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A Letter from the Apostle James to Br Calvin
Wells. December 1st 1946.

Written in the Maysters Temple.

Dear Brother.

With every feeling of my soul excited to love, comfort and blessing, I take in hand once more my golden pen of peace, to commune with you in spirit thro' the medium of written sentences. - I have enough to write about to fill a volume; but at present I shall only communicate to you such simple truths, as will be satisfactory ^{and} amusing.

It is the will of God, your heavenly Father, that a door of communication should be kept open from the heavens to you, for a wise purpose. So be comforted in deep tribulation, for great great sorrow will yet prevail in the Valley, and every dead carcass will yet be cast out of her.

You must be encouraged to pray, for your prayers availeth much.

Mother Ann and Mother Lucy, have placed in your retiring room, an altar for you to kneel upon, when you pray; it is like silver, set with diamonds of jasper, and edged with gold, and the knee plate is cushioned with green clusters from the Rose Rock of Mt. Zion. On this Altar is kept a record of prayers; Though great now is and will be the tribulation of Zions faithful number; yet they never

shall be left in darkness to mourn, or to suffer martyrdom by the hand of the wicked

After we the faithful Disciples had suffered an ignominious death, as our Lord and master had before us; the great Jehovah did promise in the presence of his holy Angels and all his righteous Martyrs, that his chosen people in this latter day of Christs second appearing, should not suffer martyrdom, ~~on earth~~ ^{or death} in any form by the hands of the wicked: so long as they put their trust in him, and not in the arm of flesh. But all Zion must suffer and travel in pain and sorrow to bring forth her offspring, a virgin throned.

When the present day of gathering (which has just began to dawn) is nearly closed, there will a persecuting spirit rise and strive to disinherit Zions children, the rightful heirs of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth; but the wicked will never be suffered to prevail against the faithful to do them any harm. If any who inhabit Zions plains, lose their lives by the hands of the wicked in any way, then be it known to the righteous, that they have the heart of Judas, and all such, God will give as a prey to the devouring enemy.

We think the children of Zion will not murmur at their sufferings when they reflect upon the deep anguish of their heavenly Parents one and all.

I could we see all those who are chosen as disciples at the

present day, love their Parents as we loved the blessed Saviour, we would sound loud Anthems of praise, through the heaven and the earth, in commemoration of their birth in the new creation.

Our blessed Saviour told us of the sufferings that we would have to endure after his departure, and he gave to each of us a seal of promise, saying, I will lead you into eternal life, if you fatter not, nor shrink from the grasp of the wicked by denying me your Lord and Master, and the authority, I give unto you

We saw those seals, altho they were spiritual and placed them in our foreheads.

When Jesus first left his parents and natural kin, to go abroad doing his Fathers work, Holy Mother met him at prayer, and she showed to him his crucifixion, and how cruelly his disciples would be persecuted and martyred for the truths sake; this brought him great anguish of soul, and he retired to the wilderness to fast and pray to his Father. - Here he found his Holy Mother ready to meet him with healing in her wings; she comforted him, and showed him what should come to pass in the latter day; and that from among the Daughters of men she should choose him an helper meet, and the same should be tried and purified, and become the Lambs Bride, the Mother of all the Heavenly hosts;

and upon earth her seed should become as the sand upon the sea shore for multitude. My spirit saith Holy Mother shall rest upon her, and a voice accompanying it from heaven saying this my beloved Daughter in whom I am well pleased.

Our blessed Saviour used to leave us to go and pray that the cup of bitterest martyrdom might pass by us if possible. He did not pray that his cup might be taken away, for he knew how it would be with him in the hands of the wicked Jews, and he cryed to his heavenly Father for strength to endure all his sufferings,

At his last interview with his Holy Mother (while he was yet in the body) he saw how it would ^{surely} be with us in the hands of the wicked Jews and he rent his vestee saying; I will come to thee again, O! earth and work with my glory, to the redemption of all nations kindred and tongues; and whoso looseth his life shall ^{find} it in me.

From this time we were reconciled to bear our sufferings, and to do the work our Lord felt was for us to do.

After the resurrection of our Saviour, he met with his disciples and shod us a sign of twelve wheels revolving within a wheel, thereby sowing the travel of the Church in the latter day when he should make his second appearing upon earth, and as he was departing from us, the angels with him sung a song and these were the words as they fell into our hearts.

I bid you adieu I am called to go
 My Father has purposed that I come again
 With battle and besorn to strike a death blow
 To all that is filthy ungettly and vain.
 I'll reveal to my Bride my full spirit indeed
 Her offspring shall be as the sand of the sea,
 And so shall the serpent be bruised by her seed
 And I of her children the father will be.

By cruel oppressors wild barbarous band.
 Her spirit shall suffer her children shall flee
 From their persecutors from their native land
 To where I shall lead her to a land that's made free
 In a wild barren wilderness of the old world
 She shall find a refuge there with her I'll dwell
 We'll till the fair soil from which Adam was hurld
 To share with his helpmeet the horrors of hell.

So be^{ye} encouraged to suffer on earth
 Knowing my kingdom shall not have an end
 And at my next coming the true virgin birth
 Upon all who believe I have come shall descend

How oft have I likened my kingdom to you
 Which will make the old serpent to bustle and squirm
 In the bright battle day when all he can do
 Cannot trouble nor alter the truth I affirm.

The wicked will try it and plead for their lust
 And say God commanded us to multiply
 The flesh at my coming shall know it is curd.
 And all who receive me, and sin; they shall die;
 Our glorious Temple both bride and the Lamb
 Shall stand a large City of light on the rock
 And thousands who through Achors valley shall stem
 Shall reign in this City our pure virgin flock.

When this was finished deep sorrow fell upon us, and we w^{ere}
 promising to love and bless each other, thro' all trials and afflictions
 So dear brother, you can see how fervently Christ loved his disciples,
 And it is with love, that our Parents love their children upon earth,
 and it is beyond the power of Prophets to reveal to mortals the suffer-
 ings of Mother Ann, when she first saw the rock on which many
 souls would split; who were chosen as Instruments in the great
 manifestation of Gods power upon earth, thro' whom it was

conveyed to her children; but when she saw the cup could not pass them by, because they would drink and die. She ^{cried} Father they will be done, that Zion may be clean.

The way of God is perfect smooth and even, and mortals never can, tho' many have tried to alter it; and every soul who is called to Gods order of grace must daily be true to God, to their Elders, to their own souls, and to each other; and all who are not; whether they be Prophets, Officers, Regulars, or Troops, they will be slaughtered by the enemy and taken prisoners to hell.

Certain it is dear brother, that God is making his Zion ready for the gathering of doves to the windows.

To be continued in the next communication by the Prophet Elijah
The letter continued in a few words from the first Adam.

I here give place in my letter to a few words, which Brother Adam wishes to speak by authority from Holy Mother Wisdom.

I am he of whom ye read in Genesis Chapter 1st verse 28th ye read that God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it &c. Now within the knowledge of my creator I testify unto you that this sentence is not correctly written. When he first put his blessing

upon us mentioned in the verse he only said; Be fruitful and replenish the earth and subdue it; the word multiply which the workers of iniquity call the command of God, and stand upon as an anchor of justification to them in the works of beastly gratification, was not spoken to us as is stated; The word fruitful signified to us that we must replenish and fill the earth with good and righteous works; and bring forth daily unto him the account of our obedience, ^{to} his command concerning the tree of knowledge of natural generation, which we were forbidden to touch and had no promise in this place of taking any part.

Now No thinks you will readily ask; how did the word multiply become so fittingly placed in this sentence, so I will give you a brief sketch of the truth,

While the sacred writings were wholly in the hands of the Jews their lived one whose name was Athadora; who had the heart of Judas, and was a magical witch. Now it was that Lucifer knew all the words of the Prophets, and thus he communed with himself; the words of the Prophets are all against me if rightly understood, there is Gods first command to Adam which I fear will confine me to limited quarters in the latter day foretold by the Propets. Lucifer being much excited called a council consisting of Belzabub, Abaddon, and the fallen Angels, and after much quarreling and

debating on the account of every one devising a different plan, and no two agreeing; Lucifer fled filled with wrath to find Athadora who held converse with familiar spirits, and deceived the priests and the people. He found her reveling in a brook, and communicated to her his trouble concerning the sacred writings which were held by the Jews, whom God first blest Adam, said he, if there was only the word multiply placed in connection with the word fruitful I should have the strongest hopes of ranging and ruling on the earth thro' all ages to come. As soon as this was spoken, Athadora replied I will this day fix the matter to your glory and gratification.

Lucifer now promised her as a reward the first seat in his kingdom, and in his presence; and away she fled to the priests, and with magical arts, and insinuating words of deceit found access to the first old original copy of Genesis, and in chapter 1st verse 28th filled in these hieroglyphical characters⁷¹ which when interpreted by the first founders of the old world was, and multiply,

Now it was that the Jews was very exact in copying the sacred writings, and in having them a grec in every word and sentence, and for this purpose they sometimes compared new copies with the first original. It was on one these occasions that the kings councillors discovered the faint marks or dimms, and observed

there was a small matter in which they did not agree. After some
 comments upon the subject it was concluded, and settled that the dimens
 had never before been observed on account of their dimness and
 the writing not being of the same character; accordingly they
 fixed every copy of the writing in this way conveying the same
 meaning. Now this is the way and source whence the word came
 that the lovers of lust hold so dear as the great command of God,
 and Lucifer glories in his triumph: but the woman's seed is fast
 bruising the serpents head for the flesh in every degree: is the head of the
 serpent, who will yet have a limited range upon earth; for Christs Kingdom
 will spread from sea to sea, and from shore to shore. End of Br Adams letter

Conclusion by the Apostle James.

Beloved Brother, says the Apostle James I am much pleased that
 Br. Adam has so graced my letter with words that I can witness to be
 true, and the same with all that I have writton, I commend to the
 anointed Lead, judge as they can best understand, for all power
 is theirs to bind or to loose. Amen.

So farewell dear Brother and know ye that this has nothing
 to do in the numbers with your quarterly letters. In love adieu
 The Apostle James.

Dearlly beloved Br Calvin.

Clothed with my mantle of

prophecy I now take my golden pen to commune with you again. There is a wall of time between us, therefore we cannot converse face to face at present but in my Fathers house are many mansions and soon you will meet me there.

Now Beloved Brother as Brother James said so it is. God is certainly preparing Zion for a gathering of doves to the windows, The children of Zion are now undergoing a severe trial of their faith and love to the way of God. Faith untried is uncertain; therefore God is trying the reins of every heart; and the strength of every soul, who have had a privilege in the late manifestation of sharing and witnessing the gifts and power from heaven. Job was a righteous man and walked upright in the sight of God, yet God suffered satan to afflict him, and to beset him with temptations, and flattering enemies on every side that he might be well tried and proved. This is but a type or figure^d what he has often done, and is now suffering Sathan to do in Zion, he has come down having great wrath knowing his time is short, and every soul who will be discouraged and look back, in the hour of affliction, and yield to flattering temptations and curse God, they will be cast into a world of sin and death; in hell they must reap their reward; they have no other hope,

Zion shall be filled. It is the spirit of God that is at work among the advents. These are the people, God is, and has been preparing to take the birthright of those who are selling their right in Zion for the bitter pottage of lust and bitter pleasures of sin for a season. Such are turning back to Egypt! Look not after them, but let the willing and obedient pray that they may not be left in temptation, but reign over sin and inherit eternal life. This is my prayer and thine also, Beloved Brother.

Your days on earth are short, but you shall live to see many things. God hasteneth his work, and the people near Zion, as well as the nations far abroad shall rise and split and subdivide and strive to pull each other down, and like the restless ocean tide, Old antichrist will roar around. The Christians who aloud do call on Christ for his redeeming blood to wash their filthy stains away ere long will know how to come to their God. The day is fast rolling on when those who employ of Christ to take their sins away, shall be cast down to the earth crying for strength, and a tongue to confess their filthy lives. Christ will not long be mocked, though he feels a pitying love for all the human family. The gathering sounds of the trumpet is truth, which will not cease, untill the children of God who wander from their Father's house, are gathered to Zion. Many such are looking upon her glory and soon shall be ⁱⁿ invited to share the fatted calf, and be merry in their God. Your eyes shall yet behold, what now by faith you view,

Beloved one remember ye that these my words are true.

So farewell in ^{love} sweetest sweetest love.

From the Prophet Elijah to Br Calvin Wells. Copied Dec^r 3^d 1846.
By Hellen Smith.

Beloved Friend in the gospel,

Will you condescend to hear a brief communication from your little brother Pharaoh, who was once the great and tyrannical King of Egypt, if you will, I will tell you something of my former situation; while I lived and reigned over Egypt, I was proud and ambitious, fond of showing forth my power, and that is why I executed so much of the children of Israel, but often when I heard their pitiful lamentations it would cut me to the heart, and I would repent of my conduct; but the pride of my dignity, I would not lesson their tasks, but would charge their taskmasters to be more severe with them.

O wicked and hard hearted ruler that I was; but I was jealous of the children of Israel, and ignorant of the God that they worshiped they increased in number very fast; and I feared lest they should become a multitude and rise and put us down and set my power at naught; therefore I thought I would keep them down while I had it in my power so to do.

When Moses and Aaron came to me in the name of their

God, saying, that he wanted me to let this people go that they might serve him; I was exceeding wroth with them, because I thought it was a plot laid by them to escape from under my power in peace, and go to a foreign lang and wait untill their armies grew stronger, consive with some other nation to join them, and come and revenge their wrongs by force of arms; for I well knew that I had not done right by them.

All this was my secret jealousy, but I was too proud to let any one know that I feared them or any thing else on the earth, therefore I vouched it to no one. This was the only reason I had for not letting them go, for I should have been glad to get rid of them if I ^{had} thought I never should heard of them again.

They told about their God, their unseen God, that they worshipped and that he wanted I should let them go that they might serve him, but I knew nothing of their God, nor would I be made to believe any thing about it.

It may seem singular to you and I suppose it does to many why I should not have believed after all the miracles that Moses wrought in my presence; but I will tell you, when I saw them perform their miracles, and bring forth plagues upon my royal household, and all the land of Egypt, I had some serious reflections, and thought to myself, perhaps there

is an unseen God that they worship which I do not know, but I thought would prove this before I let them go; therefore I called in the sorcerers and Magicians and they performed the same things that Moses did; therefore I would not let them go, but finally the people were so urgent that I should let them go saying, we shall be dead men if they continue in the land much longer, therefore I consented to let them go, intending at the same time to pursue after them with a strong host, and cut them down without mercy, men women and children, but from this I was prevented as you read in sacred writ; yea it was the interposing hand of that God who fights the battles of those who put their trust in him, that prevented me.

And I consider that he was merciful to me a vile sinner that I was, to put an end to my earthly career, for there in them deep waters were huried my high captains, my chariots ^{my horses} yea all the earthly glory that I possessed.

And long did I wander in darkness, if I left the body, without one glimpse of light to allume my path; I was naked cold and hungry, friendless and forlorn, I traveled on without any guide to conduct me, sometimes I would get among briars and would tare myself almost to peices to extricate myself from them; at one time I heard a sneering voice

say, is not that as hard as gathering straw and making brick, this made me mad and roused my dignity in an instant and before I thought I drew my hand to my side to grasp my weapon but it was not there, I surveyed myself and saw that I had not one garment to cover me, and thought it over, how I once had servants at every hand, and every knee bowed in my presence, and every heart however noble was swayed by my word; and now I was in a strange land I knew not where, mocked and scoffed at by every one who passed me by.

Thus did I sense my situation, and I fell in despair to the earth and cried to my Gods, and the gods of my fathers, for deliverance but they came not to my assistance.

Now dear brother I think I have written enough at this time, for if I should write all the events of my wanderings it would fill a volume; therefore I think I must wait until I meet with you, and then I will tell you all about it.

Do receive the love of your little brother Pharaoh who has never in thousands of years earned a crown.

Give my love to you beloved Elders

From Pharaoh the King of Egypt to Calum Wells.

Copied March 20th 1844.

Copy of a communication from Mother Lucy.

July 2nd 1847.

Beloved Child

In your loving Mother Lucy now write to you a word of encouragement, great is the treasure that you have won, and sweet is the innocence of purity that daily arises from thy noble soul, to the mansions of thy Heavenly Parents,

So then take comfort and be glad

While marching thro' the scenes of time

With righteousness thy soul is clad

And innocence sweet and sublime

O if the young and tender youth

Would bow their hearts and follow thee

Ye would follow me in paths of truth

O how much better they would be.

They'd shun the path that leads to shame

Ye sorrow great and deep distress

They'd shun a burning conscience flame

And with the righteous souls be blest

They have a privilege in this way

And O how awful they will feel

If they do sin out all their days

And to the wicked tempter yield
 O pray ye oft my little son
 Ye pray to God indeed and truth
 O pray ye oft for every one
 Particular for the tender youth
 That they may shun the poisonous draft
 That satan has mix'd in disguise
 He has determin'd they shall drink
 But O I wish they were more wise.

Now beloved I have written to you in a small measure my
 feelings concerning the youth in Zion, but I have not written
 half that now weighs my spirit down in deep sorrow, I know
 the purposes of Satan are to catch the lambs of my fold and
 carry them captive down to the gulf of misery, many of the
 youth in Zion at the present day are so much more ready to
 grasp that which suits their natural disposition, that there
 will be but a few left, but there will be some, for there are a
 number who will go thro' every thing and stand, and keep
 the gospel when you are gone, and I know them yea I know
 who they are; The Angels of God do daily bless them, and hover
 around and strengthen them, though it be invisible to
 the eyes of many.

O beloved, God has purposed to visit Zion with sore tribulation, Yea, and he hasteneth his visitation and you will live to see a great deal of lamentation in Zion but you shall be blest and comforted tho' many fall on every side, and so shall every faithful soul. Yea the holy Angels will be near to those who are the true heirs of Zion, and hover close around them, with healing on their wings, and they shall have seasons of great rejoicing in the midst of great tribulation and sorrow.

Beloved, there is more wicked^{ness} upon the face of the earth than there ever was since Adams fall, and it is ripe for the judgments of a justly provoked God, and he hasteneth on their destruction in mercy, and many souls will flock to Zion in this day, In that day there will not be many left in Zion who are not fit examples for those whom God shall call for his judgments will scourge them and purge them out. Now beloved I have written as much as I have time to write at present, I have written this to let you know that I have not forgotten^{you}, may I never forget the tender objects of my love.

Give my love to the beloved Elders tell them I love them and often hover round them and administer comfort to them when they know it not.

From Mother Lucy to Calvin Wells.

Dearlly beloved Child.

With the affection of a kind and tender parent, I now raise my hand and move my pen to write words of comfort to you. I love you and bless you because you keep a pure sensation free from aught that can offend; your life is truly peasant, your ways are peaceable in my house upon earth saith the voice of blessed Father Joseph; the insense of sweet peace that daily arise from thy noble soul to the throne of God are like sweet smelling odours delightful unto him.

Beloved be not disheartened for your days shall be lengthened that you may yet continue to stand as a shining example to the young in this place, for God has designed to make his number full, and if his purpose altereth not then you will have a work to do to strengthen and bless.

The Lord has purposed that no spot in his Zion shall be forsaken or neglected, therefore with an increasing blessing has he blessed this lovely place wherein you dwell; the enemy has set his subtle traps and broke your ranks but he has only took his own and in Gods house he has design to fill up every gap.

The enemy does much rejoice,
When Zions ranks are thin,
But how it does make him sneak

When they fill up again,
 For God has purposed sixty souls,
 Shall dwell in lovely vale,
 And with his strength he'll bear them up,
 His promise shall not fail,
 He's first his number every where,
 According to his will,
 He'll sound his trumpet here and there,
 Till this he does fulfil.
 And how awful Satan feels,
 He knows that mighty power,
 Can crush him any time he feels,
 And chain him the same hour.

Now beloved, your loving Father Joseph enjoineth it upon you
 to observe the goings of the young and pray to God for them, that
 they may be patterns to those whom God may call; For lo the
 gathering day is near at hand, Yea, God is preparing many
 honest-hearted souls, whom he will call in his own time,
 to bear the Saviours yoke.

I will now close my short lette with my best love to you,
 give my love to your beloved Elzers, tell them I have intended
 that they should derive comfort from these words if...

they can understand their meaning.

From your loving Father Joseph. copied Nov. 6th 1817

A communication from Seth Y^r Wells to Calvin Wells.

Dear ly beloved Brother

My soul does leap within me, My heart is gladdened, my hopes are enlarged, my sorrows have vanished away, I am reconciled to the will of my Father in heaven. When first I left my house of clay, I saw the destruction of many who were numbered among Zions children, I cried earnestly to my God that his judgments might pass by his Zion; but now he has shewed me his decrees concerning Zion, his souls are set unalterable, and his Zion must be made clean, which cannot be brought about short of the destruction of many who are an abomination in his sight, so say with me thy will be done amen.

The day is near at hand when Zion shall appear in her majesty and glory, her numbers tho' few will light the whole world, and the nations of the earth shall see her, the new jerusalem coming down from God and from his Throne;
There are ^{now} many hypocrites in Zion, who stand like

pillars of darkness and suspended sheets of tar, eclipsing the light of Zion in the eyes of the world, that it may not spread abroad; these hypocrites in vain do bid the stars of Zion to glow, for they are falling, and Zion is rising and millions begin to see her light, and know not from whence it cometh.

But soon shall Zion appear in cloudless light; and all Nations shall look upon her the City of God, the new Jerusalem, they shall behold her gates and strive to enter thereat knowing that the judgments of God will sweep the earth where his light shineth and is not obeyed, and his destruction will be upon those who know his will and will not declare it to others.

Dear brother, I have of late had some privilege to know how God has dealt; and is dealing with the children of this world, I have visited all except the heathen nations; and in every one I have heard the name of Mother Ann Lee, of her followers and of her doctrine, in some places thro' division, in others by argument or in the way of information; this is in consequence mostly of the circulation of the Sacred Roll, which went out in God's time, and is God's Book, and all who see it or hear it shall be accountable the truth of which one poor sufferer will bear witness to you in after days.

Those who are turned out are also troubling the waters of

the earth, the wind bloweth but where it listeth, they know not but
soon the true knowledge of ^{God} shall cover the earth as the waters
cover the see

Now dear brother be it known unto you that I am one of
those who will bless comfort and notice you while you remain
in time, and do give my sweetest love to every one.

I love the simple meek and low,
I will on such my love bestow,
For such I know do fear their God,
And love to use his chastning rod,
May all remember their meek dove,
The little messenger of love,
Which wisdom placed in their care,
That when they kneel in fervent prayer,
The dove might soar up to her throne,
And to them make her answers known,
So remember your little dove your little messenger it is.
remember me in love to all the Elders, brethren and Sisters

When I write again I will tell you what a privilege is
granted me, In love I say, Amen.

Copied January 20th 1819.

A three Folded Card.

From Mother Ann to Calvin Wells, Containing the
Promises of God.

O my beloved child my faithful son, peace has crowned thy years,
wisdom and understanding has marked thy ways; Thou art
worthy Therefore I will give unto you the promises which
God hath given me this day, the birth day of your Mother.

I have visited my Zion on earth this day and looked with
a pitying eye upon the rising generation, and those who
have been active in the late manifestation of gifts and power
from heaven? I see the spirit of Cain in many who have took
little or no part in my gifts, they would be glad to see the last
of my instruments turned out upon the wicked world, they
seek every way to discourage and accuse them falsely, because
they have brought forth gifts which have disturbed their
lusts, these things are done in the same ^{spirit} which caused Cain
to kill his brother. But my God hath spoken this day while
I did weep in sorrow before him. Be comforted O Daughter
of Zion and give ear to the promises of me your God, I will
gather a remnant of your little ones into the hollow of my
hand, those who will walk in obedience to their Elders shall
escape all harm, they shall reign on earth and in heaven

while those who desire their destruction stand afar off in torment
 begging them to come to their relief and interced to me in their
 behalf, & come come they will cry with some gift of God to my poor soul,
 this is the word of ^{my} God, and this is the word I give unto you, that you
 may remember my little ones in your prayers to God, for many of them have
 been true to me, they have drank of my cup of sorrow, and shall
 a part with me in my Fathers Kingdom,

But & the trying days at hand,
 My Zion must pass through,
 When judgements fire will sweep the land,
 And Kingdoms all subdue,
 Zion is fast preparing now,
 To meet this dreadful day,
 The cultivator with his plough,
 Will tear the roots away,

Fair Zions numbers will be few,
 Her land scarce fruit will yield,
 In sorrow weeping eyes will view,
 One barren fruitless field,
 Then God will sound his trumpet loud,
 And call his number in,

Who will reject the troubled croud,
And hate their lives of sin.

They'll stop not to intomb the dead
Or wipe a parents tear
Remembering what the Saviour
Bright Zionward they'll steer
Then Persecution's iron hand
Will hold with mighty grasp
And gather round a kindred band,
More poison than the asp,

Then judgments fierce shall ride the gale
And plagues shall fill the air
And sweep from earth all those who rail
The objects of my care
Then Zion's fields shall yield much bread
Her Saints abound with grace
While famine hard does overspread
The earth in every place *

* Except my Zion saith the Lord.

Then nations all will bow to God,
Not murmur at his hand

But when they feel his scourging rod
They'll look towards this land
Where marvelous gifts do much abound
The sick and lame are heal'd
Then will a balm for every wound
By angels be revealed.

This marvelous work which God decreed
It now is nearly past
But yet a greater will exceed
And blow the final blast
Fair Zion now does ^{bow} her head
While wretched souls rebel
And she is vomiting her dead
To everlasting hell.

I would the willing warning take
And not unite with those
Who will Gods holy orders break
And on the truth impose

All those who do will surely share
A portion of Gods wrath

Who in his vengeance will not spare

But cleanly sweep his path, And bid his saints rejoice.

I am your kind Mother be comforted and pray that God
may hasten on his purging work.

Receive this as a token of Gods love, and remember the same
with the blessings you have before received by his faithful servants
in heaven, where you will soon find a rest and see this
word fulfilled on earth. From Mother Ann. March 1st 1848.

A Letter called the Silver sheet; directed to the Elders of the
Second Order Wisdoms Valley, Copied August 29th 1849.

Beloved Elders.

By the request of many faithful souls this
sheet is sent to you, for ye well know that in union with
you, your Heavenly Parents did open a door of communication in the
heavens, thro' which to notice their obedient Son Calvin, by often
writing letters to him, and cause their faithful children in
Eternity to do the same; Now it is the case and so I write, that
some faithful ones, have sent these gifts, and being no mortal

hand to bring them to view; they have laid in your letter box
untill now, when the Saviour called for them, and in love to
his faithful servant has filled out this sheet with his own hand,
taking the most important sentences or parts from each letter.

A letter from Saul who was King in ancient days, written Feb^r 14th 1745.

Dear brother, I am one whom ye know not, and have not seen
but I have you in your bright glory, gained by the cross in time.
In the heavens my Mother I own, and on the earth at present
I am doing her will. I watch the motions, of all nations, which
are suspended like a ballance in the hand of justice. The earth
is ready to burst from her shales, and her inhabitants to slay one another.

Kings and rulers shall flee from their Kingdoms, and
their crowns be trodden under foot; darkness is covering the
earth and gross darkness the people.

My faithful Brother Lafayette, is struggling with the
French nation, to bring about that work and gain the points,
which he earnestly sought to gain while with them on the
earth. He wrote in his letter that the King was much
troubled in relation to the sacred Pall, and that it would
in time be the means of a general revolution among that nation,
and now it is evident to this King that Monarchical government

... you are no more a King &c.

is offensive in the sight of God.

* I often heard him whisper thus in his own heart, God has lifted his hand against the crowned heads of all Monarchs, and will smite them asunder in his own time. He seeks to put ^{far} away the evil day, and holds his crown ^{on} with both hands. *

This King is not a cruel wicked man, but quite the reverse yet he is ever anxious to sway his own scepter, and protect his crowned head; So now farewell in the dearest of love, and should I ever obtain liberty again, to write you, while you remain in time, I hope the same will arrive safe at your hand in due season.

Extract from a letter written by King David of Old.

Dated May 25th 1915.

The morning watch is crying aloud prepare! A death for darkness and horror is fast swallowing thee up, but Zion shall stand as a little spark in the midst of thick darkness.

The Queen of England is chocked with fear, she has despised the word of God, and her fear is greater than she in her haughty pride would be willing to relate to mortals, She ^{feels} as tho her power was at stake; In one of her private walks in disguise she entered a lonely cottage inhabited by an old man, the Queen

* See his first vision of the night in Safford's letter (vix) he has turned out and is now said to

asked him many questions about that nation, and if he ever heard of a strange woman by the name of Ann Lee, rising up with a strange doctrine, the child replied he, I remember her well, she was the brightest star that ever rose up in England, and this great nation is of all others the most despised of providence, because they have persecuted this holy woman, who fled to America for safety. But the day will come, when her true followers will worship their God in the dance on this her native soil, in that day the crowned heads will not rule; but freedom shall mark the highway, and the by path. I am gray and decreped said the old man, and must soon fall into my grave, but Eternity can never wipe from my eyes the form of that Godly woman, you asked me about, or else I should not have told you, The Queen gave him a trifle and went her way.

This proud woman, it is a fact is in great fear, that the Shakers are Gods peculiar people, but hopes they will prove to be wrong for if they are right, the judgments of a just God will sweep the nation; she is too haughty to show out any such feelings, and would cover herself from justice if possible.

A letter from Elder Sister Rebecca Landon.

Written June 1st 1848.

Beloved Elders.

Mother Ann gave me liberty to write to you and the Holy Saviour gave it place on his silver sheet. I could see you face to face; but this cannot be yet, I am Mothers helper, She sheweth me the travel of Zion, and I share of her sorrow, for her children on earth; her little messengers go out and in with my knowledge, and receive from my hand; often times when they return from earth they weep most sorrowfully, stating that many who once had a tender spirit, are now hardened in rebellion and unbelief; but this is because they had no depth of earth therefore the maridicen Sun destroyeth them root and branch.

My calling is not among the nations abroad, but my whole labour and strength is devoted in Zions prosperity; yet I have been so entertained of late, reading Fathers Willions little book containing all the letters which his children in heaven have sent to his beloved Son Calvin; that I could not refrain from making some remarks, at which Father was pleased, and enlightened me on the subject; and desired me to enclose the whole to you, As I read Lafayettes letter of June eighteen hundred forty five, I could see the fulfilment of many things, as the King dreamed that he was turned out like Nebuchadnezzar; he was ever jealous after that; that I had a two-fold meaning, and was

convinced of it, when fleeing from his Throne; for he was twice hailed by a gang of rowdies, who cried out you are no more a King.

Since his flight ^{from} much has he dwelt upon these words; great and mighty men shall be mightily tormented (see Sacred Roll chapter 23rd) As I read in the before mentioned letter, that the Sacred Roll had caused a reformation in the character of the King, and would in time be the means of a general revolution among that nation. In this piece Father spoke as follows, this King has always feared that the people would, knowing their longing desire for freedom, which laid unmoved in the hearts of many for this cause he was not tyrannical, yet would never knowingly start a pin, that would be likely in the end to destroy the iron yoke, untill he was so tormented with the word of God that he gradually gave up his power and was not aware of it. I read also the vision he had of himself when a boy, Now when he ascended the Throne he thought of his vision, and prayed in his heart that God would not smite the rulers of the earth with judgments in his day; but what he greatly feared has come upon him, this was his secret fear yet he seldom ever hinted it, but always aimed to shape his conversation right the reverse.

Now it was that when Lafayette was in the body, he was an intimate friend to Louis Phillippe, and after he took the

Throne, Lafayette said to him, if there must be a King here, you
are the man, but mark my words, I have created a thirst

here for freedom, which cannot be wholly quenched, untill the swift
winged mighty Eagle Republick, doth rule the nation, and this
will surely be if not in my day.

Beloved Br Calvin, with love most affectionately I speak
direct to you, and if your lead, feel union I would that this be
numbered with your past communications.

Now it is still the will of your Parents in heaven, that these
communications be circulated only among the lead or those who
you have reason to believe are true to their Elders, and to their own
souls, These restrictions are not given because there is any just cause
for disbelieving one sentence contained in the whole. The word of the
Prophet Isaiah, (see William Kemms letter) was a clear forewarning
of the late movement in France; and is not the day vainly draw-
ning when all nations shall be troubled at once, (see Lafacets letter 1814.

Receive this from me with Mother Anns affectionate love,
and my own sincerely, hoping your body may be strengthened, your
days lengthened, your spirit revived with sweet love, good Angels
protect you, and safely direct you to mansions in heaven above.

Rebecca Sandon.

A letter from James Hardly to Calvin Wells.

Hark O lovely one, I am the messenger of peace and glad tidings,
I dwell around my fathers Throne, and I have knowledge of all the
Angels who execute justice upon the wicked.

The work of judgment must and will go on. untill all nations
look towards Zion whose foundation is laid and all the powers of earth
and hell cannot prevail against it; and all who ^{do} try will dwindle
and die, and fall into the bottomless pit; this truth rely on.

There is many in Zion who will fall with a horrible clash, and hells
open mouth will receive them forsooth, and all their contemptible
and pray that his judgment abroad may not come into ^{Zion}
trash. Receive ye the love of God, and pray that the hypocrites may
depart; they who seek to gratify their own lust and entertain,
Lucifer the devil and King of rebellion, by walking hand in hand
with abaddon the Queen of lust; envy hatred and strife

These are they who have not subjected their spirits to the order of
God, but seek to trample his holy statutes under your feet; the day is
fast overtaking you when their awful howling shall pierce many
hearts; but I will laugh at their calamity and mock when their
fear cometh saith the Almighty. Zion shall hasten her travail
for God is about to open the eyes of the nations towards Zion and
they shall come like doves to the windows, Then satan shall

be put to shame and chained to the bottomless pit, there to torment those who have sought ^{for} iniquity in Zion.

It is not entered into the hearts of Zion's children to conceive the day which will succeed the present. So be encouraged ye willing and obedient knowing ^{that} the eyes of the unrighteous are plucked out and their hands will ere long cease to rise against you, So be ye encouraged dear brother, Receive the love of God, and this promise, You shall see the morning star of new day.

Peace be unto you joy and gladness.

A letter from Father James to Calvin Wells.

March 2^m 1849.

Heark ye and listen while I speak a word of love, by which you are remembered, through the realms above.

Be ye not sorrowful because darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people, your God permits Belzabub and Abaddon to walk in Zion to and fro, seeking whom they may devour, and the promise of the God of Israel is to the watchmen of Zion, no one or ones shall gather to those the Parents of hell born children, and be destroyed, only such as are of their own begetting. My hand of protection I have and will continue to stretch

forth over the seed of my own planting, even the babes of Zion, who have not reached to the age of accountability. Woe! to them that recatter corruption from their own works, they shall reap damnation.

The day previous while in the holy place the Sanctuary dedicated and consecrated to God a black mark was set upon the Levels instruments in this valley, that the lead in Zion may know them, and as long as one of them remains in Zion let the fortification be kept strong, between them and the babes of my Mothers House, that their young minds may not be corrupted, and they have to suffer thereby, dishonor themselves and bring sorrow upon their head, and so the first fruits of their lives be blasted which otherwise might come to maturity and be most acceptable to God, this is a point which I do desire to plainly shew you.

Now it is the highest sealed determination of Abaddon and Belzabub, to scath the minds of the youth in Zion, and blast their first fruits for the bud, that they may have no first fruits acceptable to God. Thus it is with many who seek and find the mercy of God and travel acceptable to him, after the season for their first fruits have passed by. O that the yong could see the crafty devices of the Devil, and spend the days of their youth to God, by keeping the truth and walking in honesty.

In love I tell you my faithfull son that I have given you

my mantle, and my trumpet of truth, that you may roer forth
 the truth of your God, concerning the rebelish in this Valley
 Cry a Wo! too upon the praters who never have lived virgin
 lives, who mingle in lust with the oposite sex, and wipe their
 defiled lips and sas they done no harm,

I am never weary of communicating the truth in any way
 to a faithful child, who I know condemns not ^{the} wole work of
 revelation because ^{some} propets have proved untrue to their trust,
 Now I have further to say, that when Belzabub first discov-
 ered the plan of Gods manifestation termed Mothers work,
 he knew after the messengers of heaven had nearly finished
 their work, and most of them called home, he should be permitted
 to enter Zion, and do his work of proving all souls, so he commen-
 ced forging a chain, or plan of the work, which he determened
 should succede the manifestation of Mother Anns. At length
 when the diavel see the gifts of God were beginning to lespon, he commen-
 ced murmuring against God, declaring that if he could be permit-
 ted to enter Zion with messengers of his own choise, nine tenths of the
 people would rise and worship him. Now God in his own time
 permitted Belzabub, Shaddon, Lucifer and his companion Prates,
 with her double tongue, to march into Zion with their forces,
 and now my child, you see the Devil is doing his work, he is

running his chain which is nearly out; facing but one coil, and when this is run which will be ere long, he will put up the stack which will scatter all who have united in his work having hold of his chain,

The devil, and devils, are very much disturbed at present, because they see they are not going to accomplish their designs, and must soon flee with their captives, as the fire of Zion grows hotter and hotter. These leading devils see that their instruments ^{are} tottering and becoming fearful minded, for which cause ^{they} have hung cards of encouragement in Belzabul and Abaddon's hand writing, in every possible place without and within, and one of these cards are now suspended around the necks of every one who have taken part in the work of rebellion deceit and lies. He thinks you would be glad to have a copy of one of these cards which I give as fuel to burn out the devil's den, nothing is hotter to the Devil than his own plans and works, when exposed to the true servants of God in time.

The band of Belzabul and Abaddon.

Belzabul. what cause have you to slack up, you have no cause at all, don't be frightened, stick to your justification, that we have made you sensible of, we often tell you that you are right; and we have often heard you declare the same, we have drawn you

together by strong cords of love into close secret union both sexes as one united, now how often have you worshipped us, in feasting on this sweet love, which your enemies call lust, because they want to deprive you of its sweet enjoyment; you have no cause to doubt your own justification, which we have given you, for what have you done that is wrong and not according to that faith which we have planted in you, not any thing, pretty creatures, ~~not~~ any thing. You have done all that you could to pull down leaders that we appointed not, in so doing ^{you} ~~we~~ have pleased us well, you have refused to follow and obey such, which is all perfectly right, So do not breathe a sigh of sorrow, for you are pretty in our sight, and ministers of our spirit, and were it in our power, we would pull your enemies down, with your help under your feet; and set you up rulers over them; but should we fail to grant you this honor in time; we will you may rely, build you a throne in our Kingdom, where none but you can sit, for there will be none found like unto you, who so ~~voluntarily~~ voluntarily worshipped us, and have been lifted in our grasp.

Note. Abaddon, one word particularly to you my faithful daughters, as you have arrived nearly to the level of life, I solicit a continuance of your of your aid in gathering the young and inexperienced into my embraces, the experience of your years in my service makes your conversation and every gesture

of your pretty figure effectual in a greater or less degree, So be encouraged we will give you a reinforcement if possible. So go on doubting nothing as you are in us and we in you.

Now thou faithful servant and child of love ~~go~~ see what a situation the devils Kingdom is in, and now is the time for the watchmen to heat the furnace, and for their little ones to throw on fuel; the devils Kingdom is falling and O my all be ware, for when the devil sees he is defeated in his first work he will clothe his subjects with a robe slick as slime, and a tongue as a limber snake to speak fair words to the least anointed of ^{the} God of heaven and so get support without escaping their father the Devil; and so slip around making the truth a lie and their own lies the faults of others.

Beware, beware of these cryeth your God; I have set a mark upon them by which they shall be known and all that hereafter unite and blend in their spirits, or words, in whatever form they may frame them; shall share in their curse at last: If I do saith Almighty God, suffer them to remain a season in Zion, may no one confide them for they have denyed me and my laws and my anointed. Touch not taste not handle not what is theirs, their words will defile your hearts

and be as burning coals in your mouths.

So receive ye the love of your heavenly Parents,
and to all the Anointed give it freely and it will increase.

A communication From Archabald Meckam.

August 3rd 1849.

I am a friend who forgets not my righteous Brethren on earth, so in sweet love I write to you in behalf of Elder Ebenezer Colly and Elder John, my companions, in ministering the contents of many Vials prepared by the eternal power, for the inhabitants of earth, my work is among the lost children of men, many of whom I will lead to Zion, confessing and repenting of their sins, these shall inherit the birthright of those who are worse than dead in the Zion of God on earth. Dear Brother, I am now waiting in my holy Mothers Mansion, ^{the} return of two thousand Angels of marvellousness and wonder, these go before the spirits of all the noted ones who have died on the earth in past ages, who found not God or his Christ; yea, ^{every} those who died base infidels, are now going forth thro' the earth, and making ^{a great} alarm among the children of darkness, seeking to warn them to flee and escape the wrath of God which they have felt;

yea and the leading Angels are about to receive a further work to do on earth among the children of darkness; and greater signs and wonders shall appear, such as shall take effect and cause the hardest infidels to weep and cry towards Zion, for deliverance, believing that God has set his standard there. I am permitted to tell you, that since darkness has spread over Zion and gross darkness her inhabitants, who were so faint towards their God; (none others) A great and marvellous work has been going on in the spiritual world; and hell hath shaken herself from those who have suffered her many hundreds of years; And Belzabub and Abaddon, whose abode is in the darkest spirit regions, did, when the light of God rushed in, flee to earth to hide beneath its darkness, there to work with Lucifer and Prates his companion, to gain more souls to inhabit their torturing hells, so these with their ready armies are doing all they can to influence blind mortals to wickedness, and pick out own in Zion. It was your heavenly Parents, all who laboured among their children on earth, sufficiently teaching and warning them, to fortify themselves with strength faith and confidence, which if all had received, none would have fallen and been torn away from Zion, by the grasp of satan in this trying day. And these

holy just and righteous ones, when they had finished their work (called the late manifestation in Zion,) beginning in 1838, ending 1843. Their attention was turned to calling their children in eternity to an increasing work; this great work has gone on in eternity with an increase. ~~until~~ the foundations of hell trembled, and yielded up all who cried repentance, Lord God have mercy. -

This is the great work that has been going on in eternity, while Zion has been left to travel in darkness and sorrow, to prove who would obey unto life, or disobey unto eternal death. Who can say why did our parents leave their Zion to suffer and travel alone in a dark place; they who wander and doubt; are those who have not gained a fruitful travel in the narrow way; Zion has been, and still is left in some measure, to prove who are worthy to become lights on the house top, and cry the watch on her holy walls; Your heavenly Parents, before they ceased to minister their gifts in a beautiful manner, did repeatedly warn all of the dangers and trials of the present day, in which you live, crying daily to your God, who will never cease to hear you; and all who heed the warnings, shall glide safely thro all dangers and sorrows, and all the forces of hell and Satan shall not prevail against them, to do them any harm;

Your God will shake Zion ere long as with a whirlwind, and make her ready for the gathering of doves to the windows.

Every soul who have witnessed the past manifestation of your eternal and heavenly Parents, will be of all souls the most accountable, and all who turn their hearts to rebellion, and set their face towards the world, after being privileged to witness so great a work of revelation, will fall into a worse tormenting hell than any souls ever have before. Myriads of evil spirits, Judas and his army also, are working among the nations of the earth, and in Zion, where their work is not finished, and will not be until they get their own, and lead them out, or ^{can} feel assured that they will fall in their dark region, when the desolation of the mortal part is effected.

How mistaken many souls are, when they get into eternity some live in deceit and under a dark spirit, because they are not willing to keep the orders of God; some of them are so small they will plead; such are expecting to into heaven to Mother, to the only Zion in the spirit world; but no such thing.

Every soul will find themselves in the very place where the travel of their souls is when the separation ^{from} the body takes place, whether it be in the dark, or in the light of truth; they who slight their Elders in time, will find none in this darkness to call them out; but will be terrified with the roaring Catoricks and agonizing

screaks of tormented souls; here their fate is sure, they call and are not heard ^{by} by infernal fiends, whom they harkened to when in the body; and then is their chance to turn their ^harking ear, and laugh at the torments they have led them into.

O that all souls could believe and receive these things, but they will not, so it is their own choice, and they must suffer; they have contracted the debt, and they alone must pay it, every farthing.

O how I do pray to ^{my} God for the young in Zion, but many are fast ripening for destruction; yet there some, who will ford the deep waters, and beat against the current of temptation and land safely in the harbour of triumphant Victory; these few will be as hosts, and their posterity will be as the seed of Abraham, and Zion shall be filled full, and extend her borders far, she shall lack no good thing that her God giveth;

I speak of these things dear brother, because I can now see them just as they are in the heavens fixed unalterable. I looked for a great gathering to Zion in my day, while with you, in which I failed but that thing is yet to come, and will be when Zion is swept of her rubbish. I want to send one arrow more in, at that old serpent the cruel spoiler, before I close, which is the devil who worketh in some among you, as well as in other places in Zion, to draw the opposite sexes away from their Elders, and from their true

Order, these are the most cursed of all, and there is no colored person, or animal, on the earth, blacker than such are in eternity, and their torment is beyond description, from which they can never be released, untill every soul whom they have injured finds a measure of God's mercy, tho' it may be thousands of years, before the last souls who received their death wounds from them, can receive the least notice from the hunters of God. I have some times been walking among the flock where you dwell safely, and I have heard certain ones say, that they noticed them of the opposite sex, to keep them going to the world; they built them up in the flesh, and supported them in rebellion, just to keep them from going to the world; what bear face corruption, deceit and lies roll from their tongues, as sparks from the flames, they know that they are destroying their own souls, and the souls of those whom they catch with their charms, and cause them to become drunk with their own rebellious spirit, which they infuse into their minds, beginning by degrees in their unguarded moments, of the young and innocent, many of whom might now have been thrifty saplings and tall cedars in God's Vineyard, had it not been for this spirit of infidelity and rebellion; and cursed are they who minister this poison, and ³cursed shall they be thro' all eternity, if they repent not in time, tho' some may die in Zion of this class, they will find a worse hell than the basest on all the

earth; How hateful they are in the sight of all heaven, and if they would be forgiven it is much better to seek forgiveness in time, where they have transgressed, in deepest tribulation and humility find the mercy of God, and the union of their visible head; in so doing they would escape falling into the hands of evil spirits when taken out of time; yet the anguish of their souls would be inexpressible as long as any in time or eternity, whom they had ministered a wrong sense to, or constituted in rebellion, were suffering under just judgments having turned their backs to Zion.

And now I must soon close for my time is full. Mother Ann sends with this a jewel of promise, one for each of you faithful Elders, and one for yourself a faithful servant of God.

So farewell in dearest love, from many angels and Brethren present.

A Communication from James Wardle jr.

To Calvin Wells December 1st 1849.

Kind friend to honest youth, and servant of the living God; This privilege is pleasing to me. My pretty Father James gave me this gift, to write to you, so you see that I am the first one to lay a written treasure in your new box. This privilege is granted me, because I have been labouring for a ~~long~~ time past in this valley; And I could I but say the young were

all or a third part gathering to the sin forsaking waters of repentance, how joyfully would I send it a herald of glad tidings to those who constantly bear and labour in the eternal world for the inhabitation of this Valley, where Mother Ann and our first Parents all did suffer persecution cold and hunger, without uttering one murmuring word, even when their mortal bodies were suffering with hard pains and aches caused by bruises and wounds inflicted by their cruel persecutors, who did seek in vain to destroy the testimony of truth which they did bear under the banner of the holy Saviour. Yea all this and more did they suffer patiently, not even having the necessities of this life to ease a pain or give relief. Thro deepest of tribulation and anguish of soul, did they seek out and pave this pretty way of purity, this certain way of full salvation from sin acceptance with God, which many righteous souls have proved, & are now inviting all nations to look towards Zion, a fruitful field; and O what a pretty field it is; Our first parents did suffer and plant this fruitful field, for their children, where in obedience they can by sowing in due time the good seed, reap their sustenance for soul and body, exclusive of outward suffering for want of food or rament.

Wisdom has blessed this spacious field, and thus far the present generation have been protected from severe persecution, such as

our first parents suffered, and their first born children with them, who took lead in the field of Zion, when they were called out of time, who increased and beautified it to the extent of their gift and mission, promising their posterity that Zion would travel to its full glory as Mother Ann did tell them, and she never did speak in vain a promise to her children, who gather their harvest in due time, should lack no good thing.

The present mixing and late manifestation which has unfolded new and weighty requirements upon the inhabitants of Zion, is for the express purpose of her attaining to that degree of glory, which must prove her ready for the receiving of the hundreds and thousands, spoken of by Mother Ann, when in the body with her children; and if the present generation will not unite and acknowledge the call to Zion, they will be smitten, divided and subdivided, until they are few in number and humbled by judgments and sufferings, and call upon the God of Zion for protection and mercy, thankful to keep the requirements which are already handed forth for strict observance. Oh how they mourn to see this Valley and some others places in Zion, stand like dark thickets, resorting places for murmuring spirits, who carry destruction on their deadly weapons, why is this the case you will ask? I can tell you, it is the wicked lazy and rebellious, who live on the earnings of the righteous and glut their Gods which is their depraved

appetites with the best of temporal blessings and yet murmur against God, and distrust his wisdom vested in his holy Anointed on earth, murmuring and pleading for the ^{flesh} and fat of swine, to suck and swell low down in their stomachs to heat excite and stimulate their stinking lusts, which many of this murmuring class now wallow in like hogs in a mire. And who is it that hath remarked thus, it is written concerning swines flesh, if not put away it shall rot and taint in your casks; we have not had any rotten pork yet," what a gross speech made by strong advocates for swines flesh, Gods ways are not as mans ways, else he would execute his angry vengeance hastily but he is slow to anger and of great mercy; Now concerning the sentence alluded to, I testify that the stomach ^{of those} who have received the flesh of swine, in defiance of the word since the commencement of the present year, 1849, has been mere stinking casks containing rotten pork, and the stench there from giving form to words in favor of swines flesh, and fat has spread a general contagion among the people whose hearts utter little else but grunting and squealing.

Dear friends, I do not mean to accuse any particular one, but I do hate the nasty hog, it is a nasty creature, when I look at the whole of the animal creation, I can find only one species but what has some instinct of cleanliness, and this that of the filthy swine, he is reared in filth and will if confined in a clean place, make

in a very short time, a rotten mire for himself to wallow in. You
 may ask how is it that this beast is so despised more than others
 I will satisfy you in this, the first act of beastality was committed
 with the swine, and the base perpetrator of the act was Cain the
 off-spring of the first Adam, for this reason Holy Mother Wisdom laid
 a heavy curse upon the swine, and their flesh, and fat has since, through
 all generations been cursed; a stimulant to the fleshly lusts of man,
 for which cause it was forbidden of God to be eaten by his people in
 ancient days. Now who can deny the origin of this gift, and holy
 revelation cutting off swines flesh and fat; the eating of it; is in sacred
 writ numbered with the basest abomination. The hog is a favourite
 beast in the dark dominions of devils, Bel, abub and Lucifer know
 all their faculties, property and influence, so when they send their
 recruiting armies of destroying spirits to creep into Zion, they first glut
 them with swines flesh, and besmear them with the grease there
 of, knowing they will thus equipped, more easily find access to the
 lustful passions of mortals, I must soon close this subject or my
 sheet will be crowded, yet I will say, that no soul ever did or ever will
 leave this soul-saving gospel, only for their lusts, so the devil is a
 afraid, if he cannot get the swine back into Zion, he will lose many
 souls, and pick a much less number out of Zion for fifty years to
 come, than he has for fifty years past.

Shining Elder Ebenezer sends his sweet ^{love} to you, and wants it to be given to the Elders also; he has left his mantle of peace, and his rich blessing he has bestowed upon shine Elder Rufus, and pritty brother Amos, I saw them together, they were crowned with wisdom, and meekness was in all their words and ways, the saints and Angels in heaven sung praises to God, when his Anointing fell on brother Amos for he was chosen long ago by the guarding angels of heaven, who were well acquainted with his Godly life of purity and meekness. I do love to go to Gods holy Mount; there is life and freedom which many in this Valley despise, there are many young brethren and Sisters growing strong as Ceders of Lebanon, there is a strong host for God, who are not afraid of giving the devil his due and setting him out by his right name whatever it may be.

I will as I have a little more room on this sheet relate to you what I saw and heard the other day, I was on the way going to Holy Mount conveying Father Josephs carriage thither, I saw an army of devils fleeing as on a whirlwind scattering their goods, chattles, as they went in forms of satchels of safety keys, and locks, chains, and oil bags, and smoothing irons, these goods were lighted with fire of wrath which consumed them before they fell to the earth, I passed on further where near Lebanon were two evil spirits talking thus together, one said to the other,

when was Lucifers army retreating from, from the Mountain
 heroes said the other, Lucifer as gentlemanly as he is cannot
 form any lasting union with them they are so distrustful and
 so knit in with their superstitious Judges that they think, and
 most of them do prate over every thing they ~~and~~ and others do
 to please their noble natures, this they believe they must affec-
 tually do once a year, and Lucifer has learned the Valley folks
 a much easier way, and their ^{eyes} are opened to see the greatness of
 their creation, to be greater then those set up by superstitious
 Judges to rule over them; being much encouraged with his affect
 in the Valley, he ventured just on the suburbs of the Mountain
 not intending to be rough or hasty in the case at all, he reposed
 there with his army cunningly equized in season, ~~to~~ to have
 time to search out the most secret place before attempting
 to enter, but lo! and behold they had not got fairly stationed
 before a volume of red hot vengeance was showered upon them
 and set all their goods on fire, which were so hot they dropped
 them and they were consumed in the flight. The others
 reply was; Lucifer is a blunderbus, I could have told him
 better than to have gone there with an army, if I had the
 influence of Belzabub, I would not endanger my honor
 by going there to retreat back, for they are constantly on

the watch and every little ^{while} they unite together and send forth in every direction a volley of red hot vengeance, and flaming wrath, filled with cutting flints so if there is a poor devil any where about there, he is sure to get fatally wounded.

Now brother Calvin this shows how valiant the people of God are at Holy Mount; they keep up a constant warfare which puts the devils to shame. So now dear brother I must close, my sheet is full, no waste room on it, it bears Father James's seal of love.

