake of this salvation, & rejoice in this holy devotion. Nor is salvation in this great day of Christ's second appearing, to be found either in this world or that which is to come, except in the way & upon the terms offered in Zion, in this lowly, this holy vally of the Divine seed of God.

12. The holy spirit hath sent me to give this short testimony of the present work of God, to all men. But my holy brethren, the prophets have been so full in their testimonies, that I am not required to say much at this time: but I unite with all their testimonies; for they are words of sacred & holy truth, saith the Lord.

Chapter 2nd.

The prophet explains the figurative representation of his ancient marriage. Chap. 1 - 2 &c.

1. The prophet saith 'Before I close my testimony, I will explain the meaning of my taking a wife of whoredoms, which I was required to do by the word of the Lord, (as related in my ancient writings, lest carnal man should thereby take occasion to justify the works of the flesh.

2. That was a day of types & shadows, & the flesh was not wholly cut off: But under the law, it was in many respects, made a sign of a spiritual work in a future day.

3. This woman had belonged to a family of whoredoms, But I took her to myself, & required her to remain many days in a state of repentance & chastity before I received her as a wife. By this she was designed as a figure to represent Israel who had gone a whoring after false gods. And by this long waiting, & being married to me, she was reformed, & became a chaste wife according to the Law.

4. But after I had those children by her who were designed as figurative representations respecting Israel, & whose names showed what they prefigured, then I rejected her as a wife, & knew her no more in the flesh. And tho she continued under my charge, yet she had thenceforth to remain in a state of chastity to secure my favor. And in the times of abstinence from the flesh, I received all my prophetic gifts.

5. All these things respecting this woman, represented the great whoredoms of Israel, in departing from the Lord. And by her, & the names of her children, were prefigured the judgements of God which should come upon them, & also His future work, which should be fulfilled among them.

6. By these it was signified that they should be rejected of God, go into captivity, be lost in the wilderness, & remain many days, (that is, ages,) without God as their husband & protector & without the knowledge of His worship. And they would never be restored until those days of mourning & repentance should be ended. Then they would return unto the Lord, & He would ransom them, & be their God & protector.

7. After the death of this woman, this figurative representation was doubled, by my purchasing an adulteress who was beloved by her friends, & requiring her to go thro a long state of repentance & abstinence; by which she was reformed from her former corrupt practices, & became chaste, before I received her.

8. This was designed to show that all these types in a special manner, prefigured the primitive Church, which had been ransomed from the corrupt world, & married to Christ in a spiritual covenant, as a chaste Virgin; but departed from the Lord, & went a whoring after the spirit & nature of the world, to which she was joined as a harlot, & became a spiritual adulteress.

9. By this means the Church went into captivity, in the wilderness of this world. But in that state she was beloved by the world, who professed great friendship for her. Therefore from this state she could not be redeemed until Christ

purchased her in the work of his second appearing.

10. First, by a preparatory work in the order of nature; by bringing her to a work of mourning, repentance, & reformation, before he could be joined to her in the order of a spiritual Covenant. And then wastified the final cutting off of the flesh, when Christ would betroth her to him in mercy & loving kindness; in which state, the works of the flesh, with all its names & relations, should be cut off forever.

11. This Church was she that was brot into the wilderness, unto whom the promises of restoration were given in my prophecy. But the prophecy was fulfilled in a most special manner, when the holy Bride was allured & drawn by the Spirit of God, into the wilderness of America, & in the rise & establishment of the Church of the latter day in this chosen land among her children, to whom all these promises are & shall be accomplished.

12. To represent these things, it was by the word of the Lord that I said to the children of the woman whom I first took as a wife; "Plead with your Mother plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband." And as a figure, this ever remained the case.

13. Then the Lord declared His requirements of her, & foretold her apostacy, & his judgments upon her, before her restoration. But all that was said under the figure of this woman, represented that which would take place concerning Israel & the christian Church.

13. This is in substance, the true explanation of this subject, by which you may see that nothing can be gathered from it to support the works of the flesh in any state. Nay, but it plainly typifies, first, a reformation in the natural order; & then the total cutting off of this nature & all its relations, in order to have a part in the pure Kingdom of Christ.

14. Therefore, all ye children of men, know that I have had to be purified from every part of this

nature, to obtain an abiding inheritance in the everlasting Kingdom of Christ. And all souls will have to pass thro the same work or never dwell there. And happy are they who do it on earth; for tho never so trying, it is far easier for them in the end. 15. I must now close by sending my especial love & best blessing to the virgin obedient children of our holy Father & Mother, Amen. So farewell, dear Brethren & sisters, says the ancient prophet Hosea.

Closing Address of the holy Prophet Elisha, containing his parting warning to the children of Zion. Written by Inspiration P. M. V. Dec. 23, 1841.

Chapter 1st.

The Prophet bears witness of his predecessor, & reveals his own travel in the Spirit ^{World.}

1. I have come saith the prophet to deliver to thee my parting address. Firstly to bear witness to the revelation of my holy master & prophetic father Elijah; Yea, I testify that his revelation & testimony is pure & holy truth.
2. During the times that I followed him on earth, he walked constantly in the holy fire; & his godly & ^{pure} ample & instructions prepared me to be his successor in the prophetic order. And when he was taken away into Heaven, by receiving his mantle which fell from him, I was clothed with a double portion of his spirit.
3. This protected & supported me with all needful power & prophetic light, to do the will of God according to my day & generation, untill I had finished my work on earth. And when my soul left the body & was taken into the world of spirits by the angels of God, my holy master met & embraced me, & led me to a happy mansion in the highest

heaven of that dispensation, where he dwelt with the most holy & upright of the prophets & ancient saints.

4. Here I dwelt with them, But I was often called by the holy Angel of the prophets, & employed in preaching the promises & hope of the Messiah, to souls in the world of spirits, & warning them who had not obeyed the light of their day to repent, that they might be prepared to receive mercy of him when he should be revealed.

5. This was done to souls who had not sinned so far that there could be no mercy shown them in the work of their dispensation. Souls who had sinned against all the light of their day, could have no justified spirit come near, to show them any favor; but they were bound in prisons of darkness, reserved until the appearance of the Messiah. For they could have no mercy until he should extend it to them. [tho his superior power over the opposite spirit.]

6. So likewise, souls who sinned against all the light of Christ's first appearing, were bound in far greater darkness, than in any preceding dispensation; nor could they find mercy, nor be released from their prisons until the second coming of Christ.

7. My ministration of hope to souls continued, with intervals of rest until the long promised Messiah appeared. Then I heard the sound of the trumpets of the mighty Archangels of God, declaring that the holy Son of the Almighty had appeared, with the healing power of salvation in his mighty wings.

8. Then I arose from my resting place in which I had waited for him, & soon found a relation to his work, in which by his appointment, I labored as a ministering spirit to souls, & especially to ^{that} generation of Israel who had known my work on earth. And I travelled to his acceptance, according to the order of that dispensation, with seasons of rest, until the second appearing of Christ, with the holy Bride.

9. At this time, I heard the trumpets of the Arch Angels, sound exceeding loud in the Heavens, declaring the manifestation of the holy Parentage. I then came forth & sought my relation to their perfect work. I soon found a relation to the Bride, as my blessed Mother in the spirit of eternal life.

10. Therefore I am now employed as a ministering spirit in the great & holy work of this day, according to the order which I made known in my first message to thee. And I am one of those powerful spirits whose ministrations will bring about the restoration of Israel, both in the natural & spiritual world.

11. I was sure it would be pleasing to thee to know these things concerning him who first called thee as an instrument to write the inspirations of the prophets. And altho all of the ancient prophets have not inspired thee to write their individual testimonies, yet they have all been present, & have united their testimonies with those that have been written.

12. Therefore what thou hast written is to be understood & received, as the general & united testimony of all the ancient patriarchs & prophets, who were the primary witnesses of the old Testament, from the beginning of the world to the coming of Christ.

13. These writings contain prophetic warnings & revelations of the nature, order, & progress of the work of God, from the beginning to the end of the probationary state of man, & to the completion of the eternal order of all things. And all the children of men shall yet know, that these sacred oracles are the words of eternal truth, saith the holy & Divine Spirit of Truth.

14. My beloved brother, the prophet Amos, desires to testify a few words to these things, & to him, I now give place.

Testimony of the Prophet Amos. 15. Thus saith the

Prophet Amos, The day has now come, that my ancient vision is fulfilling, in which I saw, "and behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire, & it devoured the great deep, & did eat up a part. [Amos 7. 4.]

16. And I prayed that this might not then fall upon Israel, for in his corrupt state, it would have destroyed him, & his power was so small that he could not rise again. Then the Lord said, "this shall not be". It was then suspended.

17. But in this day, the holy fire of God will contend untill it devours the great deep of nature, in which all souls in a fallen state are sunk; & by progressive degrees, it will eat up, or consume all that part upon which the dark powers of this great deep can operate.

18. Then the soul that is enabled by obedience to pass thro this fire, ^{will} be purified from all pollutions, & from all the elements of a fallen nature, & shall be raised by the life of the Divine fire, & ascend to the pure regions of light & glory & there be placed in its eternal order in the Heavens.

19. But "Death & hell", & all that are left therein, shall be cast into everlasting darkness, under the eternal curse of the holy fire. Then the Probationary state of all souls shall be ended, according to the testimony of all the prophets of God.

20. O ye children of Zion! It is the work of this holy & Divine fire, contending against this great deep, that ye now feel, both in severe sufferings & Divine love. And these operations of the fire will continue to thus contend, untill Zion is wholly purified & cleansed from every thing that is offensive to a pure & holy God, & becomes the everlasting habitation of the God of holiness; & all souls have had a fair offer, & accepted or rejected the gospel of salvation.

21. So be ye encouraged; for this holy & purifying fire does not

bring a curse upon any upright soul, but it prepares the way to bring to all such, the greatest blessing which they can ever receive, which is the flowings of the life giving love of the Divine fire in Christ. This is eternal life.

And now will ye receive the unfeigned love & blessing of your brother the prophet Amos.

Chapter 2nd.

The necessity of the present work in Zion. The prophets parting warning.

1. Now saith the prophet Elisha, the time has nearly come, when the free intercourse, which for some time past hath existed between souls on earth, & souls & spirits in the spirit world, must cease, except on special occasions.

2. For it is the will of our Almighty Parents, that all souls & spirits in the heavens & earth, that are in the work of God in any degree, should gather in to their proper order, & the present degree of their work. And this cannot take place, unless the free intercourse between the different orders of spirits ceases.

3. For this cause, all are called home, & there can be no immediate & visible correspondence as has been during this preparatory season, except thro special agents, in the line of each order. This may be admitted in some cases, for the purpose of maintaining a general union & relation of the whole body of Christ, that every degree & branch of the work of God, may be supported & preserved.

4. This work of gathering all into their own order, is indispensibly necessary, as a preparation for the greatest & most mighty work of God both in the natural & spiritual worlds, ^{that ever took place} since creation began, that all souls & spirits may be prepared to assist & operate in this great work at hand, each in their own order & degree, with the united strength of the order to which they belong.

5. This same work that is now going on in Zion on earth, is also operating in the Heavens. The work of searching out & condemning sin, & purging all orders in the spiritual world from all impurity, proceeds there as it hath on earth, but with such power & holy consuming fire, as mortals could not endure.

6. And the Heavens are moving & sounding their mighty trumpets in the same strange work, which for a short time past hath been operating for a sign in the first church of God on earth. Because in the present day, the Lord God calls for a greater increase of purity & true order among all ranks & degrees of His rational creatures, than was ever before required.

7. Therefore all those that will not come into this purifying degree of this work, so as to be prepared for the increase of divine order, which He is about to establish in all things according to their nature, His holy fire will burn with a curse, & in judgement against them, untill His holy work & purposes are effected, either in judgement or mercy.

8. This same strange work in the sign, will go forth in due time thro all the families of Israel. Then it will be sent with great power in preparatory revivals among the children of men according to their state. And when the way is prepared, it will be followed by the substance of the work, which it prefig-
ures.

*The sign here alluded to by the prophet, was very striking in its various operations. By a special gift of divine inspiration, a chosen band of Believers were selected & called forth, to march & sing around & thro the dwellings, shops, & other buildings on the premises of this Society, & in powerful songs, denounce the judgements of God against sin. This was followed by a representation of sweeping & washing, which signified forth the cleansing & purification of the people, the inhabitants of Zion, & all their dwelling places, from all sin & uncleanness. — And the wonderful work of humiliation, cleansing & purification & repentance which followed as the substance of these remarkable signs, exceeded anything which had before taken place in Zion.

9. Yea, before the end of the days of this dispensation, this work both in the signs & substance will go thro' all nations of the earth according to their order, saith the holy Archangel who directs all its operations. For it is both the sign & substance of the holy war of Michael, & his angels, against the Dragon & his angels, & all their powers. By this war in its progress, all these dark & evil powers shall be cast out of the heritage of the Lord ~~of the~~ Christ.

10. And then shall all things be progressively set in their good & eternal order, both in the Heavens & earth, by the perfect spirit represented in Michael, who is the most mighty Archangel of Heaven. Therefore fear not holy children, for ye are under the protecting shadow of his all powerful wings. And all who keep there by holiness & obedience, can never be overcome by all the powers & spirits of darkness.

11. O ye beloved children of Zion, know ye that the labor of the prophets in this late visitation, by the will of God hath been to bear witness to, & support the manifestations & works of your holy & your heavenly Parents. But dear friends, the time has nearly come when they will have to leave you, as to these free communications & revelations.

12. Before I cease suffer me to inform you that my soul is pained & my heart is bowed down in fervent supplication for you, to our heavenly Eternal Father, the Source of all Power. For behold I see dark clouds with raging storms rise up against you, & foaming billows rolling over you.

13. Beware of the enemy; beware of Achans & deceitful workers, for be assured that after this blessed day of visitation is closed, ye will be tried & afflicted on every hand & side, within & without. For the days will come when the children of wickedness will rise up & pour forth in multitudes against you like a roaring flood, & surround your camps as hungry tigers eager for prey. These things will increase untill no power short of the Almighty hand can save you from destruction.

14. Therefore remember & call to mind the many precious things which have been given you; & the rules & instructions that ye have received in this late blessed season: & then ye can feed upon them & be strengthened thereby. Yea, remember & obey all the holy commands & counsels of your heavenly Parents, & they will be shields & bucklers to you, against the snares & fiery darts of the adversary.

15. Dear friends, remember the ancient prophets, who greatly love & bless you, & they will fervently pray for you to the Father of mercies. And whenever he permits them, they will visit & help you all that lies in their power. And the more you remember your heavenly Parents, the prophets & good spirits, the more they will visit & help you in spirit, whether ye know it at the time or not.

16. Therefore know ye that in walking this path, improving the precious gifts that ye have received, & living in obedience to what ye have been, & may hereafter be taught thro your Anointed Head: & trusting in the Almighty arm for defence, ye will surely be protected, & go safely thro all these trials & adversities.

17. And thus ye shall be preserved to the saving of your souls, to see & rejoice in the final victory & glory of Zion. & behold the beautiful growth of her holy branches, spreading far & wide, saith the Eternal Spirit.

18. And now thou mortal Instrument, as these testimonies of the prophets are about to close for the present season, it is with satisfaction that I make known to thee, beloved brother & dear child, for such thou art in this work, that I bear witness to all, of the integrity in which thou hast performed this labor.

19. Yea, the prophets have dictated every sentiment that hath been written. And thou in uprightness, hast written the true import of that which they have given thee.

20. I found thee in sorrow & deep tribulation, & have led thee gently by the hand, & in union with thy heavenly Parents, supported thee thro' all this trying labor, I know all the labor, embarrassments, & struggles in severe tribulation, which thou hast passed thro' in this work. But thou hast proved faithful to thy trust, & shalt not lose thy full reward.

21. Therefore for all this, I now clothe thee with a mantle of my ever lasting love & blessing, together with the same from all the patriarchs & prophets who have inspired & dictated these writings; & our united thanks for thy faithful labors therein. This mantle shall clothe thee thro' time.

22. And if thou wilt be faithful to the end, in the path of humility & obedience, my spirit, & the spirit of the prophets, shall never leave nor forsake thee, as we have before promised; but will often visit & clothe thee, & thou shalt go safely thro' this vale of sorrow, untill thy soul shall reach the heavenly world, & shall meet thy heavenly Parents, & the prophets in peace.

23. And there thou shalt find thy mansion of glory, & stand in thy eternal lot, which shall satisfy, all the feelings of thy soul. So, dear child, farewell in my love untill we meet again.

24. I must now close by once more renewing my eternal love & blessing to the holy Anointed, & to all the dear children of the holy habitations of God, with a bountiful store of the same from all the ancient prophets; & we unitedly bid you all, a loving & a peaceful farewell.

Elisha the Prophet.

Note. The holy prophet Elisha further adds;

To the greatly beloved Brother* who has taken so much pains to prepare & record these prophetic communications, I send the united love, blessing, & hearty thanks of all the ancient patriarchs & prophets who are the witnesses thereof, for his faithful labors & patient perseverance

* Seth Y. Wells.

in this work.

Tell him that all this & much more is recorded in the eternal Book of Records in the Heavens, & he shall receive a rich reward for the same.

I send with my own hand a jewel of holy blessing set with seven diamonds of the seven bright colors of the rainbow, upon which are written the names of the forty two patriarchs & Prophets, the primary witnesses of the old Testament, who have signed & sealed these writings six names being written on each diamond.

This jewel, I request him to wear on his breast, as a memorial of these witnesses thro' time, & by this he shall be known when he comes into the Heavens, as our special friend in this work which we so greatly desired to have accomplished.

New Lebanon Jan. 30th, 1842.

Elisha

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A Divine Communication

From the holy & glorious Angel Alphine Sacravena,

Being the closing Revelation & confirmation of all the prophetic Testimonies & Revelations of the ancient prophets. Given by inspiration at the Holy Mount of God, 1st Order Jan. 5th, 1842.

Thro the same Instrument as the preceding.

Introduction by the Inspired Writer.

While writing the Revelations from the prophet Daniel, nearly a year ago, that beloved prophet informed me that the glorious

holy Angel who appeared to him while on earth, & who was the Angel of the order of prophets, & the Prince of prophecy, would deliver a sacred message, as the closing communication of these prophetic writings.

2. After this, the holy Angel was revealed to me in meeting, & told his name, & communicated the nature of his revelation, informing me that it would be reserved to close the prophetic communications which I should be called to write in the present work. Consequently I have had no impressions to write it until the prophets informed me that they had concluded their present testimonies.

3. The Spirit of this wonderful Angel then began to press his communication upon my spirit, & to warn me by a mild sound of his heavenly trumpet, that he should soon call me to write it.

4. Feeling a deep sense of my unworthiness, & that myself unfit to come so near such a holy being, as to receive a message from him, & write it in the genuine spirit of the gift. For this reason, my feelings were, that if it could be the will of God, I should desire that it might pass from me. Yet, if really required, I was determined to obey, at any sacrifice whatever.

5. Therefore I labored & cried to God, most continually, to be prepared to write in the Spirit of Truth, whenever called by the Angel, so to do. My labor of soul increased for several days before I was finally called upon to write. I do not know that I ever before felt such severe sufferings of spirit, & deep tribulation of soul, as during this time. I felt greatly embarrassed & sorely buffeted concerning my unfitness.

7. My guardian spirit then told me that this message from the holy Angel would be exceedingly precious, & that the adversary of all good was striving to hinder me from being the Instrument thereof. & if I was prevented by harkening to his evil influence, I should ever feel the loss thereof.

8. I then resisted the tempter, & cried Lord, thy will be done! But O prepare me to do this work in its purity; for I am unworthy. Feeling a sense of the purity of the Angel's holy Spirit, made my soul shrink at the undertaking.

9. In the evening of the 4th inst, the Angel gave me notice that he should the next day require me to write all that he should inspire into my soul; for it must no longer be delayed. That night, in a dream, or rather a night vision, I saw upon a table, an open book in manuscript, together with an inkstand & pen. I was then directed to transcribe the writing from the Book, for it was the communication from the holy Angel.

10. Having passed the night in much tribulation, I labored the next morning with all my feelings to be prepared. The Angel then informed me that the cause of my severe sufferings & tribulation, was to prepare me to be his Instrument for which service I needed to be greatly purified. And that these sufferings would continue to increase, to show me that however trying, I could not get by doing this work.

11. And truly it seemed as tho' if I did not do it, that it would nearly or quite take my life. Therefore I resigned myself in obedience; & the Angel then spoke peace to my troubled soul. I then kneeled & bowed to the floor, & was impressed with such a gift of prayer, as I scarcely ever felt before. I earnestly prayed that I might have an undeniable evidence of my call to this work.

12. At this time, my soul beheld the Angel most beautiful & lovely, in a heavenly cloud of pure white & clear brightness. My right hand & arm were then arrested from under my ^{power} control, stretched out, & powerfully shaken; & before me, extended over the table, appeared a large sheet of transparent paper, with unknown characters upon it, & the Angel's name, written in letters of shining gold.

13. Also, the appearance of a beautiful white pen was given me, & I was bid to write. When I arose to write, I recovered the power of my hand & arm, which I could not ^{use} before. My spirit felt as tho' it was on fire, & the Angel poured the words into my soul, as fast as my hand could write them. The following is the communication of the Holy Angel.

Chapter 1st.

The Angel reveals his Order—the true intention of prophecy—the probation of Angels, of all spirits, & the souls of men; & shows the necessity of their probation.

Thus saith the holy Angel of prophetic light; Arise thou mortal Instrument; harken, & in deep humiliation, & in the solemn fear of thy God, write the sacred testimony of revelation of which I have given thee notice, & which I shall now speak clearly in thy soul, as a closing witness & confirmation of all the testimonies, revelations, & prophecies, which thou hast been called to write in this present holy, & glorious visitation.

2. This day of visitation hath truly been distinguished above all others, by the shining forth of eternal brightness & Divine gifts, which have been poured out upon the chosen children of Zion, without measure, from the holy & eternal Heavens.

3. I am a most holy Angel from the eternal Heaven of Heavens. My name is Alphine Sacraena, the Prince of Prophecy. My dwelling was never on earth, in a tabernacle of clay. I never dwelt in any of the shades of death nor darkness.

4. I was bro't forth by my eternal Parents long, yea ages of ages, before this creation in which ye dwell was begun. And in their eternal light & glory, I have ever dwelt. My mansion is in the element of the attribute of eternal light; for I have ever obeyed with delight, the will of my eternal Parents, & have been faithful to whatever they required of me.

5. Yea, I stood firm & unshaken in their pure light, at the time of the great trial of the Angels in the spiritual world, when the fierce & mighty prince & powers of eternal darkness, spook all things that could be shaken, & made many of the powers of the heavens to tremble, before he & his powers were overcome & driven back.

6. This mighty struggle of the powers & spirits of darkness was designed & attempted for the purpose of hindering the increasing & creative works of the Almighty Parents. But their power, majesty & glory were finally magnified thereby. For these dark & mighty powers were overthrown, expelled, & shut out by eternal barriers.

7. Therefore, the many of the Angels & Spirits which had been brought forth to be agents & working powers in the creative works & orders of the heavens & earth, which the Creator had purposed to form & set in order, were overcome & fell; yet the Almighty purposes of Power & Wisdom were not in the least deranged thereby.

8. For all the Angels & Spirits that stood faithful in their trial, increased in power & glory, & were thus prepared to be co workers with their Eternal Parents in the work of forming & setting in order the creation of the heavens & earth; because they had been tried & proved faithful. Therefore the Creator found them trusty agents, to which the order & establishment of all things might be safely committed.

9. Previous to this great struggle, the spirits & powers of darkness could advance much further in the eternal world, than at the present time; for they have been driven back many stages, & the Almighty hath placed eternal barriers at each stage, which they cannot pass; therefore, all within these barriers are forever secure.

10. But long before these barriers were formed, Satan fell from his (Lucifer)

original state, thro the influence of the powers of evil, & became the prince of those rebel spirits whom he employs to tempt creatures in a state of probation.

11. The works which have flowed from the eternal Source of creative Power & Wisdom, are infinite, ~~in extent~~ & incomprehensible in ^{potency} any created being. I have seen myriads of worlds created & replenished with animate & intelligent beings, both before & since the creation of this world in which ye dwell. And I know many which are yet balls & elements of darkness, inhabited only by dark & evil monsters as the dark & great deep of this world once was.

And know ye that the creating works of creative power will progress thro infinite ages.

12. The principle of darkness & the power of evil could not be made manifest as the opposites of the principle of divine light, & the eternal Power of good, untill good & light operated, then the elements of darkness & evil were manifest, as the eternal opposites of goodness & light.

13. The great Source of eternal good & light, extends thro & beyond all created things, & therefore can never be seen nor comprehended as a real being, by any creature; but can only be seen & known by the elements, principles, & operations which flow from this infinite Source. But the Eternal Parents can be truly seen & known in proportion to the purity of the creature.

14. Neither can any creature see & comprehend, as a being, the eternal opposite, the source & power of evil & spiritual darkness. This also can only be seen & known by the elementary principles & operations which proceed therefrom.

15. This power tho exceeding great, is not infinite. The power of good is greater, & is & always has been beyond & above it. But the power of evil attends thro all things where the nature of Divine Light & Goodness is not formed, by which alone the power of evil can be driven back, & barriers formed which it cannot pass.

No created being by his own power could ever do this.

16. The mighty Archangel Lucifer, (who after his fall was called Satan, that is, Adversary,) was the ring leader of the rebellion in the spiritual worlds, & caused the fall of multitudes of Angels & Spirits, but he was not the first agent in the element of evil, nor the King in eternal darkness. This was Apollyon, or the destroyer so called, because he hath ever been a destroyer among the works of God from the beginning.

17. But by being influenced by those principles of evil, & receiving & following them, Lucifer in the end, was born into their very nature, & became identified with the first great Agent of the power of evil, & thus became the Prince of the tempting spirits, which tempt beings in a probationary state. Owing to his previous experiences in the Heavens, he was more able to do this, than any other spirit of evil. But this power of evil is limited by the Almighty.

18. After the forementioned mighty struggle, the way was prepared for this Creation to be brot forth, in all its progressive degrees of order. Nevertheless, similar struggles will be made by the infernal prince & powers of darkness, against every increasing degree of the works of the Almighty, untill all the orders of Gods eternal Kingdom are completed.

19. No power of darkness could ever stand before my eternal light, which was given by the Almighty to dwell in me when I was placed in my eternal order. Therefore from the beginning of the preparation for the visible created works of God, my office has ever been to prophecy by his Divine Spirit, & thereby make known to all beings to whom the time has come, the true nature & order of the future works of God, in successive degrees & times, as far as it is necessary in the order of his own appointment.

20. These prophecies ^{we} are necessary

to prepare those whom the work should concern, to be in readiness to receive it, when it should come, & to be workers with it according to what would be required of them.

21 It was also necessary for these prophecies to be recorded in Heaven & earth (so far as the nature of the work on earth, ^{should},) that they may stand as a clear evidence to all rational beings, in the time of their fulfillment, that they could have proceeded from no other source, than the fountain of all light & true knowledge; therefore that the work must proceed from Almighty Power & Wisdom.

22. Thus the faith of all beings will be righteously & justly tried; & their obedience proved by that evidence which is adapted to their rational understanding; that the great God of all may thereby be manifested to all His intelligent creatures, in His light, power, wisdom, majesty, & all His perfections, & every creature be left without any ground of excuse.

23. This is the true end & design of all the prophecies which have ever been given from the beginning, or that ever will be given to the end of time. I am the Prince of this Order of prophetic light. I was one of the seven eldest & brightest among the Morning Stars & sons of God which sung together, & shouted for joy, when the Almighty Creator laid the foundations of the earth.

24. For that work had long before been revealed unto me by the Divine Spirit of Light, & by me had been prophesied to those Morning Stars & sons of God. And they had long anxiously waited for the work to take place: therefore they knew it when it began after their great trial, & thus rejoiced with joy unspeakable.

25 By the command of my Eternal Father, I moved with His eternal light, before the Divine & Spirit of Eternal Mother Wisdom when she moved & brooded upon the face of the waters, or or chaos of the great deep, untill this creation was brot forth & set in order,

in all its principles & elements.

26. Yea, & all the holy Angels & Spirits who proved faithful to their trust when tried, have ever rejoiced with great joy in every increasing degree of the works of their Eternal Parents. And every such degree brings increasing honor, glory, & happiness to them.

27. For they all are & ever will be workers together according to their respective orders, in every degree of the works of God, forever & ever. And to them is committed the government & administration of all the principles & elements, in all the orders of the Heavens & earth.

28. And this high, glorious & holy charge, they fulfill in the most exact & willing obedience to the will of their Almighty Parents, & in the most perfect subordination to the orders which are respectively plac'd before them. Here is the foundation of all true order & government in the eternal order of the Angels & Spirits of God.

29. These therefore can never administer goodness in any other way, nor can God ever be truly known in any other line than thro' the medium of the orders of His own appointment. And the Angels have no delight so great, as to labor in their own order, in the work, & according to the will of their heavenly Parents.

30. But know all ye children of earth, that the children of the spiritual world; yea, all the Angels in Heaven had to pass thro' a state of probationary trial, between the inclinations of their own independent, or self life, & subjection to the will of God, manifested in the orders before them.

31. This trial they had to pass thro' & prove themselves obedient & faithful in their first estate, before their Creator would take them as His messengers & agents to do all His works, & administer to & direct all the creatures of His worlds; for this is their calling & work, each according to the order of their creation.

32. Therefore they were all first created in a state below their true order. & their real order was placed before them as an object of hope, which they might gain by obedience, & self sacrifice. And when they had proved themselves faithful to the perfect will of God in that state, they then arose by the Eternal Power into a far higher state, even into the light of their Creator.

33. Here their Eternal Parents had prepared mansions of glory for them in the flowings of their Divine Love, & in degrees according to their order, as messengers of Divine light, power, & holiness, & agents of all the works of Eternal Power & Wisdom.

34. Yet all the Angels & spirits of God will forever increase, with the increase & expansion of God's works. And by their labors therein, they are continually adding to their glory, new gems, new flowers of most exquisite beauty, & new stars of such effulgent brightness & glory, as no mortal can conceive of while dwelling in an earthly state. And know ye that it shall be in like manner with all the spirits of mortals who prove faithful in their trial.

35. Thus saith the mighty & glorious Angel of prophetic light. Ye mortals think strange because of your sore trials, which ye cannot avoid, & many times wonder what they mean. But unto you I say, It is impossible ^{for} that any created being should receive ^{to} any reward, any honor or glory of their own, or in themselves, without their own labor & earnings.

36. All created spirits ever have been, & ever must be placed in a state below the proper order of their creation, that they may gain their final order & the reward of faithfulness by their own labor, before they can inherit their birthright.

37. And the elementary life of that order in which they are first created, as a state of probation, must have an attractive influence & a binding power upon their self life; & this they must sacrifice before they can rise to a higher order. But the higher life of the order for which they are created, hath also ~~it~~ then & not before, did they find their proper order.

its strong attractive powers upon the light of their rational understand
 38. Here is their trial. Thro' the lower attractive power, the ^{ling.} spirit of darkness from the eternal shades of evil, can have access to, & tempt them with its counterfeit & alluring, delusive charms. And if they harken to this spirit, they will follow their own inclinations, which will appear to them, as the very essence of their own life, & following these, they will fall under the power of the tempting spirit, & will be led into the shades of darkness from whence that spirit came.

39. But those souls & spirits that obey & work with the light which always shines from above to all beings in a state of real probation, will rise by degrees, to that state from whence the light cometh which hath attracted them to obedience, & by its power, strengthened them to endure their trials. Thus they will receive everlasting reward & honor for their own labors. And this honor & reward will always be great in proportion to the labor, sufferings, & trials, which have been needful to obtain the prize.

40. But beware O ye children, yea, let every soul beware that ye charge not upon the Divine Spirit of goodness those trials which ye bring upon yourselves by your own misdeeds. This is a sin of ingratitude for which you will surely be called to account.

41. Seech trials are scourges for your own disobedience, & even these are preparations for mercy to those who have not sinned away their day of probation.

42. All the dealings of God towards His creatures are perfectly just, & for the best good of all who are rightly exercised thereby. This is sacred truth, & every creature will yet know it.

43. Thus saith the holy Angel. Let no honest souls faint because of the severity of their trials & sufferings, for my Angels of light watch over all souls, who have not lost their final call. And these Angels will

know the path which is best for every creature, & what kind of trials will be best to prepare each & every soul, for their final order in the eternal world.

45. Therefore harken & harken to their silent voice when they speak into your souls. Yea, hear, murmur not, but obey, & follow their light, & it shall ever be well with you. Verily, if ye do this, ye shall lose no part of the honor, glory & happiness that ye are capable of receiving.

46. For I say unto you, that the beautiful mansions, the delightful bowers of the paradise of God; the delicious fruits & streams of living waters; & all the glorious appearances, & delightsome, pleasing, & happy feelings which shall be seen & possessed by ^{each} every soul according to their creation, who faithfully endures the purifying trials of the regeneration, shall fully satisfy all their feelings, & exceed by many fold, all that ye are capable of desiring while in a mortal state.

47. So fear not all ye sincere souls, but go manfully thro all your trials; & all that ye will ever endure in this life, will yet appear but as a drop of the ocean, compared with the immortal glory which ye shall find in your heavenly, & eternal home. Let this suffice concerning this matter: for the soul that will not be satisfied with this, would not be with more.

Chapter 2nd.

The ministration of the Angels of prophetic Light - & its necessity declared.

The union of the Angels of light, & those of the perfect work revealed.

In the prophetic order, are many Angels of pure light, adapted to every state, & their calling & work is to go before & prepare the way, by dispensing prophetic light to souls & spirits in every degree of the work of God. And this hath ever been their calling & work from the beginning, & ever will be to endless ages.

2. Therefore, know ye for certainty,

that never a rational being is bro't into the world, who is not noticed by some of these Angels, & they dispense rays of ^{their} prophetic light to all souls, according to their order & state. For all light which shows the future consequences & effects of any moral thought, word, or deed, is prophetic light; & is dispensed by the Angels of the order of prophetic light, who are sent forth by my direction.

3. It is on this ground, that the testimony of Jesus is preeminently the Spirit of prophecy. For this Spirit foretells [foreshows] the reward of all the works of souls & spirits, in a higher degree than any other spirit ever did. These Angels of my order, ever delight in foreshowing the work of God to souls, & in lighting a spiritual lamp in them, that they may thereby see their duty.

4. And after they have shown the work according to its order & degree, then in the proper time appointed of God, the Angels of the true order of God's work follow, & they labor & work according to the pattern which hath been shown by the Angels of light; & which is plainly written on sheets of light, on all things & beings that are to be the subjects of the work which is to be wrought.

5. And the time of this work is clearly marked on pillars of order, which are placed in the degree of the proper order & time of the progressive growth of the creation of God. And when the Angels of perfect work come to that degree, they plainly see & know the nature, order, & time thereof.

6. Therefore these Angels of light & revelation, & the Angels of God's perfect work, always correspond & agree together. But no other spirits can read the writings of the former, nor know the true nature & order of the works of the latter, any faster than they are revealed by the Angels of these respective orders.

7. For this cause, I said to the greatly beloved prophet Daniel, 'There is none that holdeth with me in

these things, but Michael your Prince. For Michael is the Prince of the Angelic orders of perfect works, in the likeness of God in their order: as I am of the orders of prophetic light & revelation. Therefore in all things we & our respective Angelic orders, hold & operate together in our proper times & labors, appointed by our Almighty Parents.

8. For this reason, I said "At that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince who standeth for the children of thy people; & there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time." And at that time, thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Book."

9. For untill the Angels of my order dispense their light to souls, they can never receive any degree of perfect work. They cannot receive the spirit of holiness; because untill they receive prophetic light, by which they are enabled to see the consequences of their deeds, [& their effect] upon their immortal welfare, they can sense no motive for the cross which the Spirit of holiness requires, & its works will bring.

10. Therefore untill this event takes place, they will be led wholly by the instincts & propensities of nature. But when this light is given them, they can then receive the convicting operations of the Angels of holiness, that always follow the light. And thus they are prepared to hear the sound of the trumpets of the Angels of Reformation, by which they will be progressively prepared to hear the loud calls of the Angels of the world of the everlasting gospel.

11. And no soul can ever be called & gathered into the Kingdom of Christ, without the operations of these four orders of Angels. And the last two orders in a very especial manner, the powerful hosts of the great Prince Michael, in the twofold order of his manifestations. — That is, first in nature, & then in grace. The former being the work of the Father, & the latter, that of the Son.

But all the operations, & works, of all the orders of the Angels, flow from the Eternal Parentage, thro the Seven Spirits of God.

12. As Michael always stood for & in the perfect order of God; so he & his Angels always worked according to that order in its present degree; therefore he always stood for God's covenant people, because they more nearly represented the perfect order, than any other people.

13. The time of trouble foretold by me, first began in the first appearing of the Son of God; for whose true order & perfect work, Michael & all his Angels labored & fought with all their powers against the Prince & powers of darkness; for this was the beginning of the separation between the old creation & new.

14. Therefore it was by the operations of the ministrations of this angelic order, that the times of trouble & terrible judgments thro' out the world, followed the persecution of Christ & his followers, & the rejection of his gospel according to the perfect order of that day. But the ultimate fulfillment of these things will be in this dispensation of his second appearing with the Holy Bride.

15. This is the glorious, holy dispensation of Divine providence & grace of God, which began at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, & is proceeding, & will increase untill the true order of all things is established; both in the Heavens & earth, according to the perfect likeness of God in their nature & degree.

16. I am the glorious Angel of light, who appeared to the Prophet Daniel by the river. At that time I showed him many things which were noted in the Scriptures of truth. For in all the works of God, the true order & pattern is first shown; then, in the true order of time, the perfect work follows. Therefore Michael, the great Prince of the order of the perfect work, held with me in these things.

17. It was thro the medium of the holy Angels of my order, that all the

ancient prophets were inspired; yea, thro them I guided & directed all their prophetic gifts. For tho my Angels are often invisible & silent messengers, yet, without their operations & prophetic light, no soul can hear the voice of any Divine Spirit that speaks to them.

18. All the works that God will ever do, both in Heaven & earth, to the full establishment of His eternal Kingdom, are first written in the eternal records of these Scriptures of truth; & nothing therein written shall ever fail.

19. Therefore the Eternal Power & Wisdom, in their own time, open the page to be revealed to the Angels of prophecy. Then by my direction, they show the things contained therein, to chosen instruments both in the spiritual & natural world.

20. And when the time for these things to take place has fully come, the Angels of perfect order are sent forth, under the direction of the powerful Arch angel Michael, & they work according to the pattern which hath been shown by divine Light.

21. In the present visitation of the powers & lights of Heaven, which hath been going on for about four years past, the eternal Records of these holy Scriptures of truth have been revealed by the manifestations of your Eternal, your holy & your heavenly Parents, & the holy Angels & Prophets in a far greater degree, & more wonderful manner than ever was done before since this Creation began.

22. Therefore Michael & his mighty hosts of Angels have come forth, & are waging war against the great adversary & all his powers of darkness. This war will never cease untill they are defeated & driven out of any [& all] power or hold in the heavenly state. And the hosts of Michael will follow these dark spirits & powers, & overthrow their high towers, pull down their strong holds, & demolish their high places, thro out all the world.

23. Then, as fast as the way is thus prepared, they will build up & establish the perfect order of the New

Heavens & new earth, wherein the dark spirits & powers shall have no habitation nor places of strength. These Angels will also build up a perfect state of the order of nature in the natural world, in degrees for a time, untill the days thereof are fulfilled. Then shall the natural order & state of the world pass away.

24. The manifestations of the present day & visitation, both of light & perfect work, have been & will be greater in & among the Iordel of God, than the Eternal Spirit ever before dispensed to the children of men. And the same prophetic light, & the same word & work of Michael will follow in the world, after the visible displays thereof are more closed & withdrawn from Zion.

25. I say the same light & work will follow both in the providential & spiritual orders in the world, & will progressively operate according to their state & what is required of them, to prepare the way for the natural order which the Creator is about to establish in this times, among all nations & people.

26. But these displays in a special manner will prepare the way for the work of the New Creation, which will grow & increase untill its fair branches shall spread thro out all the earth. & all nations shall see & acknowledge the power & glory of Zion. & they shall know that it is the only habitation of the holy God of salvation.

27. Therefore the same judgements, & similar times of trouble shall follow disobedience to the true & perfect order of God, & especially for rejecting the gospel & persecuting the witnesses thereof, & the faithful children of the holy Parentage, [to those] which followed these things in Christs first appearing, but with additional severity & power, untill the real trouble for all flesh, shall exceed the trouble, horror, & darkness of those times.

28. But in the midst of these times, thy people shall be delivered;

that is, the spiritual Israel, every one that by faithful obedience in following the Lamb of God & holy Bride, shall be found written in the book of the eternal Records of life.

29. These shall be delivered by the power & perfect work of Michael & his Angels; while Satan & his dark hosts, by them cast out of the heavenly inheritance, will come down & pour out his wrath upon the inhabitants of the earth, & cause them in rage, to bite & destroy each other; & thro them, he will persecute the woman & her righteous seed.

30. But the powers of the earth will continue to open & divide, & thus seal low up in their own bowels, the serpents flood of fury & rage, so that they can never destroy the faithful from the earth. These things will operate in degrees one after another, untill the Kingdom of God is perfected in its order, power & glory, both in the natural & spiritual world.

31. For this purpose, the souls who have slept in the dust, (i.e. that fallen nature which is the food of the serpent) & gone into the world of spirits, shall hear the gospel trumpet & awake; yea they shall hear the sound of the gospel, & those who obey it shall come forth to everlasting life; & those who disobey, shall come forth to shame & everlasting contempt.

32. For every soul that ever was created, shall have an offer of the same selfdenying gospel that ye have, & must bear the same cross according to their order, unto the death of their own life, whether they are in this world, or that which is to come.

33. For they never can be otherwise redeemed from the power of darkness, & rise in eternal glory, thro endless ages. Tho they may be saved as by fire; but that will be many fold more terrible; & yet, even in that case, they will eternally lose the glory of their birthright.

34. Know ye for certainty (let blind guides teach as they may,) that the soul is the subject of the resurrection of life; the natural body will never have any part therein.

Chapter 3rd.

The cause of prophetic revelations in this day — Necessity of the visitation of the heavenly Parents.

And now saith the Angel, I will show the true cause why many prophecies & revelations, even of the providential works of God, in the world have been manifested to the children of Zion in this great visitation, when but few had ever before been revealed to them.

2. In the first opening of the gospel, & in the time of laying the foundation for the building of Zion, the Believers had to come out of the world, & break off from all the institutions & systems thereof. It was then necessary that they should improve all their time, strength & talents, to gain & establish a new order ⁱⁿ of all things, both spiritual & temporal; separate & wholly distinct from all that was on earth.

3. For the heavenly Jerusalem had not yet appeared on earth, nor was a stone of the foundations of Zion laid, in the true order of the new Creation. Therefore it could not be known as the Zion & Jerusalem, from whence it had been promised that the Law & word of the Lord should go forth to the children of men.

4. Hence in the labor of laying the foundations of Zion, building the true spiritual temple therein, & raising her walls & towers of strength, that generation did all that they could do.

5. They had not strength to labor for prophecies, of the providential work of

God in the world, nor revelations of, but very little that did not immediately concern ^{their} present duty, nor time to receive & commit them to writing. Nor was there a body as now, of such as had experienced a deep travel to bear for any in such a labor.

6. Therefore, had not their time & labor been wholly turned to the inner court, Zion could never have been built, & her order established; so that the word & Law of God could go forth therefrom to the inhabitants of the earth.

7. And during the time of the second opening, the labor of gathering souls, & of establishing new branches of the Kingdom of Zion, together with the establishment of ^{the} orders of ingathering for souls which are as her suburbs. Also the labor of publishing a written testimony, which soon or late, will carry the sound to the ends of the earth, ~~thereof~~, & which is the beginning of the going forth of the Law from Zion, to any great extent.

8. The labor of all these things was all that could be sustained in these two travels of Believers. But after the order of Zion was established throout all the families of Israel, & many new branches were raised up in the same order far & wide; then the dark spirits of the world, & evil Angels from the shades of darkness, in many cunning ways, & by many artful devices, made war upon Israel.

9. These spirits of darkness favored by traitors & the inexperience of the rising generation, gained such ascendancy in all the branches of Israel that nothing could save her, short of the second manifestation of the same heavenly Parents, thro whom the foundations were laid, & Zion was built, & her order first est-

10. Nay, nothing short of their second revelation in spirit, & in ^{established} irresistible power, could save Zion from being overcome, & falling into the hands of her enemies & apostate & rebel children. But by this mighty work, the enemies have been defeated & driven back into the world. The traitors within her walls have been cast out; & her broken walls have been repaired stronger than ever.

11. Therefore to prevent the enemy from returning, & again obtaining power & establishing his strong holds in Israel, it was necessary

to pursue him on his own ground; thereby laying open his hiding places, pulling down his strong holds of power, & overturning his high towers of strength, by the light & power of the word of Almighty God
 12. This was done that the children of Zion might see the abominations of the dwellings, & the weakness of these habitations of the enemy; & might know the destruction which the God of all power had purposed to bring upon him & all his subjects; that they might no more seek a part in his kingdom, nor take shelter under that power which must so surely fall, & his kingdom in the world come to nought.

13. This was necessary that all the children of Israel might trust in Zion, which is now built up & re-established in everlasting strength & power, & to which God gives His sure & eternal promises of everlasting increase & protection; & that she should be the light of His glory.
 14. But as Zion had been already built, it needed not that labor in this manifestation, but only to cleanse her & restore that which was decayed, & repair the walls which were fallen, & set up her gates which were broken, to prepare her for the future work of God.

15. Therefore when this shall be fully effected, Zion will be made ready for the law to go forth from her, to all the inhabitants of the world. For the word of the Lord shall sound forth, & His voice shall roar from Zion to the ends of the earth. And all nations shall yet hear this mighty voice, & tremble before the light & power of her heralds.

16. Therefore as the harbingers of this holy Law & eternal word, the Lord our God hath sent forth His Angels of Prophecy, under my direction to inspire the chosen children of Zion to utter & record prophecies & warnings of the nature & manner of His works,

which shall take place both in the order of His providence & grace thro' out all the world to the end of time. 17. This is necessary that all the inhabitants of the earth, may learn His word & purposes concerning all people, to the end of the probationary state of man. For His word, by these prophetic warnings, shall yet be published to all the race of man.

18. Then shall follow the preaching of the everlasting gospel, & the law of God by His chosen witnesses; to every nation, kindred, tongue & people, in all the world, visible & invisible, before the days of this dispensation are ended.

19. For God will pour out upon the earth spiritual judgements which will fall upon their souls with a horror of great darkness, sore conviction & fearful terror, far more awful to them than any outward judgements untill they will esteem it the greatest privilege they can possibly have, to find a true witness of God to whom they can confess their sins, & be relieved from these judgements.

20. This operation, in its times will roll thro' the world, in a higher degree, & to a greater extent than was ever before known among men. Then will multitudes, multitudes flock to Zion, & there shall be no nation on the earth, where habitations of the Kingdom of the Saints of the Most High, shall not be established as a refuge for souls.

21. For this cause, have the ancient prophets been sent forth by the will of God, first; to bear witness of the holy word & work of your heavenly Parents & the holy Angels. And to testify to the truth of all their prophetic gifts & divine revelations.

22. Secondly: To declare to all men that all their ancient prophecies will have their highest & final accomplishment in the work of the new & spiritual Creation, which will be completed in this great day of God Almighty.

23. They have ever been

the chosen messengers of God in all ages since they were first called & chosen by the Divine Spirit, & anointed with prophetic light. And they are now all faithful & beloved children of the heavenly Parentage, & faithful messengers of God in all His works.

24. These holy prophets have revealed to thee many things from the eternal records of the holy scriptures of truth, of which I read a portion to the prophet Daniel. These thou hast in spirit & substance faithfully written.

25. Therefore I, the holy Angel of prophecy do testify that the words or prophetic testimonies which they have inspired thee to write, are the sacred oracles of God concerning the purposes & works of the Almighty, to the final establishment of His eternal Kingdom; & none of them shall fail of accomplishment, but they shall surely be fulfilled in their

26. But the time has now come for these inspired messages ^(times) to cease for the present season. And the prophets for a time will be called home to their mansions, to prepare for a further work of God, & then they will be sent forth to administer in the preparatory work, for the mighty displays of Divine Power & light, which the God of all is about to pour upon the world.

27. Yet they will work together with the children of Zion as they have promised; & will often visit her & help them in spirit, whether they know it at the time or not. For the work which is beginning in the world, in the progress of its times, will far exceed in power, light, & glory, as well as in judgement, any work which has ever taken place since man was on the earth; yea, all the hosts of Heaven will be moved in support of its operations.

Chapter 1th.

The Angel reveals the work of his ministration from the first appearing of Christ to the present time. He will continue to watch over Zion.

1. Harken O ye children of Zion, & I will make known to you the operations of my work from the first shining of the light of the New Creation on earth to the present time.

2. Know then, that the Divine nature of Christ was the true seed of God, which proceeded & came forth from the real substance of the Almighty, conceived & brot forth by the Eternal Mother Wisdom; & tho^o in due time, manifested in a human tabernacle, in him centered the eternal light sent forth to begin the New Creation. This is the true light which lighteth every one that cometh into that heavenly world, the New Creation of God.

3. I, the holy Angel of light & prophecy, was with this holy Son of God from his birth, thro all his work on earth. For I was appointed by his Eternal Father to be one of that select band of holy & powerful Angels who ministered to & supported him thro all his travels & dreadful sufferings untill he finished his earthly work, according to the perfect will of God, & gave up the ghost on the cross.

4. At his agonizing & terrible death on the cross, drew a veil of darkness over the natural Creation, & made the Angels weep & the heavens resound with sympathetic lamentations.

5. He then descended into the prisons of darkness, & I descended with him, bearing before him the eternal light of the Almighty. In these dark & gloomy regions, he preached his gospel to the spirits who for their disobedience on earth, were bound in these prisons. And the eternal light from the lamp of the Almighty which I carried in my hand, did shine unto them.

6. And when the

merciful Savior had done his work in these regions, by laying the foundation for the salvation of souls in the world of spirits, whereby the foundation of the New Creation was laid. Then he burst the bands of death & arose triumphant & I ascended with him before the throne of the Divine Majesty in the eternal Heavens, where he was received by all the heavenly hosts with such joy as had never before flowed thro the Heavens.

7. Then did his Eternal Parents own & honor all His works with exceeding great honor, & bless him with eternal blessings, & clothe him with robes of such divine glory as never before adorned any created being - & then placed him on a throne of eternal beauty at the right hand of his Father. I assisted the Apostles with the light of revelation to establish the primitive Church, in which I dwelt so long as it stood upon the ground of its first planting. By the desire of the Savior I prepared the way for the gospel to be received by the Gentiles.

9. It was an angel whom I sent that watched over & prepared Cornelius the Gentile, for that special purpose, & then directed him to send for Simon Peter. I prepared that Apostle to go at the call of the messengers; & by his preaching Cornelius was converted.

10. Some of the learned sons of nature, have doubted whether it was the beloved disciple John who received & wrote the Book of Revelations. But I, the Angel of prophetic light bear witness to all men, that it was that very disciple "whom Jesus loved", who received & wrote these sacred Oracles.

11. I am the Angel who was sent by the will of the holy Savior, & inspired these Revelations thro that holy Apostle, & they are

the fullest prophetic revelations of the work of God, to the end of
of time, (when rightly understood,) which had ever been given on earth.

12. By my own Spirit, & thro the Angels of my order, I contin-
ued to dispense prophetic light to the faithful, untill the falling a-
way was completed. I then withdrew to my heavenly mansion.

13. But thro all the dark reign of Antichrist, I watched over the
witness of truth, & inspired them with the light of revelation, thro the
Angels of my order, & strengthened them in the hours of their pain-
ful sufferings, by placing before them prophetic light to see the
great glory which they would thereby obtain.

14. I was sent by my Eternal Parents to inspire the first rays of pro-
phetic light, into the French Prophets, & with my Angels of light, operated
in all that work untill the preparation was completed, for the final & ever-
lasting gospel to be ushered into the world,

15. By divine

appointment, I watched over your ever blessed Mother from her birth.
I administered the first rays of light to her in her early infancy, & inspired
her with prophetic gifts, & with many other holy Angels, I guarded & minis-
tered to her in the days of her youth; & her growth to maturity, & gave her proph-
etic light to see in a measure, her future calling.

16. After she had gone thro her severe trials & sufferings in the married
state, I again ministered to her my light & prophetic spirit by which her
soul was awakened to see her situation & its future consequences, if she
did not rise out of that state.

17. By this means she was

laid open to the Angels of conviction, She then heard the loud sounds of the
trumpets of reformation, & of the work of the gospel. On hearing these, she
hesitated not; but began her painful travel for redemption from ^{the} fallen nature,

18. Thro all the sore trials, & the dreadful sufferings of her travel, untill

she received the full revelation of the everlasting gospel of this day, I watched over, guarded, & helped her, & administered prophetic light, by which she was enabled to see her duty & future calling in all things, as fast as the degree of the work required it.

19. And I can witness that she was truly faithful & flinched not at any cross, tribulation, nor suffering, but walked in the path of perfect holiness. By these means she obtained complete redemption from the fallen nature, & rose by the new birth, thro the Divine Spirit, into the resurrection of eternal life. Then she was received & owned by the Lamb of God, as his Bride, & the blessed Mother of the New Creation.

20. And when by the command of her Lord & head, she was sent to this favored land of Columbia, I crossed the foaming ocean with her, accompanied with a select band of my Angels of light, & many other holy & powerful Angels & Spirits; & guarded her thro all those dangerous scenes, & protected her from the raging storms, & thus silenced the frowns of those who knew not that she was the Lord's Anointed, until she reached the shores of this favored land.

21. I was with her thro all her sufferings, her deep tribulation, sore labor, & cruel persecutions which she endured in planting the everlasting gospel in this land, & with the holy Angels administered help in times of need, & dispensed the rays of divine & prophetic light; by which she was always enabled to see & know her duty, & foresee the work of the gospel to the end of the probationary state of man.

22. She performed her work according to the perfect will of God, & when her severe toils & ardent labors below were finished, in which she gave up her life on the spiritual cross, in the most painful sufferings for her children. Then with a multitude of Angels, I

assisted in wafting her soul to the eternal Heavens.

23. And I went before her to the glorious holy mansion of Christ her Lord, where he received, honored & blessed her for all her labors, then did he clothe her with a robe of transcendent & eternal glory, & placed on her head a crown of twelve stars of eternal brilliancy, these were the brightest gems of the twelve heavenly virtues,

24. The glory & brightness of these stars shined forth thro the Heavens. Then by the mighty sounding trumpets of the Arch Angels of the Heavens, she was proclaimed Queen of the everlasting Kingdom of the Saints of the Most High; & the hosts of Heaven bowed & honored her in that character,

25. I am one of the guardian company of holy Angels who were chosen of God to watch over Zion from her first foundation, thro all the stages of her travel. These Angels were chosen & appointed thro the prayers of the holy Parents of the New Creation such were selected from the different angelic orders, as were adapted to administer to every state & degree of [travel in] Zion's children,

26. I was appointed with a select band of the Angels of my order, to administer the light of Revelation. This I faithfully did, to all ranks in Israel. according to the times & ^{the} degree, & order of their travel.

27. Yea, in the darkest times which have overshadowed Zion, I have thro the medium of my Angels, administered to the faithful a sufficient portion of prophetic light to enable them to keep sight of the true order of Zion, & to retain a confident hope of her restoration.

28. I have ever stood by the faithful Leaders of Zion, & all her upright children, & with my light supported their troubled spirits, so that they fainted not, untill the times of reformation came. And I have been with you thro all this great & wonderful visitation.

29. By the will of my Eternal Parents, I have sent forth my holy Angels of light to administer the prophetic light of inspiration to the chosen instruments of your heavenly Parents, in all the degrees of this work.

30. These Angels were the immediate operators, the light of their spirits being the medium of conveyance, & they have given a portion of this light to every child of your heavenly Parents who would receive it; by which they have been enabled to discern the precious nature & eternal importance of those blessed gifts, holy laws & requirements which have been so bountifully given & bestowed upon them.

Chapter 5th

The subject continued — The Angel's closing Address.

1. Now hear my words, all ye chosen children — harken & give ear, & let them sink deep into your hearts, for behold my message of inspiration must shortly close. In token therefore, & as an everlasting memorial of the nature & order of my work, I give, with my parting & eternal blessing to each child of the New Creation, a lamp of transparent silver, filled with the oil of life & heavenly joy, & burning with prophetic light.

2. If they keep this lamp well trimmed & burning by holy zeal, it shall at all times give them light to see how to walk in the path of obedience, agreeable to the will of God. And if they keep the laws & holy order of Zion, this lamp will always be well supplied with oil, & never go out.

3. But if by careless neglect, they suffer this lamp to go out, they will be in danger of eternal loss; for they will then be led by the spirit of darkness, & walk in the path of disobedience which leads to final destruction.

4. Therefore they must surely land in the regions of darkness, unless they turn about, honestly confess their faults in the order of God, & thro humble repentance wash away the stain, & by fervent zeal again light this lamp, & by its light, walk in the path of obedience.

5. 'O holy & dear children,' Do forever keep this lamp burning bright, & it will lead you safely to the mansions of eternal glory.

6. And ye holy Anointed, beloved Lead of Israel, whom my Spirit greatly loves for your faithful labor, in your holy, trying, & heavy charge. To you I give a lamp of transparent gold, which will forever burn with the light of Divine Revelation. This is a general lamp for you in your united Capacity.

7. I also give a similar lamp to each member of the holy Anointed in the Mount of God, & to the Anointed Lead of each tribe in Israel. By the light of these, ye shall always be able to see & know the mind & will of God, & how to lead all your people who will be obedient, into the perfect work, according to the order of the day of Michael, the holy Archangel of perfection.

8. And if this lamp is kept well trimmed & burning, ye shall always have his help & sure protection; for holy Michael & his Angels of perfect work, always come & work & administer their powerful strength, wherever they see the light of this Divine lamp.

9. The general lamp of the Anointed Lead in this holy Mount of God, is four times as large as the lamp which I give to the Lead in any other branch of Israel, because from them must go forth the Divine light of revelation, to all the families of Israel; to the East, West, North, & South, untill thro those branches, it shall spread to the ends of the earth.

10. To the beloved Elders of each order in Zion, I give a pure crystal lamp, filled with the oil of light [life] & peace, burning with the fire of love, by which ye shall

always have the ^{revelation} of Divine light, to see & know how to lead all the members of your respective orders, (if they will follow,) in the path of true obedience, in union with the holy Anointed, & in peace & love with each other.

11. All these lamps, holy children, you may each in your respective orders, transmit to your children & successors thro' all generations.

And if ye faithfully fulfill your work in time, when ye come into eternity, ye shall in return be supplied with lamps of eternal brightness forever to remain.

12. Dear children, ye lovely inhabitants of Zion! Never before did the whole body of God's Covenant people, stand in such light, purity, order, & beauty, as ye now do, especially in the Holy Mount. And there never was ^{before} any body of people which the holy Angels of light, holiness, & perfection loved so well, & with whom they took so much delight, as they do among you at this time.

13. Keep this state, I entreat you, keep it forever & go forward in the same blessed & holy work, & unspeakably great shall be your reward in the mansions of eternal glory. And now I bestow upon you all, my everlasting love & eternal blessings, forever to remain with each faithful soul.

14. So farewell, fare ye well dear children in the purest of love. I go to my God & your God; but I shall forever watch over Zion; & some of the holy Angels of prophetic light will constantly dwell with, & minister ^{unto} you. And from my order, I will often send my angels with many blessings of Divine light & holy love; yea, I shall myself visit the children of Zion when needful, in every increasing degree of their travel to the end of time.

15. But hearken yet again dear children, while I declare unto you my closing warning. Prepare, prepare for the great &

marvellous work which the Lord God of all power is beginning in the world, both natural & spiritual. Know ye that the present time commences the most extraordinary & eventful period in the orders of Providence & grace, which hath ever taken place in the world.

16. For behold the Most High hath arisen in the majesty of His power & glory. He is drawing near to visit the inhabitants of the world for their iniquities; & to deliver & save all the meek & upright among men.

17. Therefore, all ye people of the earth, prepare to meet your God. For He will pour out the fury of His indignation upon the world, because of the abominations of its children, which in His times, shall sweep thro all the nations of the earth, like the furious surges of a mighty flood.

18. Yea, before another Jubilee shall come over Zion, the strange, unaccountable, & wonderful things which shall take place in the natural heavens & earth, & the many signs which shall be seen, will utterly confound all the wisdom of man, & derange all the calculations of mortals.

19. And thro these events, & by means which ye know not of, shall the way be prepared for many thousands of souls to flee to Zion, & humbly seek protection, & receive the gospel of salvation.

20. But I forewarn you, O ye children of Zion, that many days of sorrow, sore tribulations, painful sufferings & dreadful persecutions will befall you in the times of every opening of the gospel, until the victory of Zion is completed, her sufferings fulfilled, & all power is given unto her faithful children. I confirm all that your heavenly Parents & the beloved prophets & holy Angels have revealed on these subjects.

21. Nevertheless, I leave with you the same promises of Eternal Power & Wisdom, that the Almighty will overshadow the faithful with His protecting wings of everlasting strength & love, & keep them safe.

* The 50th year from the commencement of this work, in 1827

as the choice jewels of this Kingdom, 22. Therefore whatever ye may suffer, never fear to testify the gospel in its purity; but stand ye firm & unshaken, & boldly bear witness to the testimony of your heavenly Parents, even unto death. Then all these things shall surely work out your exceeding great reward: for Zion shall never fall before her enemies, saith the Eternal Spirit.

23. Thro those very means which the enemy takes to overthrow her, at every struggle, she shall by the hand of her God be more & more glorified & exalted, untill she shall be seen & known by all people, as the first in glory, power, & dignity of all powers on earth. And all dominions shall serve & obey the voice of God thro her.

24. This is the will & oracle of the Almighty to you, O ye chosen people of this love, which shall stand forever. _____

25. And now with my last farewell, I give as a final present, two classes of eternal flowers of most exquisite & never fading beauty, & most delicious & holy fragrance. The first is the flowers of eternal love; & the second the flowers of eternal blessing.

26. One of each of these flowers, my Angels will fix to the breast of each faithful child of the heavenly Kingdom on earth, forever to remain. For all my light I dispense in perfect union with the Angels of Divine love & blessing.

27. Therefore, when such have finished their work in this low vale of sorrow & come into eternity, all spirits will know by these flowers that they have been found faithful by the Angels of light; & they will be accepted by their heavenly Parents.

28. But remember that these flowers can live only in the light; they can never abide darkness, nor endure the breast of a sinner, nor any disorderly & deceitful worker.

But to all who continue to walk in the light, they shall be immortal, & glorify the possessor with everlasting beauty.

29. And upon thee thou mortal Instrument, I bestow my special thanks, holy love, & abiding blessing for thy labors in this work. And if thou wilt walk in the path of humble obedience, nothing shall ever come upon thee, which shall not work for thy good: for my Angels shall watch over & protect thee; & the same promise I give to every Child in

30. Yea, I leave with thee a guardian Angel whose Latin name is Salvator Regia; who, with his bright lamp of prophetic light shall guide thee safe thro' time, & lead thee to thy heavenly mansion in the eternal world, where thou shalt meet me in peace. So in my peace fare thee well untill we meet again.

31. I now close by committing all these prophetic writings to the charge of the holy Anointed on earth, requesting of them that they may all be properly recorded & preserved to be used according to their wisdom, & the wisdom of their successors. For it is designed by the will of God that they shall in due time, go forth into all the world, for an everlasting testimony to all generations.

32. Therefore have I signed these sacred oracles & sealed them with my Divine Seal, which is composed of seven most brilliant & eternal stars, in the Rainbow of the eternal promises of Jehovah, from whence proceeds all prophetic light. These stars are set in its seven beautiful & heavenly colors, & glowing with ineffable glory around my name & title, as written in Letters of Divine Light in the eternal Records of Heaven.

Alphine Sacramena.

The Holy Angel of Light, & the glorious
Prince of Prophecy.

Written to here Nov. 23rd. 1875 Compared with original Nov. 25.

Extract from a Roll of Comfort

Be of good cheer my dear child; altho I must go & leave thee for a short season, yet remember that thy Mother doth own, love, & bless thee, & leaves with thee her little Angels of comfort & strength, as a reward for thy obedience unto her word; & for thy sincerity of heart & devotion of soul unto her holy work in this late manifestation.

And now dear child I render unto thee my most hearty thanks for the same; for I have ever found in thee, a heart of tender & heavenly love to me thy Mother. And for the same thou shalt be clothed with my mantle of love & peace; therefore be thou comforted & rejoice in the God of thy salvation.

For none of thy labors or writings for the Prophets, which thou hast performed in deep tribulation, to do the will of God as made known unto thee, & in obedience to thy visible Seed, shall in any way be lost. But in God's own time, they shall be of great service & use (the same as all other gifts,) in helping to accomplish that work for which purpose, Hee in His wisdom has sent them forth; whose wisdom many is concealed from mortal sight, yet sure & effectual in its operation, according to His original design & purpose.

So be thou comforted my little son says Mother; for by thy steady perseverance in the road which thou art travelling, tho in the midst of suffering, sorrow & tribulation, (which must in a great measure, be the portion of all my true children on earth,) thou shalt in the course of a few more rolling years, again meet thy Mother face to face, in the realms of peace, in a neverending Eternity; where the Righteous shall receive the reward of their righteousness & true obedience; where their weary souls can rest from ^{the} toil & wearisome scenes of time; & where the

wicked ^{can} no longer can trouble & afflict my harmless children says Mother.

From a Roll prepared by Mr. other Anon for the Inspired Instrument of the foregoing Revelations — on the 1st of Jan. 1842 to be delivered to him on the 20th of Feb. following, in connection with an Anthem titled Bethou Comforted.

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A Communication from the Holy Prophet Elisha, & the Holy Watcher Lovenevá.

1st. Order New Lebanon Dec. 25th, 1840.

1 Beloved Elders, with your union & in obedience to the Spirits of the Prophet & Holy Watcher, I now write the substance of a manifestation received on Christmas, at the reading of the Holy Laws of Zion.

2 Soon after the meeting commenced, the writer, thro the operations of the Spirit, saw the Holy Parents of the New Creation, the Lord's Christ & blessed Mother Ann, standing at the east end of the room, between the Ministry, with their faces toward the assembly. They appeared most beautiful, & their countenances very loving & pleasant.

3. Before them, & near the Ministry, stood the Witnesses in the following order. At the right hand of the Reader, stood the Holy Angel who bro't the last six parts of the Holy Laws. At his left stood Father James, both looking into the book. They ministered strength to the Reader, & bore testimony that the writing was correct as it was given.

4. Near Father James stood Father William, & with him stood brothers Elish & William Harlow. A little north of them stood Father Joseph nearest the Holy Parents, & the Elder Bro. John, & Elder Ebenezer Cooley stood with him.

5. At the north, on the sister's side, near Eldress Ruth & Sister Ascenath, stood the female Witnesses - viz. Mother Lucy, Sister Rebecca Kendall, Ruth Hammond, & Elder Sister Olive. Mother Lucy stood opposite to Father James; the other three stood opposite Father William, & those with him.

6. Father Joseph, & those with him, stood midway between the Brethren & Sisters. The Spirit then showed that these Witnesses on each side, as Witnesses, assented

to these Holy Laws, & testified to their Truth before God & our heavenly Parents, & before the whole Church of God.

7. The Spirit also says, that all who went thro the labor of the first establishment of the Church, & were witnesses to the first Chh. Covenant, were present with many others & unitedly confirm the testimony of the witnesses. And at the reading of important parts & passages, there was a sound of their united voices saying, That is the Truth; it is Truth; That is Truth.

8. When we bowed, they all bowed also, even our Holy Parents. And at the reading of those parts which especially enjoined holiness, & separation from the unclean, the solemn sound of their voices was Holy! Holy God! & there was a frequent sound of Holy, Holy!

9. At the reading of those parts which give direction for the protection of the union between the sexes, an Angel flew between the Brethren & Sisters, from beside the holy Angel that stood by the Reader. The sound of his wings was as distinct as any natural sound. He appeared to fly so that his wings nearly or quite touched their heads. He flew to the lower end of the ranks & lit, & stood facing our holy Parents & the Blessed Witnesses.

10. Then the Prophet said, That is a holy Angel of God, who has come to bear witness to the holy Laws of Zion. He has come from the holy Angels & our heavenly Parents, & flew between the Brethren & Sisters & stretched his wings over them to sanctify their union, & to enable or strengthen them, to find & keep the pure union of the Spirit. And he now stands at the lower end, looking towards our heavenly Parents, to guard & protect a pure union.

11. This is to show that all union which comes from our heavenly Parents is holy & pure; & that the Angels & ministering spirits coming

from them. No other ever comes from that direction. But all impure & fleshly union flows from the opposite direction; that is from the nature & spirit of the world.

12. No one will ever seek or support a natural, impure union, & the least degree of a fleshly union is impure & offensive to a holy God & your heavenly Parents, therefore I say, none who have their faces set towards their heavenly Parents & the holy Angels, will ever seek to support, or even abide the least appearance of a natural or fleshly union.

13. Hence this Holy Angel stands between the children of the New Creation & the world, to guard that pure Union which he hath sanctified, from the sense & spirit of the world, that it be not defiled.

14. Now says the prophet; The holy Angel has something to say to Mothers children, which is the pure word of God. And thou must be ready to hear, & patiently bear sufferings untill thou art enabled to do his errand. This holy Angel one appeared to have a girdle as of shining gold around his loins, & his wings appeared as it were of beaten silver, sparkling with shining gems, showing says the Spirit, his purity, glory, & light of union.

15. He said "I have come from the Holy Angels, & from the holy Watchers of God, I am commissioned & sent forth by the God of holiness, my heavenly Father. I am one of those Sons of God that shouted for joy, when He laid the foundations of the earth, (Job. 38. 7.) I am of the Order of Watchers & Holy Ones spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, (Chap. 4. 13, 17,) whose dwellings were never in tabernacles of flesh, but whose office it has been from the beginning of ~~the~~ His works of old, by His appointment, to watch over all His works & creatures. To dispense favors to the Righteous - to administer holiness to the upright according to their day. - to protect them in mercy; & to scourge the haughty & disobedient, & dispense judgements untill their pride is humbled, even as we did to the haughty, unjust, & impious Nebuchadnezzar. (Dan. 4. 30 to 32.)

16. I am one of those who protected the holy prophet Daniel in the den of Lions, & the three holy children in the fiery furnace. Yea, I am the Angel that was seen by Nebuchadnezzar when he said "Did not we cast three men bound in^{to} the midst of the fire? Lo! I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; & they have no hurt; & the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Dan. 3. 24, 25. After this manner, God hath appointed us to deal in all ages, according to the orders of His work.

17. My name is Love me Fa. My office now, is to watch over & administer holiness to the children of the New Creation, & sanctify unto them the pure union of the Spirit, & to protect it in all the upright from the corrupting influences of the nature & spirit of this world.

18. At this time, I flew between the ranks of male & female, & stretched my holy wings over them, to sanctify unto them in all their feelings, the pure & true union of the Spirit, as is taught in the holy laws, now read unto you. This I have done, & I often shall do, O ye children of Zion, when ye know it not. I watch over you & know all ye do, & the very thots ye think concerning affections, or the union of the sexes.

19. The male & female are so created that they will have union either in the flesh or in the Spirit. This your Blessed Mother taught when she was on earth. And the only way to supplant the union of the flesh, is to gain the true union of the Spirit. Therefore the union of the spirit between the sexes is one of the most important principles of the Church of God, for without it there can be no body of Christ, since it can have no correspondent relation to the Holy Parents of the New Creation of God.

20. But this union must be maintained strictly according to the Holy Laws, & supported in exact conformity with the order & counsel

of the Holy Anointed Lead, who are appointed by the Divine Spirit to direct. Then it will be kept holy, & will be blessed & sanctified unto you, & it will be a great help to your travel. For no soul ever fell from the ~~work~~ of God who kept the pure union of the Spirit; may I never will.

21. But your natures will say, There is so much restriction about the sexes, every thing must be so exact in our union, & so much difficulty attends it, that it is more than it is worth. I would much rather be without it, if I cannot have more freedom. I don't believe in all this nicety."

22. Have not such feelings been in your hearts? But dear children! Know ye not that all these difficulties & bondage are in the nature of the flesh? If any of you, either male or female indulge the feeling to afflict the other sex, know for certainty that it proceeds from & gratifies the same corrupt nature, that causes the union & correspondence of the flesh. And such as do this, will surely be buffeted with fleshly feelings as a consequence, untill they repent & refuse the poison of this biting serpent.

23. The serpent is the parent of all the corrupt feelings of the flesh, & is hatched by the coöperative egg spoken of by the Holy Spirit thro the prophet of old. (Isa. 59, 5, 6.) Take heed & beware of its poisonous influence, for he that eateth of their eggs dieth, & that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper." Know that the spider's web, with which it is sought to be veiled, shall not become a garment to cover it from the searching light of the pure Spirit of God.

24. This poisonous serpent in the fleshly nature, has been the first cause of all the bondage & difficulties in the Creation of God. None of these difficulties are in the true Spirit, for that Spirit bringeth Love, Peace, & Freedom. you perfect freedom to those honest souls, who delight only in holiness & purity. Know ye not that the desire for freedom to indulge the feelings & affections of nature a little, to have a little pleasing bit of

union one side of order, comes from that same Spirit of which Mother Wisdom spoke under the character of a harlot, or strange woman who calleth to travellers that go right on their way & sayeth to them "Stolen waters are sweet, & bread eaten in secret is pleasant." Prov. 9. 15, 18

25. When ye obey the Laws of Zion & keep the Orders of God, ye go right on your way. Take heed that ye harkep not unto her flattering tongue — partake not of her stolen waters, & eat not of her secret bread: for tho' to your natures, it may be sweet & pleasant for a time the end thereof will be bitterness. Yea you will find it the most bitter food, for her house is the way to hell, & her ways lead to the chambers of death, & the food is the food of the damned.

26. None that go there, shall ever return to the holy Order from which they fell; nor shall they inherit their birthright thro' time nor endless day. Ye know by what has passed before your eyes, that none have fallen from Zion who did not seek after a fleshly union: then be ye wise, before it is too late.

27. I will often fly between, & touch you with my holy wings, by which I will give power & strength to all who seek a pure union in the Order of God, & will sanctify their union, & it shall be holy & pure. And I will place myself between all the upright, & the spirit of the world. I will give them my lamp of light to guide their feet, & such shall never be overcome nor defiled to that degree from which they shall not be restored without a final mad.

28. But upon those that defile this holy union, I will bring scourges & affliction. They shall fall into many temptations & buffetings of evil, untill they repent & purify themselves in the holy fear of God. And if they will not repent & do this, I will bring judgements upon them which will increase untill

they shall be cut off from Zion, forever lose their birthright.
 29. But I will strengthen all those who seek the pure union of the Spirit, with my love & holy power. And they shall feed on Angels' food. Yea, the food of life, whereby their souls shall grow in Eternal life & love, untill they shall grow into the ^{Eternal} Kingdom of God, where the flesh troubleth not.

30. Then the voice of the Holy Watcher sounded forth "Holy, holy, is the union of the true Spirit, & blessed are they who keep it pure. But woe, woe! to them that defile it, & do not purify themselves before their times are fulfilled."

31. And now the Spirits of the Holy Watchers, & Prophets unitedly say, "We bear testimony to the truth of the Holy Laws of Zion. That they were sent forth by the Almighty Parents, & sealed in substance as the eternal Laws of their everlasting Kingdom. They have been obtained by [revealed thro.] the intercession of the Holy Parents of the New Creation, & commended to all their children as the paths of safety & peace."

32. They are testified to by all the Witnesses present as the true ways of protection & Divine Blessing. "Blessed, yea, forever blessed are all those who keep them, & walk in them to the end," say the Holy Ones; & they are acknowledged & honored by the thankful shouts of all the heavenly hosts.

33. Just before the Elder Brother directed us to return our thanks in shouts, the writer heard a sound like the voice of a great multitude in one united joyful shout, several times repeated. 34. After this, the Spirit of the Prophet again spoke, saying "Ye may suppose that the cause of the assembly being arranged in the order that it is, was merely accidental. There was indeed an outward cause which brot it about, (the coldness of the weather,) but it was so designed by the good Spirit, that the assembly should be placed with the Witnesses in such a manner that it would represent the true order of Zion. 35. Observe ye that the head of

of this meeting is towards the East, where stands your visible Head, in the Holy Anointing, who thus represent on earth, the Holy Parents of the New Creation. Here the Holy Parents are shown. From this quarter shines the morning Sun, which diffuses life & light to all natural things. This represents the Sun of Righteousness, which diffuses Divine Light & Life to all the New Creation. This comes first thro the Holy Parentage, & proceeds in regular degrees to all their children.

36. The Witnesses whom thou hast seen, act in the spirit & life of this light, before the holy Parents. These represent the Elders of both sexes. And the Brethren & Sisters represent the invisible members of the heavenly Church, & both churches - i.e. the visible & invisible, travel together in the same general order, according to their state & degree.

37. In the midst, & before the heavenly Parents, stands Father Joseph, surrounded by the rest of the Witnesses, showing that the revelation of God in him, was the center from whence proceeded the order & laws of Zion. Below & near him, is the Elder Bro. John, for he is the ministering Elder to the central Order of Union.

38. Below him, in the direction of the opening between the Brethren & Sisters, stands Elder Ebenezer Cooley; for he is Father's powerful & first herald, to sound the trumpet of Zion to the world, & to the rising generation, who are to be prepared for her holy Order. He represents the Order of gospel heralds who are to sound forth from Zion her trumpets of light & power to the children of men. For the light & power which causes, or ever will cause an increase of the work of God among mankind, must go forth from the midst of Zion, its appointed Order, visible & invisible.

39. At the lower end of the ranks stand the holy prophets, watchers, & holy ones, to show that the door

of all communication with the world, must be at the further end of Zion. 20. In this arrangement of the meeting, the opening is at the west end, the direction in which the light of day travels from one degree to another. So does the light of the Sun of Righteousness proceed from whence it first began, by degrees, further & further on, & will continue like the light of the natural Sun, untill the whole earth is enlightened with its glorious Rays.

21. From this door goes forth into the world, the light & power of Zion; which is declared according to its order & present degree, by the Spirits of the Prophets, Watchers, & Holy Ones, to the children of men. And the Holy Laws & appointed orders of our Heavly & Heavenly Parents, follow to souls, as they are prepared to receive them.

22. The light of Zion, & the call of the gospel of salvation cannot go forth from the head, nor from the sides of the Body. Nay, in these parts, the light shines to Zion itself, & must be maintained here in her own order. But the light shines forth from those Orders that are placed nearest the world.

23. The orders & Laws of Zion do not admit of any transactions with the children of the world, only thro the appointed orders that stand nearest to them, there are her gates for that purpose, & none can be admitted in only thro these gates.

24. Therefore the watchers & holy ones stand by these gates to guard & protect them from the entrance of corrupting influences, false spirits, & principles of the world.

25. Thus O ye children, is Zion beautifully & gloriously arranged, by the operations of the Divine Spirit; & her walls of order, & purifying fire reach unto Heaven, & are there twined joined. And the holy Angels & ministering Spirits come down upon these walls.

26. They descend from the light of the Divine Sun, & the genial warmth of the heavenly elements; & come laden with heavenly fruits & saving power; yea, every thing that is

needful for your travel & protection. They guard her walls on every side, so that no enemy can harm her while her true order is maintained. 47. Therefore saith the God of holiness & all power. "If ye keep the true order of Zion, obey her laws, & give heed to the voice of the heavenly messengers, there shall nothing enter into Zion that defileth, or worketh abomination, that shall mar her holiness & beauty. But those who enter into Zion, & all things that things that come in thro the appointed orders, shall be purged by the purifying fire of her wall from all uncleanness, or the fire will burn them out.

48. But know O ye children of Zion, if ye seek after the fashions & vain things of the world, & covet those things that feed the pride of the world, & hold correspondence with its children, or bring in any thing one side of Zion's true order, & contrary to the light shining forth from your Lord, ye thereby make breaches & windows in her walls. And that which ye bring in, whatever it may be, cannot be sanctified by the light of your heavenly Parents, nor be purified by the heavenly fire, but must be burned up.

49. And thro these breaches, darkness will enter, & overshadow & obscure her light, & obstruct the ministration of the holy & heavenly spirits. Evil spirits will also enter, loaded with the fruits of the world, to feed & strengthen the rebellious & disobedient, & will live in the midst of you, & grow in strength & power untill those breaches & windows are closed.

50. But while her walls are kept compact, & are joined to the heavens, they are of infinite strength & cannot be injured by any power from without; & if there are any rebels within, they will starve for want of food, & perish by the heat of her holy fire.

51. But the Holy Watchers cannot protect you O ye children of Zion, unless ye

keep her true order & obey her Holy Laws. Nay, they will suffer you to be scourged & afflicted with evil spirits. The good Angels will withdraw & your brightness shall be obscured, your beauty shall be marred, & your glory shall fade.

52. The disorders & diseases of the world shall fall upon you, & ye shall have much trouble with its children, & many sufferings by their means, that ye might have escaped had ye kept your true order. These things will increase untill ye see & know the cause, & repent, & learn true obedience by the things ye have suffered.

53. When ye are sufficiently humbled, then shall my hand work for Zion & her children. The rebels shall be cut off, the darkness dispelled, the breaches & windows shall be closed by the Holy Spirits, & the evil spirits shall be cast out, & there shall be no avenue left for them to return with their poisonous spirit to feed the rebellious & disobedient; therefore they shall perish from the midst of her.

54. For my Zion shall never be taken by the enemy, but if she get defiled, I will cleanse & purify her, & will secure her so that the enemy shall not overcome, tho he may be permitted to scourge her for the disobedience of her children saith Eternal Wisdom.

55. These things have taken place in Zion in these latter times, thro the disobedience of many of her inhabitants. The blessing & protection was in a great measure withdrawn. The darkness which had entered the habitations of Zion, had raised a thick veil between you & the heavens; & shut out all free ministration of the holy Angels & heavenly Spirits; & she was near being overcome by her enemies, & to being ruled by her degenerate children.

56. But thro the intercessions of her Ancients who had kept my ways & walked in my fear, & the prayers of all those honest souls who sighed & cried unto me for all the abominations which had been wrought in her, & for that corrupt & darkening influence which had gained such ground.

57. I have condescended, saith the God of charity & justice, to send down unto you my holy Angels & ministering spirits to cut off the rebels, & to root out & destroy the tares sown by the enemy, & to close the breaches & windows which they had secretly & openly made; to burn up with my purifying fire the Babylonish treasures they had gathered into her; & by the shaking of my mighty power, to dispell the dark vail which had been raised between her & the Heavens, & close the avenues of its entrance.

58. Yea, I have returned unto Zion in mercy & loving kindness. I have opened the doors & windows of Heaven, & poured out my heavenly gifts & sacred blessings upon you. Your holy & heavenly Parents have returned & taken up their abode in her. I have made known & restored my Holy Laws, which if ye obey, & are grateful for my holy favors, they shall abide with you, dispensing my holy light, precious food, & divine blessings forever.

59. Therefore O ye children, hearken & give ear. Behold I have clearly set before you the way of safety & peace, & the way of sufferings & anguish; the ways of life & death for your choice. And I say unto you Choose Life: yea, Life Eternal, & you shall dwell in my everlasting Kingdom of Peace, & eternal Glory & happiness thro endless ages, Amen.

60. The spirits of the holy Prophets & holy Watchers, unitedly say This communication, with their everlasting Love, is committed to the Holy Ones who stand in the Anointing of God, to do with as their wisdom may direct.

A Short Testimony from Father James.

After the preceding communication was written, Father James stood by the writer & said, "I have been a Witness to all that

the holy Prophet & holy Watcher have communicated. It is a true manifestation of the order of Zion, & a faithful testimony of her Holy Laws. I commend it unto the Anointed Lead, to be kept & used as a sacred witness for that purpose. The holy Anointing will give them wisdom to know when & in what manner to make use of it. They love shall go with this communication to all who stand in the holy Anointing, & also to all whom they in their wisdom may make it known, provided their spirits bow in reverence to the sacred manifestations of God. There is much to be done in the world of Spirits; in haste— Farewell.

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Explanations concerning the inspired manifestations of Divine Gifts among Believers.

in the late marvelous outpourings of the Spirit—
Given by the holy Prophet Elijah — Holy Mount September 1842.

1 **Introduction** — Having felt much interested in the wonderful manifestations of heavenly gifts, & divine communications, which have been so bountifully given from the spiritual world for several years past I have watched the operations thereof with great & anxious attention. I felt an ardent desire that these extraordinary displays might be productive of much good among the children of Zion, & accomplish that benevolent purpose for which I doubted not, they were in condescending wisdom & goodness sent forth from the heavens to the needy children of Zion.

2 But I observed that those heavenly gifts & communications were generally manifested thro the rising generation, & in those who were young in years, & young in the faith of the gospel. Even the most important communications to the Ministry & Elders, & to the aged part of Society who had been long established in the faith, & had proved themselves faithful from the beginning; communications to which ~~was~~ ^{was} brot a heavy burden of tribulation & caused great labor, were in many instances, sent by our heavenly Parents thro those who were young & inexperienced, & had never become real-ly established in the faith of the gospel.

3 This view of the subject, often caused serious labor in my mind, & also in the minds of many others, to know why these things were so.

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Sometimes in the month of September 1842 (according to the best of my recollection) as I was retiring for meeting, the labor of mind upon this subject came upon me with great force, & I mentally asked the following questions.

4. Why is it that almost all these inspired gifts & messages from our heavenly Parents, those blessings, instructions, & mortifying requirements, & whatever else is sent from the heavens, seem to come thro' the rising generation — those who are young in years & young in faith — some of whom have never been established in the faith & substance of the gospel? Why do they not come thro' Mother's first born, the aged part, who received faith in the days of our first Parents, & who have proved faithful in the gospel, & kept the way of God for themselves, & for the young who are chosen as instruments, to minister these gifts? Can such as have doubts & cavils as to the true faith of the gospel, & the gifts of God, come nearer to our heavenly Parents than those who have never doubted in their faith, & who have always been faithful to the call of the gospel thro' our heavenly Parents? If not, why are not these faithful ones chosen as inspired messengers?

5. Immediately after asking these questions, I heard in spirit, a voice at my right hand that seemed as real as a human voice, saying, "You, (that is the aged part,) might preach to them that have no ears to hear, until you were blind, & they would not hear you. And even if you should speak by inspiration to those who have turned their senses ~~after~~ the natural things of the world, & have their doubts & cavils about the reality of spiritual gifts, they would naturally say,

6. Aye, you are old superstitious creatures; you have been carried away with such a faith, & it is just the same that you have always preached. And as your faith

is not founded on rational ground, no wonder you get your senses so wrought up as to think you are inspired by invisible spirits from Heaven. But we believe it to be the effects of a high wrought imagination, & look upon it as superstition; for we don't believe in any thing that is not founded upon rational principles that we can understand; & we know nothing about such things as you talk of."

7. For this reason it was necessary that inspired manifestations from Heaven should spring up among the young, & be adapted to their state; for otherwise they would not receive them, nor be benefitted by them. For tho' some had well established faith, yet many among them had beavened into a sense of seeking after the things of the world, & looked upon it as superstition for Believers to reject those fashions & principles which the aged well knew had been disowned by your heavenly Parents, & which they still taught & maintained.

8. These inspired manifestations were not in a general sense need for Mothers first born; for they had an undoubted faith, & had supported it by their works, & had done all they could for the rising generation both by precept & example; yet without being able to prevent many of them from running into infidelity, doubts & cavils, respecting spiritual gifts, & concerning the way & work of God; for these caviling young people knew not the heavenly Parents, neither personally, nor in Spirit.

9. For this cause, without a work of inspired manifestations, & divine communications from the Heavens, accompanied by such evident operations as could not be disputed by the rational senses, & which bro't forth the same testimony which your heavenly Parents bore when on earth, & which had always been maintained by the first born. I say unless this work had taken place among the rising generation, they never could have known the heavenly Parents of the New Creation in Spirit, nor been established in the faith of the gospel.

gospel which they brot forth while upon earth. Nor could that spirit of infidelity which was growing in Zion, ever been purged out, but it would have ruined most of the rising generation, especially those of the younger part.

10 I immediately perceived the voice to be that of the holy prophet Elijah, from whom I had before received

11 I then asked the Prophet, admitting it to be necessary (inspired gifts. for these inspired gifts to be given thro the young & rising generation, why those were not always preferred who have come to ripen years, & whose faithfulness in the gosp^l is well known, & whose works would honor those gifts & give evidence of their sincerity? Why are some chosen who

it ^{is} equally well known, have never had a living faith, but have sought more for the things of this world, than for an interest in the true work of

12. The Prophet answered, "Had only those been chosen (God? who had come to their full understanding, & had proved that they were established in the faith of the Gosp^l as it has been taught from the beginning, the same objects in substance would have been raised against them as inspired agents, as against the first born.

13. Those for whom such manifestations were mostly needed would have said, "These have been brot up by the aged, & have been educated, & traditionated into the same belief". And as they find that many look upon these things as the effect of superstition, believing themselves are governed by more rational principles, they would say, "The feelings of these instruments are excited by their own traditionary beliefs, & by the influence of the older part. Therefore it is no wonder that under such excitement, their imaginations are wrought up to a pitch that they think they are inspired by the spirits from heaven. But we believe it to be the effects of their imagination; for tho they profess

to be inspired by invisible spirits, yet they teach exactly the same principles that those who brot them up, have taught them, & which we all know they were settled in before."

14. Such would have been the doubts & cavils of those for whom these divine gifts & manifestations were generally designed. Therefore they would not have received them, nor profited thereby, but would have been more hardened in unbelief than before.

15. But when those were chosen & inspired whom it was well known had never been established in the faith of the gospel, & were evidently operated upon by a supernatural power contrary to their own wills, & in a manner clearly evident to beholders that it was by a power superior to that of mortals, cavilers could no longer doubt nor dispute a supernatural agency.

16. Thus by that power which compelled them to bring forth spiritual & heavenly gifts unknown to mortals; & testimonies in all support of those principles & that faith which had been brot forth & established by your heavenly Parents when on earth, & which had been taught & maintained by the faithful in the church of Christ from the beginning, those who had their doubts & cavils whether they received the gifts of inspiration themselves or not, were compelled to believe that these manifestations were the effects of supernatural power.

17. As all the testimonies thus brot forth, bore witness to the necessity of goodness, virtue, & holiness, in order to find acceptance with God, they were convinced in their rational understanding, that this was the work of God, & was accomplished by the hand of His power. And whether they ^{were} ~~are~~ willing to believe it not, it did not alter their real conviction of its being a Divine manifestation.

18. Like the magicians of Egypt, when Moses & Aaron wrought miracles which they could not imitate, they were compelled to acknowledge that this was the Finger of God. But as long as they could by an opposite spirit imitate them, they would not acknowledge these

miracles to be of God, any more than their own imitations.

19. So likewise those who had doubts & cavils, & viewed these gifts in a natural sense, so long as they could assign any natural cause for them, they would never be convicted, nor acknowledge them to be of Divine origin, more than any other natural things. But when those inspired operations took place for which they could assign no natural cause, & especially when they heard that testimony which bore undeniable evidence of the work of God, & which declared in favor of the principles of the gospel, which had been handed down by the heavenly Parents from the beginning; & this too from ^{thru} Instruments whom they knew had never labored for these gifts, which were delivered contrary to their feelings, & even against their wills, they were constrained like the magicians of Egypt to acknowledge that this was the work of God.

20. But, said I Why are the agents from the rising generation called to be messengers of spiritual gifts from our heavenly Parents to the aged, who have always kept the way of God, & been faithful to support the cause of Zion - gifts of instruction, & requirements too, which many times cause much burden, labor & tribulation?

21. The Prophet answered: They have nothing to do with the aged Believers who received faith in the time of your first Parents, any more than to be messengers from the heavenly Spirits of those requirements & of such gifts as are needful for the children of Zion in the present state of the body. And if the aged part, or Mother's first born did not set the example of receiving, submitting to, & supporting those gifts, for the body's sake, those requirements would be of no force with the rising generation. For they would readily take occasion by the example of the aged to reject those gifts entirely, especially such as brot any cross or mortification to them.

22. But by your

acknowledging & uniting with those gifts brot from the Heavens thro such as were only your children, however trying, you set the example of gospel humility, & gave the strongest proof of sincere devotion & faithfulness in the cause of God that could be given. By this you are the most help to lead the rising generation into the work of God, ^{to design'd for them,} that you can be in any manner whatever. For by this, you become workers together with all your heavenly Parents, as dutiful children, And for this, you have received their everlasting thanks, love, & blessing, together with that of all the hosts of Heaven. And for the same you shall receive a glorious & eternal reward in the Heavens above, from your Eternal Father & Mother, when you have done with time (below.)

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23. Again I asked, Why could not all the inspired revelations needful for the guidance, regulation, & protection of the Israel of God in this day, be given thro the Anointed Seed, appointed to guide & direct in Zion, as well as in former dispensations thro Moses & Aaron, under the Law; & thro Jesus Christ & the Apostles, under the first dispensation of the gospel? Were they not given in the same manner thro our first Parents in the present dispensation, & also thro Father Joseph & those immediately connected with him in building & establishing the Church, with all the laws, rules, & regulations for the protection of Zion? Why should even the Ministry receive inspired counsel thro the young?

24. The Prophet answered, Seest thou not the great burden, & extreme tribulation that it would bring upon the Seed, especially the Ministry, if the revelation of all those mortifying & soul trying gifts, & the many crossing duties that have been required by inspiration from Heaven, & which were needful for the restoration &

re-establishment of Zion in the true order & life of the gospel, had been given thro them? 25. In that case, cavilers & unbelievers, whether in Zion or out, would say, Aye, that is the way the Leaders among the Shakers do. They plan out their gifts, & contrive many crossing & trying requirements according to their minds, & then pretend to have divine inspiration from the Founders of the Society, who they say, have revealed these things from Heaven, by the will of the Almighty. For they saw, (as we believe,) that thro the prevalence of more rational principles, the Society was growing weak, & in danger of running out, unless some new impulse could be given it.

26. For this cause, the Leaders have contrived these professed revelations, to draw the sense of the young & make them believe that many new requirements & rules are directed from Heaven, to purge out those rational ideas that were growing among them, & to shut the door against them. But we believe these are their own inventions, even if they are sincere, for according to their belief, these things must be kept out from among the people. It is not strange then, if they should imagine that they are inspired. Many leaders among sects whom they condemn, have that themselves inspired, & we have no reason to believe that they were not sincere.

27. By this you may see that had these manifestations come thro the Ministry, even with the help of the Elders & first born, that in addition to the burden of sitting in the judgement seat, to judge the house of God, & standing as the head in the Priesthood, to try all gifts on the altar of Wisdom, it would also have thrown nearly the whole burden & labor of purging & re-establishing Zion, directly upon the Lead. Bea, & would have brot upon them almost the whole weight of Society, in all things,

28. For those who believed in them, would have looked for all their

spiritual gifts & support from them. — & the temporal burden would in a great measure have fallen upon them. For such as believed immediate inspiration from ~~the~~ heavens, could hardly be restrained from seeking to them in all cases; 29. At the same time, they would have to bear the weight of all opposition, enmity, & murmurings, from those who were unwilling to believe, because required to take up such crosses, & pass thro such mortifying scenes. This burden, the Lord, especially the Ministry, could not possibly bear. For the unreconciled would say, "Wherefore do ye require these things which are so grievous to be borne, while at the same time they serve to lift you above the people?" 30. See ye not that this is the manner that Israel of old murmured against Moses & Aaron, particularly against Moses, so long as he had to bear the burden of all inspired revelation to the people? Altho by the command [counsel] of Jethro, divinely approved (see Exod. 18: 13-26) leaders had been appointed to judge & direct in temporal things, which had previously rested upon him, yet, so heavy was the burden to Moses, that he chose death rather than life, unless he could have assistance in this respect, that others might bear a part of the burden of leading the people by inspiration. He said "I am not able to bear all this people alone; it is too heavy for me". Therefore the Lord gave seventy Elders to assist him, & took of his spirit, & put it upon them, & when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, & did not cease. After this, the burden of the people rested on Moses, Aaron, & Miriam, as the anointed Ministry of God on earth, & upon the inspired Elders, who acted in union with them. (Deut. 34: 1) Mic 31. From that day, thro the whole dispensation of the Law, there were 31. Prophets in Israel, to assist the priesthood by divine inspiration from the heavens, according to the order of that day. These were of the same order according to the work of the day, as are those who have been chosen as

inspired Instruments in the present manifestation. And the work of these is of the same order; that is, to assist the priesthood, & the leaders of the people by divine inspiration, to keep the people in the law of Christ, & to restore whatever is fallen, & decayed.

32. This is the most perfect fulfillment of the order & work of the prophets, as divine messengers under the figurative dispensation, that has ever been manifested in the true substance on earth.

33. After the law was established by ~~him~~, in all its principles by Moses & the inspired Elders with him, then the priesthood was established in its various orders to stand as Elders to the people, to teach the Law, & to lead & guide them according to it. But they were not able to bear this burden, & the burden of all the inspired messages that were many times necessary for the people, especially in times of declension among them. Nor could they with this burden, be in general the bearers of the prophecies that were needful according to the will of God, to be revealed of future things, & to the nations of the earth; for they had all they could do to lead & direct the people in their duty according to the Law.

34. But in the first order of the Priesthood, there was placed a standing oracle, by which they could receive the revelation of God in all things of a general nature relating to the duty & circumstances of the people, so long as they kept the Law. But when they fell away & transgressed the Law, they had to be restored by the ministration of the inspired prophets, in union with the anointed priesthood who still stood for the Law of God.

35. The first Order of the Priesthood, when they stood in rectitude, could judge by the oracle placed with them, whatever was brot forward by Prince or prophet, whether it was according to the law of God or not. & from the decision of the wisdom of this oracle, there could be no appeal & prosper.

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But nothing could stand, contrary to the established principles of the Law which had been given for their direction. Witness the Law for the punishment of the prophet that should teach to serve other gods, & the judgement that fell upon Uzziah, king of Judah, for disobeying the Priest, & invading the priestly office.

36. The like standing Law has ever been given to God's covenant people. And the like abiding Oracle has ever been given to the anointed Lead in every dispensation of the work of God, to the present day. And by this Oracle of revelation, must all gifts be tried, according to the established principles of the Law of God, & from the wisdom thereof there can be no appeal; & the soul that does not submit thereunto can never prosper.

37. For there is placed the scepter of Divine Government, which blossoms & brings forth the fruits of government, according to the will of God. Like the rod of Aaron which was laid up for a testimony in the ark of the covenant. By this, the Priesthood was fully established in its sacred Order of government.

38. This was but a type of the blooming scepter of spiritual & divine authority which God has given to His anointed Lead & sacred Priesthood in this dispensation, & which is laid up in the Ark of the testimony of salvation, for an everlasting memorial for all souls, that they will be blessed & protected in obedience thereto. By this, God's everlasting Priesthood is established among His chosen people.

39. As God promised to take quite away, the murmurings of the children of Israel against the Priesthood, by the memorial of Aaron's blooming rod, so this was effected in all who saw it. So also shall all murmurings against the wisdom of that Oracle of revelation placed in the holy Anointed Lead in Zion, be taken away from all those who have spiritual sight to see the blooming & fruitbearing Scepter of Authority which God has given them [the Lead]. And by willing submission thereto they will bear

bear the like fruit with this Scepter of righteousness, according to their orders.

40. For God hath promised by His Holy name, that this Scepter shall never fall, nor again depart from Zion, neither in time nor Eternity. But the head cannot supply the place of the members, for all parts of the body must be supplied with members adapted to every order & place; & each must bear a portion of the burden & labor of the body, as living members thereof, according to their respective orders.

41. ^{bear the} When the primitive church was first founded, the Apostles for a time had to ^{the} burden of leading in all things, spiritual & temporal. — For the faith of the members, in this infant state of the Church, was placed nowhere else.

42. Shortly after this, the Apostles found that they could not bear the whole burdens, for they could not attend to the wants of all so that no part would suffer. Deacons were therefore appointed to be the temporal stewards.

But these required to be such as were inspired by the Holy Spirit to guide & protect them; otherwise they would have been more burden than help to the Apostles. (Acts 6. 1 to 5.)

43. It is still more needful saith the Prophet, in this more perfect dispensation, that those who are called as temporal stewards should be inspired by the power & wisdom of the Holy Spirit. For as they are generally more exposed to the world than the other members of the body, without this gift in a greater degree they will be more liable to be led astray & fall under great loss, if they do not lose their souls.

44. This is one great reason why so many of this class have fallen off — because they did not feel the need of laboring for the inspired power & wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they did not obtain it, but trusted more to natural wisdom than to the wisdom from above. For this cause they lost their protection, fell out of union in a great degree, or were finally overcome & fell to

the world. May these things be a solemn warning to all who are called in that line.

45. No soul is qualified to be a leader in any department of Zion, without a portion of this inspired power & wisdom; & it is particularly necessary for the order of physicians; for they are much exposed to the besetments of a natural sense, by which some have come under great loss, & others have lost their souls. But if they will pray & labor for this gift until they gain it, they will be protected & blessed in their calling. For be assured, the body of Christ is a spiritual body, & can be led & protected only by spiritual gifts, operating in all its parts.

46. After the appointment of temporal stewards in the primitive Church, then Elders were appointed to take a part of the spiritual burden with the Apostles. These were such as had received the inspiring power & directing wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Soon after, by divine operation, the Lord raised up prophets & prophetesses among the people, who by divine inspiration brot forth messages of the mind & will of God, & foretold events, even to the Apostles themselves. See Acts 11, 27, 28; & 13. 1 to 3; & 21, 8 to 11.

47. These were like living veins in the midst of the body, in which the Spirit of life circulated from the heavenly element to every living member. Thus the body was kept alive, & by its growth, cast off the dead & rotten branches. But all these things had to be subject to the government of the revelation of wisdom in the head of the body. Witness the Apostles directions for the regulation of all spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. Ch. 12.)

48. This order of inspired messengers continued so long as the Church stood in a measure of the life of the Gospel. When these gifts ceased among the people, the Priesthood could not keep the body alive, but increasing death followed until the body entirely lost the life of the gospel, corrupted their profession, & sunk into the elements of the world, as the figurative covenant people had done before them, thro the same means [cause].

For when the inspired prophets ceased among them, they fell into confusion & fierce contention, corrupted the Law, & shed each others blood, untill God wholly cast them off. Thus verifying that Scripture, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

49. Therefore, know all ye people that so long as any body of people who have been called in covenant relation with God, keep so much of the spirit of that covenant by obedience that God raises up inspired messengers among them, endowed with power to manifest His mind & will to them according to their state, that people will never entirely fall away from their covenant relation. For tho they may in a measure decline from the true path, & come under loss, they will again be restored by this ministration.

50. But when these inspired gifts wholly cease, that people as a body will surely die, & fall into the elements of darkness, for they have surely partaken of ^{the} forbidden fruit administered by a fallen spirit. & rebelled against the Divine Government, & God's Spirit no longer strives with them, but hath rejected, & utterly cast them off as a people. This is sacred truth which will forever stand, in time & Eternity.

51. The manner here described in which God has progressively established His divine government & Order, hath always been, & ever will be the same, according to the work of the day, to the end of time.

Chapter 3rd.

The order & usefulness of Inspired gifts in all Ages.

52. When the heavenly Bride, & your spiritual Parents with her, preached the gospel of full & final salvation, & many souls received faith, very few of them could be any help to their Parents, by reason of

their infant state. Therefore these spiritual Parents had to carry them like infant children, & nurse them with their whole support. For this cause, nearly all inspired revelations necessarily came thro' them.

53. Thus they had to bear almost the whole weight of the body of Believers. But this burden was so great, & brot such sufferings upon them, as soon took their natural lives, & they were taken home to their mansions above, to receive their glorious & well earned reward.

54. After their decease the Scepter of Government fell upon Father Joseph Mearcham, who, by divine revelation from Heaven, & the operative power & wisdom of his heavenly Parents, built & established Zion in her true order, in all the departments thereof. And by the same revelation brot to light & established her holy laws, for the guidance & protection of all her children.

55. As but few were found in that early stage that could bear any considerable portion of the burden of building & establishing the Church, most of this burden fell upon him. And tho' the order of Zion was established in all its various branches, the sufferings it brot, to receive divine revelation sufficient to effect this work, & the heavy burden that fell on him in performing it, caused his race to be swift, & in a few years, closed his labors with his life.

56. But when the Scepter of Government was committed to Mother Lucy, the Church had arriven to such maturity, that she in her wisdom imparted a greater portion of the burden of all things & all gifts, than had ever been done before, to the Leaders of every Order of the Society, & also labored to impart plant spiritual gifts & understanding in every member, that all might be a help in their lot & place.

57. By this means she had a far greater support in all parts of the body, than any of her predecessors, & the Scepter of authority, & the oracle of revelation, were both manifested in her in remarkable prudence & great wisdom. Thro' these means her life &

usefulness were continued in that order, longer than all her predecessors. Had it not been for this wisdom, which never could be exercised before, her race would have been short.

58. And the present Ministry who were appointed by her wisdom, have followed her footsteps in this respect, even in an increasing degree. For this cause, their lives & usefulness have been continued to (in) the body to the present time, which otherwise could not have been.

59. But notwithstanding their faithful labors, aided by the faithful souls that still remained in Zion, the rising generation thro' their unwillingness to bear a full cross, & suffer the loss of all things to gain a better & more enduring inheritance, had many of them, greatly fallen from the beautiful order & holy laws of Zion, & from the simple purity of the gospel. Therefore it became necessary in the wisdom of God, to raise up messengers from among themselves, & inspire them with the divine spirit of the heavenly Parents, & the powers of Heaven, (as has been done in like cases in all ages,) to assist the Anointed Lead. And this by their united operations to purge out that which has been gathered from the world, & thereby restore that which was decayed, & re-establish Zion in her true order. Also to bring to light, & fully confirm the holy Laws which were given by divine revelation for the guidance of all her children.

60. But had the main burden of all these inspired gifts necessary to accomplish this work, fallen upon the Lead, in addition to sitting upon the seat of judgement & maintaining the Oracle of wisdom by which all these gifts are to be tried, it would shortly have taken their lives, & the first born of Mothers children would have descended to their graves without seeing this work effected.

61. But by this divine manifestation, directed in the wisdom of God, & guided by the oracle of revelation in the Lead, the work designed of God will be fully accomplished, & their lives, & the lives of many of the first born, have been preserved to assist, honor & support the work, which is an inestimable blessing to the rising generation. And this wisdom of the Lead here described, is appointed of God as an example for all their successors.

62. Now saith the Prophet who knoweth these things by divine light, & by much experience. All these things concerning the progressive manner of the work of God, I have here declared & set forth in order, that the children of Zion may be instructed & learn a lesson of wisdom thereby.

63. Read & understand all ye chosen people, & make a wise improvement thereof, that ye may be instructed & profited by all the experience of former ages, & by all the gifts & knowledge that has been gained in all degrees of the work of God to the present marvellous manifestation.

64. God hath now raised up the order of inspired messengers & divine gifts, never to cease among His chosen peopleth but they shall be revived, spring up & operate in various times & manners, so long as his spirit has a work to do with the children of men.

65. But the principles of the everlasting gospel of Christ in the perfect order, & of the light of eternal truth, have been fully revealed, & unchangably established by Divine Power & Wisdom, & can never be altered thro endless ages. Yet there will be a great increase in the knowledge of the operation & extension of these principles, untill the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

66. But nothing will ever be brot forth by the Divine Spirit the sea, that contradicts these unchangable principles which have heretofore been revealed thro the heavenly Parents of the New Creation. For this cause, all gifts must be tried by the principles of this unchangable law of Christ, to prove

whether they belong to the perfect work of God or not, as was required by the law of Moses under that typical dispensation.

67. Therefore beware, all ye who have been, or ever may be chosen as inspired messengers to manifest the mind & will of God to the children of Zion, or to prophecy to the inhabitants of the earth. Beware that ye be not led by the influence of any spirit, or by the bias of your own feelings to bring forth anything contrary to the established principles of that perfect gospel revealed & taught by your heavenly Parents.

68. For it was thro them, that the Divine Law of Christ was manifested in this dispensation; nor can ye be justified in bringing forth in any way, that which is contrary to the light of divine truth in the uprightness of your souls. For as it is written "Tho an angel from heaven preach any other gospel than that which has been given, let him be accursed".

69. Therefore know for certainty that if ye do this thing, like the prophets under the typical Law, if any taught to serve other gods, tho they might previously have been true prophets, as the Law required that they be put to death, † so ye will surely lose the spiritual life of your souls. And unless ye quickly repent in great humility, your gifts will be taken away; & then if ye do not wash away your rebellion by sincere repentance you will die to rise no more.

70. Ye ought also to take heed that ye do not become exalted by your gifts & revelations, however great, & seek to usurp that power & gift which belongs to the priesthood, & refuse to be guided by the Oracle of Divine Wisdom, or to submit to the Scepter of authority which God has given to His Anointed Lead. For if ye do this, a far worse plague will fall upon you in judgment, than that which befell the mighty king of Judah for a like offence. For the light of that day was far less perfect than the light of this.

† Deut. 13. 1 to 5

‡ 2 Chron. 26. 16 to 21.

71. There never has been any inspired messenger, with the Divine Spirit, that fell, or came under essential loss thereby, unless he failed on one or more of the shorem-mentioned grounds, & never will be to the end of time. Therefore be warned by this, all ye chosen ones. Always act in the sincerity of your souls according to these instructions & you will never fail. And tho your gifts in that line may cease, you will in so doing, obtain everlasting honor in the Kingdom of God.

72. If at all times you feel a sacred reverence in your souls to these principles, you will not err in the true substance of your gifts; for this will keep you from the impressions of false spirits; for [Orig. speaks of a manuscript to come in here] their power is weak where the true orders of God is acknowledged & maintained.

73. Say not in your hearts, "If the way of inspired gifts is so strait, I will keep from them"; for God will not be mocked by the feeble worms of His Creation. He is able to compell you to do His will, as He did the prophet Jonah, & after you have dishonored yourselves, to pass you by, & leave you to bemoan the bitter fruits of your rebellion, & raise up others who will be faithful to his call, & honor them with everlasting honor for the same. This he will do in judgment, if you rebel against His call when clearly made known, & unless you speedily repent, you will surely fall.

74. Again saith the Prophet, ^{Beloved children of Zion,} think it not strange concerning the state & circumstances of those who have been chosen as inspired messengers, for see ye not that God hath created all things in the various orders planned by His unerring wisdom; & He hath appointed a work to be performed by every element & being, in the progressive operations of His increasing work, by which He designs to bring all things into the order of their eternal state.

75. Thus, He effects the various operations of His general work by agents adapted to that particular order of the work for which they were created. This

is true in all the operations of the natural creation, & is equally so in all things of a spiritual nature; as may be plainly seen in the various talents & faculties that are given [to each] in the order of their natural creation. Some are created with mental faculties more adapted to the spiritual, & others, more to the temporal order, yet all are necessary to the body, & useful in their place. Some are endowed with faculties for speaking; some for singing, some for writing, some for mechanic arts, &c.

76. Thus there are diversities of faculties in the human race, adapted to every needful purpose, to effect all the labors of mankind. It is the purpose of the Creator to call all these talents & faculties into use in the various operations of His spiritual work, according to the order in which He hath created them, untill the whole work of the New Creation is accomplished.

77. The purposes of God in this Divine manifestation have been to call into use every created faculty & talent, as far as the growth of the body would admit, & the nature of His work required. Thus all have a faculty of feeling; by this, when brot into the life of the Spirit, they can feel spiritual gifts, & receive heavenly sensations, thro which their souls are nourished by the heavenly elements. These were quickened by the operations of this spiritual work, & their travel in the gospel increased thereby.

78. Some, by their creation, have a faculty for singing. These have received by the ministration of Spirits, melodious & heavenly songs, this does not prove that such natural singers are any nearer the Divine Spirit, than those who have not received them, because not possessing the faculty; but it proves that the Spirit has called that faculty into use. These divine songs were given for the edification of the body, & all may be benefitted by them if they will.

79. Some have the faculty, when quickened by the Spirit, of seeing, hearing

tasting & smelling spiritual things. These are ^{as} useful to the spiritual body, as those material faculties are to the natural body, & they are brot into operation by the Spirit, that all the members may be benefitted thereby.

80. It is needful that inspired messengers should have a peculiar faculty of either feeling, seeing, or hearing spiritual things, because the spirits can more easily operate thro such instruments. For when these faculties are in the creature, the spirits have only to inspire the faculty to make communications thro them; but if the faculty is not there, they must create, as well as inspire it, which none but creative Power can do.

81. Therefore such as have these faculties have been chosen as inspired agents, tho in many cases, they may be far short of that faithfulness, or degree of travel in the work of God, that others have obtained, who have not been chosen, because they have not these faculties, or for the reasons previously st^d.

82. That such are chosen, is no proof that they are any nearer the heavenly spirits, than those who are not chosen, for the contrary may often be the case. It only proves that God has called those talents & faculties into use in His work, according to the very order, & for the very purpose which He created them.

83. But let it be distinctly understood by all, that any inspired messenger being sent from the heavenly spirits to the Lead, is far from proving that the inspired messenger is nearer to the heavenly spirits than the Lead. may in no wise. Such messengers are so sent for the purpose of taking off the burden which would otherwise fall upon the Lead, were they to receive the inspired gift themselves immediately from the Divine spirits: for in that case, cavilers would be liable to say, "It was only their own mind & will." & especially if it required a cross, would feel against them for it. But being sent by an indifferent messenger, the burden falls upon the inspiring spirit, & who would dare oppose

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84. The gift of Divine Inspiration, by which the knowledge of God & spiritual things is revealed, considered in all the various branches thereof, is the most important power that ever was bestowed upon mortals by the Almighty Creator. For without this, nothing could ever be truly known of God, or of any divine & spiritual existence: But this gift is manifested in Divine [^{or} diverse?] states, manners & degrees, adapted to the purpose & order of the work designed to be accomplished thereby.

85. Thro the condescending goodness & mercy of the Eternal Parents, by the ministration of your heavenly Parents, & the Spirits & powers of Heaven, this Divine inspiring power has been poured out upon the children of Zion, to a greater degree than it ever was upon any other people since man was created. By this means, inspired messengers have been more or less raised up in every branch, & among all classes in Zion, to make known the mind & will of God.

86. Thro this ministration, & the outpouring of heavenly gifts upon all, guided by the oracle of wisdom, & supported by faithful souls, Zion has been & will be reestablished upon that completed foundation of the New Creation, according to the order & principles of the gospel, in that perfect state, that was never before known upon earth. And from this she shall never fall away to that degree which she hath heretofore done.

87. But in this Divine manifestation, all the members of the body have had a portion of the Spirit given them, & of heavenly gifts, feelings & sensations, according to their needs, age, & order. None have been passed by. But one member cannot do the work allotted to another according to their order. Each must bear fruit according to his or her own order & place in the body of Christ.

88. For there are diversities of gifts, but by the same Spirit.

[i.e. for the benefit of all.]

And to each one is given a portion of the Spirit to profit with all — one after this manner & another after that, according to the order in which it hath pleased God to create & place them.

89. These all operating in union & harmony by the life of Christ, the gifts of each member are a help to the whole body, & the body supports each member. Thus all things work together for the perfection of the saints, & the upbuilding of the body, untill the whole being fitly framed & jointed together, groweth into a holy temple, for an everlasting habitation of God. For be assured that no soul can be truly happy & glorious, except in the order of their creation.

If they fail of gaining this in the Kingdom of God, they receive an eternal mar-

90. The true state of all souls is manifested by their fruits. Therefore why do ye doubt & cavil concerning the Divine manifestations of your God? Faith the Holy Spirit. O ye of little faith; because some who have been chosen as Divine messengers, have misimproved their high & holy calling, & fallen from grace, as if that proved their gifts to be false!

91. Ye might as well say that a fruit bearing branch which falls from a tree, proves by its fall that it never had been a branch, & borne fruit. No branch will ever decay or fall, so long as the life of the tree circulates in it. Nor will souls ever decay & fall, so long as they keep their joining to the body by obedience, so that the life of the body circulates in them.

92. When Balaam's beast was inspired by the Spirit to speak, the faculty was given him by creative power. The sensation of the beast was taken away, & he received the sensations of a man, which were inspired by the Angel of God. This was a great miracle. But after that inspiration was given, he was still the same beast as before; yet this did not prove that the miracle was not truly wrought in him.

93. When mortals are fully inspired by my Spirit, for the time being,

they are lost to themselves, & receive the sensations of the inspiring Spirit - & their gifts are more or less perfect according to the degree in which they become identified with the Spirit, And this must be tried & proved by the true principles that have been before declared.

94. But when the inspired gift ceases, tho they are ^{therein} the same creatures as before, this does not prove that they have not been inspired, nor that their gifts are not true, any more than it did in the case of Balaam's beast. For they are then left to prove themselves by their works, & to manifest what use they will make of the distinguished notice of God to them.

95. The gift of prophetic inspiration & revelation, is a very distinguishing & precious calling; & souls that make a wise use thereof, & persevere in obedience to the end, will receive that honor & glory of God in His eternal Kingdom, that will repay them an hundred fold for all their labor, toil, & suffering, which are very great in this work, therefore be ye faithful & rejoice in this blessed notice of your God.

96. But remember saith the Savior, ye shall know them by their fruits, not by their gifts, altho spiritual gifts are a great help to souls, if wisely improved. Yet they will not be saved by their gifts, but by following the Divine Parents in a daily cross, & persevering in the path of true righteousness to the end. Amen.

The Prophet's Dedication

By the earnest desire of your heavenly Parents, in answer to the fervent prayers of many faithful souls in Zion, I have been sent by the will of God to make this communication known for the instruction & benefit, of all the children of the New Creation. I have now

finished the word given me to reveal, & it is the will of the Divine Spirit that it be handed down thro all the ages of Zion, in the time & manner which shall be according to the wisdom of the holy Anointed, that no upright soul need henceforth be buffeted with doubts & fears on the subject herein explained.

I now give my eternal love & blessing to the holy Anointed, & to all the faithful. I have also brot a beautiful store of the same from all the heavenly Parents & holy Prophets, to be given together with mine to all Mother's children, wherever & whenever, in the wisdom of the Anointed, this may be read.
Farewell.

Written by inspiration from the holy Prophet Elijah, & in the consuming fire of his spirit, Nov. 29th, 1844.

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 With a heart filled with gratitude, I embrace the 4th month 6th day
 privilege granted thro the Holy Recording Angel, to convey the sincere
 feelings of my soul to my ever blessed & loving Mother. this I desire
 to do in the language of a simple child. O Mother I thank
 thee, yea I thank thee, & my souls bows in feelings of gratitude & love,
 for that blessed gospel of salvation that thro thy sufferings & tender mercy
 I have been made partaker of; which in obedience hath saved me from
 the pollutions of the world. O blessed Parent! In days of danger
 & peril; in times of darkness & tribulation, thro thy loving kindness thou
 didst take me an unworthy child by the hand, & gently lead me thro'
 when my troubled soul saw no way out.

Blessed & kind Mother! I thank thee with all the feelings of my soul
 for thy mercy, charity, & loving kindness, which thou hast bestowed
 upon me thy poor child; which saved my soul from the dangers before
 me. I thank thee for the scourging rod, that hath served to purify my
 soul from darkness & loss, & bring me nearer to thy Holy Spirit.

Yea I humbly thank thee for all the heavenly gifts & precious notices that
 thou in thy wisdom hast bestowed upon me; for the ministrations of
 the holy Prophets, & blessed Spirits which by thy charity, I have received,
 & which saved my soul from gloomy despair. For all this loving
 kindness, I pour forth my soul in thanks & praises to the author of all
 these blessings.

O Mother! I will ever own & bless
 thy holy work & heavenly manifestation. Yea I will ever stand for it
 to the laying down of my life, whatever trials & sufferings I may
 have to pass thro. O heavenly Mother thou knowest my state, thou

knowest my tribulation, sorrow & grief. O do remember me thy poor child! O grant me protection & keep me from evil, I humbly pray. May I be blessed with a meek & humble spirit, & with the virtue of patience. O Mother, my soul greatly feels the need of patience that I faint not. Tho I feel unworthy of the great privilege, yet I desire to convey my sincere & unfeigned love to thee, my blessed & loving Mother, for I do love thee with all my heart. I will ever strive to be good, & obey my visible Head, whom thou hast annointed to lead thy children, then I am sure I shall do thy will. †

Thou knowest best in all things, but if it be thy will, I humbly desire to send my sincere love & grateful thanks to all my heavenly Parents in the gospel, for all their labors & notices of love & blessing to my needy soul, & for the good of Zion. Yea, my love & grateful thanks to blessed Father William, whose love & strength I have often felt in times of need. To my loving Father James for his light, love & blessing, which have often nourished my soul. And my fervent love & grateful thanks to my near & dear Father Joseph for his love & fatherly care, & the protecting power of his Spirit, which I have abundantly felt from a child. Yea, & my everlasting love & hearty thanks to my kind & tender Mother Lucy; I feel exceeding thankful for this privilege to acknowledge that she hath ever been a Mother indeed to my soul, her charity hath ever been wonderful. Yea my soul bows with gratitude, & sincere thanks & love at every remembrance of her kindness & tender care for my good & happiness. Yea I do humbly & heartily thank all my heavenly Parents for all their kind notices & precious gifts to me an unworthy child.

Heavenly Mother, if it be consistent with thy will, it is my humble desire to send my sincere & best love, with my fervent & everlasting thanks; & the grateful feelings of my soul, to the ever blessed Savior, for the gospel
 † Heavenly Parent, I desire only to know & do thy will.

of eternal salvation which thro his love & unspeakable sufferings we now enjoy. And for the mercy & blessing of his holy & lovely Spirit, which my soul hath often felt. And if it be thy will O Mother, I ask the privilege that my love & grateful thanks may be given to the holy Prophets. — to the holy Angels & all the blessed Spirits who have ever ministered good gifts to me, & to my relations in Zion; Yea, & to all the heavenly hosts, so far as it is thy will.

Ever dear & kind Parent, if it can be granted to me, a poor mortal worm; with reverence & awe I desire that my humble love & most grateful thanks may be conveyed to the Eternal Parents for every good gift & blessing that I have received. I humbly crave a small crumb of their eternal Power & Blessing, knowing their Almighty Power & Glory to be the only source of all good. I do fear & love them with all the understanding & feelings of my soul, & will freely sacrifice all to obey their revealed will.

O may I never dishonor the gospel, May I ever honor the work of my blessed & heavenly Parents — I do fervently pray for the protection of the rising generation. O may Zion be honored, & all her children prosper. May I ever be a good child thro time, & when my weary soul shall leave the sorrows of earth, O may I meet my lovely Mother, heavenly Parents, & all the holy Spirits in peace, & find a mansion of rest, is the sincere prayer & desires of my soul. O grant it blessed Mother I humbly pray to thy little dependant child.
To blessed Mother Ann.

Calvin Green.

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TO THE READER.

DEAR SIR :—Many people in Europe and this country are now studying and experimenting in preparatory forms for a new social life. The coöperators of England number more than a million persons. These have their coöperative stores and shops in which they get food, fuel, clothing, and other necessaries of life, at very nearly the cost price, thereby saving in the aggregate enormous sums annually. The foremost thinkers among these coöperators are beginning to advocate combined housekeeping in large Homes, for the sake of the greater economies of living, the improved conditions of health, of education, for rearing children, and the better associations which are thus to be had. In Germany a similar movement is progressing on an immense scale, while Russia is said to be *honey-combed with Socialists.*" In our own country the coöperative movement has got a strong foothold, and we have, besides, many interesting Communistic experiments, new and old, which should be intelligently reported and carefully studied.

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